

PICO Worksheet

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Clinical Question: Write your topic as a focused question:

PICO Concepts: Use this chart to identify important concepts associated with your topic.

PICO Concepts	Search Terms (include synonyms, alternate spellings, acronyms, abbreviations...)
P (Patient population) What are the patient's most important characteristics?	
P (Problem) What is the primary problem?	
I (Intervention) What main intervention are you considering?	
C (Comparison) What will the main intervention be compared to?	
O (Outcome) What are you trying to accomplish?	

Clinical Category:

- Therapy/Intervention
 Etiology/Harm
 Meaning
 Diagnosis
 Prognosis
 Other _____

Search Strategy:

- Use the terms from the chart to structure a database search statement. Use the appropriate "Boolean" connector (**AND, OR, NOT**) and consider using subject headings for improved results.
- Which databases will you search? What types of studies will you look for?

Evaluate Your Results: Are you happy with your results? If not, how can you improve them?

