

Medical Libraries at Lee Health: Strategy Form for Evidence-Based Search

1. Define your question using PICO: (Your question should be used to help establish your search strategy.)

P → Patient/Problem/Population → _____

I → Intervention/Therapy → _____

C → Comparison/Control/Context → _____

O → Outcome → _____

Write out your question: _____

2. Type of scenario: Therapy/Prevention Diagnosis Etiology Prognosis Other

3. Type of study: (keep in mind the evidence hierarchy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Meta analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Randomized Controlled Trial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cohort Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Case Control Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Section Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Case Series or Case Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Editorials, Letters, Opinions | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Vitro ("Test Tube")/ Lab Research | | |

4. List the main topics and alternative terms (synonyms) from your PICO that can be used for your search: (use controlled vocabulary, e.g. Mesh, if possible).

P (_____ OR _____) AND

I (_____ OR _____) AND

C (_____ OR _____) AND

O (_____ OR _____) AND

List any inclusion criteria – gender, age level, publication dates, language:

List irrelevant terms that you may want to exclude in your search:

5. List the databases you plan to search: (ex. PubMed, Cochrane, CINAHL, ProQuest, DynaMed, ClinicalKey)

6. Your name, employee#, phone #, e-mail address: _____

7. Are you: physician__ nurse__ other LMHs employee__ community__

IF YOU WANT LIBRARIANS TO CONDUCT THE SEARCH FOR YOU, PLEASE FAX THIS REQUEST TO: 239-343-3422 OR contact Medical Librarian: 343-2410 or medlibrary@leehealth.org

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