

PICOS Worksheet and Search Strategy

1. Define your question using PICOS by identifying: Patient Population or Problem, Intervention (treatment/test), Comparison (group or treatment), Outcomes, and Setting.

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

Patient/Problem _____
Intervention _____
Comparison _____
Outcome _____
Setting _____

Write out your question:

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

4. List main topics and alternate terms from your PICOS 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., CINAHL, MEDLINE, PubMed, EBM Reviews
