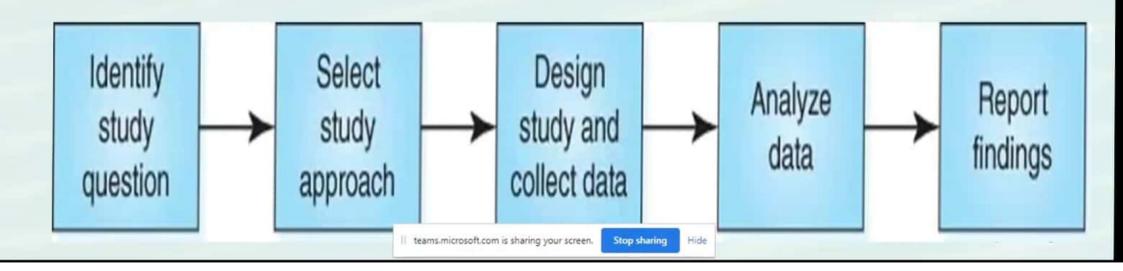


## 1.1 The Research Process

- Research: the process of systematically & carefully investigating a subject in order to discover new insights about the world.
- Five steps



## 1.2 Health Research

- Health research examines a broad spectrum of biological, socioeconomic, environmental, and other factors that contribute to the presence or absence of physical, mental, and social health and well-being.
- Population health research involves humans as the unit of investigation.
- There is a distinction between routine practice activities & health research.



## 1.3 Health Research Purposes

- 1. Needs assessment (community health profiles)
- 2. Risk assessment (risk factors for disease)
- 3. Applied practice (clinical effectiveness)
- 4. Outcomes evaluation (impact of interventions)

## 1.4 Book Overview

- Everyone can do meaningful research!
- The best way to learn about health research is to do real research.
- Consults experts

