

# PICO Worksheet and Search Strategy

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Define your question using PICO** by identifying: Problem, Intervention, Comparison Group and Outcomes.

*Your question should be used to help establish your search strategy.*

Patient/Problem \_\_\_\_\_

Intervention \_\_\_\_\_

Comparison \_\_\_\_\_

Outcome \_\_\_\_\_

Write out your question: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Type of question/problem: **Circle one:** Therapy/Prevention    Diagnosis    Etiology    Prognosis

3. Type of study (Publication Type) to include in the search: **Check all that apply:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Meta-Analysis                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic Review  | <input type="checkbox"/> Randomized Controlled Trial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cohort Study                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Case Control Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Case series or Case Report  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editorials, Letters, Opinions | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Research    | <input type="checkbox"/> In Vitro/Lab Research       |

4. List main topics and alternate terms from your PICO question that can be used for your search

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List your inclusion criteria –gender, age, year of publication, language

List irrelevant terms that you may want to exclude in your search

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5. List where you plan to search, i.e. EBM Reviews, Medline, AIDSLINE, CINAHL, PubMed

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