Formulation of the main research question

Elaboration of the conceptual framework

Formulation of specific review questions

Definition of search criteria

Selection of studies

Critical assessment of individual studies

Grading of the body of evidence (outcome-based quality assessment)

Preparation of Summary of Evidence (SoE) Tables

Formulation of conclusive statements on each question

Presentation of SoE Tables & statements to expert panel

Discussion and revision of the statements

Experts voting

Final list of statements & grading of recommendations