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Evidence-Based Practice Clinical Question / Search Plan Worksheet

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: <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Prognosis <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> Harm <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic review, meta analysis, thematic synthesis <input type="checkbox"/> Randomized controlled trial <input type="checkbox"/> Cohort study <input type="checkbox"/> Case controlled studies <input type="checkbox"/> 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 ?)	

What type of question?			<input type="checkbox"/> Background/Information gathering	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreground/Focused
Number of Citations needed:	<input type="checkbox"/> A few very relevant articles <input type="checkbox"/> 10-100	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 100 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> MEDLINE (Ovid) <input type="checkbox"/> CINAHL (Ebsco) <input type="checkbox"/> EMBASE (Ovid) <input type="checkbox"/> PsycINFO (Ebsco) <input type="checkbox"/> ERIC (Ebsco) <input type="checkbox"/> Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews		<input type="checkbox"/> Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE) <input type="checkbox"/> LLBA <input type="checkbox"/> Web of Science <input type="checkbox"/> PEDro <input type="checkbox"/> OT Seeker	
<input type="checkbox"/> Human only	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Age groups	<input type="checkbox"/> All ages <input type="checkbox"/> Infant, Newborn – 1 month <input type="checkbox"/> Infant, 1 month – 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> Child, Preschool 2 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> Child, 6 – 12 years		<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescent, 13 – 18 <input type="checkbox"/> Adult, 19 - 44 <input type="checkbox"/> Middle aged, 45 – 64 <input type="checkbox"/> Aged, 65-79 <input type="checkbox"/> Aged, 80 and over	
Years to be searched:	<input type="checkbox"/> Current to 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> Current to 5 yr. <input type="checkbox"/> Current to 10 yr.		<input type="checkbox"/> Current to 1966 <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Abstracts only	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic full text only			
<input type="checkbox"/> English only	<input type="checkbox"/> Other languages:			