PICO Worksheet for Searching the Literature

Clinical Scenario: ______________________________________________________
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1. Define your Question using PICO by identifying: Patient +/-or Problem, Intervention, Comparison intervention, and Outcomes.

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

   Patient/Problem____________________________________________________
   Intervention____________________________________________________
   Comparison____________________________________________________
   Outcomes_____________________________________________________

   Write out your question:___________________________________________
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2. Type of question/problem: **Circle one:** Diagnosis  Prognosis  Intervention  Harm

3. Type of study (Publication Type) to include in the search: **Check all that apply:**
   - Meta-Analysis
   - Systematic Review
   - Randomized Controlled Trial
   - Cohort Study
   - Case Control Study
   - Case Series or Case Report
   - Animal Research
   - In Vitro/Lab Research
   - Editorials, Letters, Opinions

4. List main topics and alternate terms from your PICO question that can be used for your search.
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5. List any other pertinent criteria – gender, age, year of publication, language
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6. Where do you plan to search? *e.g.* PubMed, Cochrane Library, CINAHL, PEDro, *etc.*
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