

# PICO & Search Query Worksheet

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**I** → Intervention → \_\_\_\_\_

**C** → Comparison → \_\_\_\_\_

**O** → Outcome → \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Type of scenario:

Therapy/prevention    Diagnosis    Etiology    Prognosis    Other

## 3. Type of study: (keep in mind the evidence hierarchy)

Meta analysis                       Randomized Controlled Trial                       Cross Section Study  
 Systematic review                       Cohort Study     Case Series/Report  
 Case Control Study     Editorials, Opinions

## 4. List the main terms and alternative terms (synonyms) from your PICO that can be used for your search: (use controlled vocabulary, e.g. MeSH, if possible)

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