PICO Worksheet and Search Strategy

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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:
   
   - Meta-Analysis
   - Cohort Study
   - Editorial, Letters, Opinions
   - Systematic Review
   - Case Control Study
   - Animal Research
   - Randomized Controlled Trial
   - Case series or Case Report
   - In Vitro/Lab Research

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

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

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

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

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