

PICO Worksheet for Searching the Literature

Clinical Scenario: _____

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: _____

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:**

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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"/> Animal Research | <input type="checkbox"/> In Vitro/Lab Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Editorials, Letters, Opinions |

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

5. List any other pertinent criteria – gender, age, year of publication, language

6. Where do you plan to search? *e.g.* PubMed, Cochrane Library, CINAHL, PEDro, *etc.*

