



## Qualitative or mixed methods search request

Quantitative or mixed methods searches (which may describe an intervention) have a question that focuses on the perspective of the individuals or groups experiencing it within a specific context. This type of search is recommended for topics such as medical education. **We also recommend RCS staff use this form for any internal literature searches.**

<b>Requester's name*</b>	
<b>Email address*</b>	
<b>RCS Membership number* or RCS Department*</b>	
<b>Where did you hear about the literature search service?*</b>	
<b>Reason for research</b> (e.g. research, publication, presentation)	
<b>Title of search and research question*</b>	
<b>Academic disciplines covered</b> (e.g. medical, healthcare, social sciences, education, psychology, technology)	
<b>Setting:</b> what is the setting or context of the research area?	
<b>Perspective:</b> does the topic concern or address the perspective of a particular group?	
<b>Intervention:</b> what is the phenomenon or topic of interest?	

<p><b>Comparison:</b> are any settings, contexts, perspectives or interventions compared?</p>	
<p><b>Evaluation:</b> what type of evaluation or outcomes are you interested in?</p>	
<p><b>Supporting information</b> any further information or context (including suggested search terms)</p>	
<p><b>Sample article citations</b> (i.e. citations of articles that closely represent the type of article you expect to retrieve)</p>	
<p><b>Suggested databases and sources to be searched</b> we search Medline and Embase as standard but can also include suggested sources appropriate to the research area</p>	
<p><b>Do you require us to search grey literature?</b> if this is required please specify likely sources e.g. specialty association websites, grey literature databases, theses, research reports, government documents</p>	
<p><b>Exclusion criteria</b> (e.g. non-English language)</p>	
<p><b>Search period</b> (e.g. last 10 years)</p>	
<p><b>Are you looking for a comprehensive overview of literature on this subject or a selection of key articles?</b></p>	

<b>Suggested deadline for results*</b> (usual turnaround time is 2 weeks)	
<b>Requirements for results format*</b> select as many as applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Word document <input type="checkbox"/> PDF <input type="checkbox"/> Reference manager (.ris) file for use on citation management software please also specify the software you will be using:
<b>Disclaimer: Any results sets with over 250 references will need to be sent as a reference manager (.ris) file as they will be too large to export into a document.</b>	

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We will acknowledge receipt of your request within two business days and suggest a delivery date for our search results. Our search results will include links to full text articles where covered by RCS e-journal subscriptions and accessible to you with your RCS login.

**What we do with your information:**

The information you have given on this form will be held by the Library and Archives Department of the Royal College of Surgeons of England on a compartmented secure server for four years in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and will be used only in connection with the purposes that you originally contacted us for. The information is kept by The Royal College of Surgeons of England and will be available to all members of staff within the same department, and will not be shared throughout the wider organisation unless instructed otherwise. Should you wish to find out more about how we handle your information, or to discuss other services provided by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, please contact [library@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:library@rcseng.ac.uk)