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**Evidence-Based Practice Clinical Question / Search Plan Worksheet**

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| **Clinical problem:** | | |
| **P** | Describe your **patient,** or **population** (age, sex, race, past medical history, etc.), or **problem.** The disease or condition, or the main topic of your question: | |
| **I** | What **intervention** or action are you considering – treatment, diagnostic test, etc.? Is there a specific **issue** you would like to investigate? | **Domain:**  Therapy  Prognosis  Diagnosis  Harm  Other: |
| **C** | Are you trying to **compare** or decide between two options –therapies, drugs, a drug and no medication or placebo, or two diagnostic tests? Or what is your **control.** Tip: There could be no comparison. | **Methodology:**  Systematic review, meta  analysis, thematic synthesis  Randomized controlled trial  Cohort study  Case controlled studies  Case reports, single case study |
| **O** | What is the **outcome** you would like to achieve? What are you trying to do for the patient? Relieve or eliminate symptoms? Reduce the number of adverse events? Improve function? | |
| **Well-built clinical question:** (Among **P** does **I** versus **C** affect **O**?) | | |

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| **What type of question?** Background/Information gathering Foreground/Focused | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Citations needed: | | A few very relevant articles  10-100 | | | | | Over 100  Exhaustive research | | |
| **Search Terms**  (list subject terms, synonyms, abbreviations, acronyms, variant spellings for each concept) | | | | | | | | | |
| **Concept 1 (P)** | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | **OR** |  | | | | **OR** |  |
| **AND Concept 2 (I)** | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | **OR** |  | | | | **OR** |  |
| **AND Concept 3 (O)** | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | **OR** |  | | | | **OR** |  |
| Databases to search | MEDLINE (Ovid)  CINAHL (Ebsco)  EMBASE (Ovid)  PsycINFO (Ebsco)  ERIC (Ebsco)  Cochrane Database of Systematic  Reviews | | | | | Database of Abstracts of Reviews  of Effects (DARE)  LLBA  Web of Science  PEDro  OT Seeker | | | |
| Human only | Male | | | | | Female | | | |
| Age groups | All ages  Infant, Newborn – 1 month  Infant, 1 month – 2 years  Child, Preschool 2 – 5 years  Child, 6 – 12 years | | | | | Adolescent, 13 – 18  Adult, 19 - 44  Middle aged, 45 – 64  Aged, 65-79  Aged, 80 and over | | | |
| Years to be searched: | Current to 1 year  Current to 5 yr.  Current to 10 yr. | | | | | Current to 1966  Other, specify: | | | |
| Abstracts only | | | | | Electronic full text only | | | | |
| English only | | | | | Other languages: | | | | |