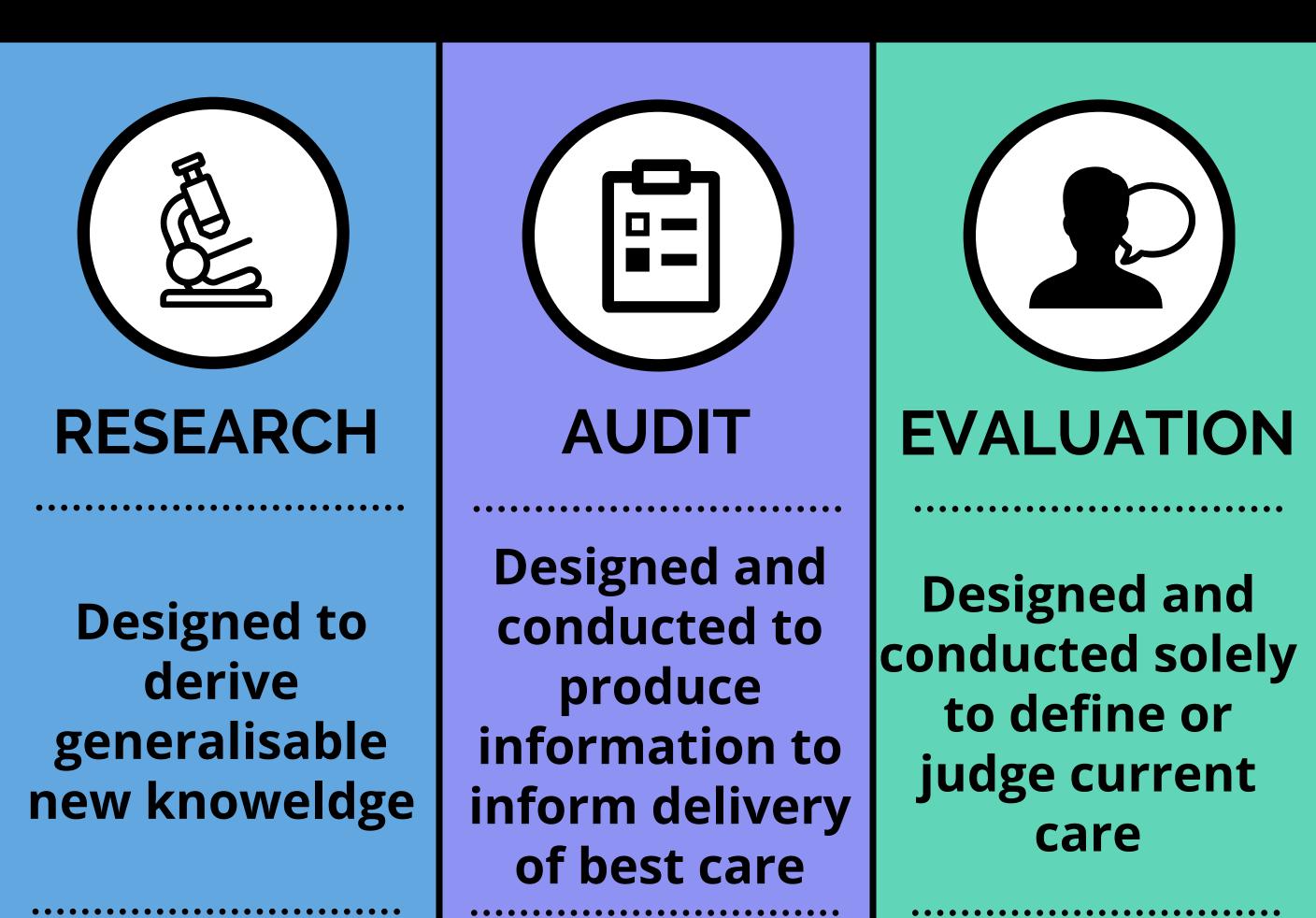
Research, Clinical Audit and Service Evaluation



Designed to test a hypothesis

Addresses clearly defined questions, aims and objectives

Study design may involve allocating patients to intervention groups

> Normally required Research Ethics Committee Review

Designed to answer 'does this service reach a predetermined standard'?

Measures against a standard

No allocation to intervention

Does not typically require Research Ethics Committee Review Designed to answer the question 'what standard does this service achieve'?

Measures without reference to a standard

No allocation to intervention

Does not require Research Ethics Committee Review

