PICO Worksheet

Step 1: define your clinical question using PICO

P= patient, problem, population

I= intervention

C= comparison

O= outcome

Step 2: Determine what domain your question falls into (circle one)

Therapy  Diagnosis  Etiology  Prognosis  Other

Step 3: Consider what types of studies may best address your question.

Meta Analysis  Randomized Controlled Trial  Cohort Study

Systematic Review  Case Control Study  Case Series

Other ______________

Step 4: List the main terms and synonyms for your search terms. Use subject heading terms whenever possible.