



PICO & Search Query Worksheet

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1. Define your question using PICO:

P → Patient/Problem →

I → Intervention →

C → Comparison →

O → Outcome →

2. Type of scenario:

- Therapy/prevention Diagnosis Etiology Prognosis Other

3. Type of study: (keep in mind the evidence hierarchy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Meta analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Randomized Controlled Trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Section Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic review | <input type="checkbox"/> Cohort Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Case Series/Report |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Case Control Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Editorials, Opinions |

4. List the main terms and alternative terms (synonyms) from your PICO that can be used for your search: (use controlled vocabulary, e.g. MeSH, if possible)

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5. List any inclusion criteria – gender, age level, publication dates, language:

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6. List the EBM resources databases you plan to search: (MEDLINE, CINAHL, Cochrane, ACP Journal Club, DARE, PEDro, OTSeeker, PsycInfo, etc.)

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