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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, metaanalysis, 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 SystematicReviews | [ ] Database of Abstracts of Reviewsof 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: |