

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

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

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

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