**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:

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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
   - [ ] Systematic Review
   - [ ] Randomized Controlled Trial
   - [ ] Cohort Study
   - [ ] Case Control Study
   - [ ] Case series or Case Report
   - [ ] Animal Research
   - [ ] In Vitro/Lab Research
   - [ ] Editorials, Letters, Opinions

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

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   **List your inclusion criteria -**

   - gender,
   - age,
   - year of publication,
   - language

   **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., CINAHL, MEDLINE, PubMed, EBM Reviews**

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