

Asking the Right Question (PICO)

<p>P – Patient Type</p> <p>Exactly who are you interested in finding information about? Be precise (patients or populations of specific ages, gender, diseases, conditions)</p>	<p>Your Question:</p>	<p>Primary Search Terms:</p>	<p>Synonym 1:</p>
			<p>Synonym 2:</p>
<p>I – Intervention</p> <p>Describe the main intervention. What is happening to these patients? (Exposures, prognostic factors, treatments, diagnostic tests)</p>			<p>Synonym 1:</p>
			<p>Synonym 2:</p>
<p>C – Comparison (if appropriate)</p> <p>Describe the main alternative being considered. (gold standard, control, no treatment)</p>			<p>Synonym 1:</p>
			<p>Synonym 2:</p>
<p>O – Outcome</p> <p>Describe what you’re trying to measure (mortality, timely diagnosis, accuracy, symptom improvement)</p>			<p>Synonym 1:</p>
			<p>Synonym 2:</p>
<p>Your Revised, “Right” Question:</p>			

<p>Type of Question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Prevention <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> Prognosis <input type="checkbox"/> Etiology/Harm <input type="checkbox"/> Cost analysis 	<p>Ideal Type of Study</p> <p>RCT</p> <p>RCT > Cohort Study > Case Control</p> <p>Prospective, blind controlled trial comparison to gold standard</p> <p>Cohort Study > Case Control > Case Series/Case Report</p> <p>RCT > Cohort Study > Case Control</p> <p>economic analysis</p>
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