Next steps: Grey literature

• Identifying grey literature

• Additional search methods to identify papers that might have been missed by the structured search
Searching for grey literature

Research not published commercially

• Conference abstracts
• Theses
• Study protocols
• Preprints
• Official documents & organisational reports
Additional search methods - snowballing

• Forward & backward citation tracking
• Related articles linking
• Hand-searching conference reports & journals
• Searching trial registers
• Searching preprint archives
• Web searching
• Contacting authors, experts & organisations
Snowballing on Google Scholar
Registering your protocol

• Once your search methods are finalised, finish & register your protocol

• PROSPERO
• Publish in a journal which accepts protocols
• Preprint archives
Additional notes

• Managing your references – software choice
  • Reference management e.g. Endnote or Mendeley
  • Review management e.g. Covidence or Rayyan
• Note taking and reporting your search
  • PRISMA-S
The End

When will it end?