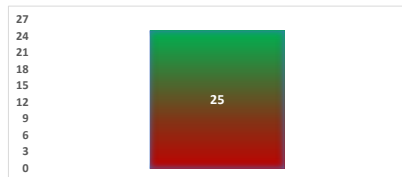


Resource Allocation Tool

This tool guides the decision to use an expert systematic reviewer versus a knowledge synthesis unit

	Score	Notes
Literature Search Items		
Complexity of literature search	3	Anticipate direct vs. indirect evidence: direct evidence =score 1, small amount of indirect = score 2, large amount of indirect= score 3
Number of studies to screen	3	Higher numbers of studies receive higher score: <500 = score 1, 500-1000 = score 2, >1000 = score 3
Number of studies to review	3	Higher numbers of studies receive higher score: <20 = score 1, 20-100 = score 2, >100 = score 3
Statistical Analyses Items		
Number of sub-group analyses	1	<5 = score 1, 5-10 = score 2, >10 = score 3
Complexity of analyses	3	Direct comparison of 2 groups = score 1, Requirement for adjusted analysis (e.g., regression) = score 2, Indirect comparison of 3 or more groups (e.g., network meta-analysis) = score 3
Impact/Priority Items		
Number of PICOs	3	≤2 PICOSTs = score 1, 3 to 4 PICOSTs = score 2, >4 PICOSTs = score 3
Number of TF	3	1 TF = score 1, 2 TF = score 2, 3 TF = score 3
Ranking of topic	3	Based on importance of topic considering impact on care and other factors such as relevance and novelty: Low = 1, Medium =2, High=3
Urgency	3	Completion required withing 1 year = score 1, completion required within 9 months = score 2, completion required as soon as possible (e.g., within 6 months) = score 3

TOTAL SCORE 25 out of 27



This score attempts to objectively outline the requirements of the systematic review.
This score guides the CEE on the appropriate allocation of resources which may include assignment to a KSU or ESR or an expedited review.