PICO(T) Worksheet and Search Strategy

1. **Define your question using PICO(T)** by identifying: Problem, Intervention, Comparison Group and Outcomes.

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

   Patient/Problem: ________________________________

   Intervention: __________________________________

   Comparison: __________________________________

   Outcome: _____________________________________

   Time: _________________________________________

   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:

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

4. **List main topics and alternative 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. NGC, Cochrane, CINAHL, PubMed**

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