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Searching for a Systematic Review (SR)

Health Care (HC)

Social Sciences (SS)

Step-by-step

1 Preparation A [Protocol for SR](#) is available
Research question has been formulated

2 Search plan There is **no** SR on this subject ([Tips for finding reviews](#))

3 Databases [Databases](#) have been selected

4 Journal articles Some studies for inclusion have been identified

5 Terminology [Search terms have been collected](#): thesaurus (MeSH, Subject Headings, Emtree etc.) and synonyms

6 Search strategie A search strategy with both thesaurus terms and free text words has been tried out

Orientation

See [CRD SR Health Care Ch. 1.3](#) HC
[SR in Social Sciences Ch. 2*](#) SS

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