

PICO scheme for structuring quantitative searches

Formulate the issue as a question structured according to the following 4 (possibly 3) parts:		Write the whole question here:		
<p>Patient/problem/population (P) What patient group / condition / illness does this consider?</p> <p>Intervention (I) What is the intervention / exposure?</p> <p>Comparison (C) What is the intervention compared to?</p> <p>Outcome (O) What effects / outcomes are of interest?</p>				
		What databases / information sources are you going to search? PubMed, Cochrane, Cinahl, PsycInfo, Embase etc.		
		For example Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria: Gender, age group, language, date of publication, study design etc.		
Enter search terms and possible synonyms from PICO - the keywords must be in English:				
OR	AND			
	Patient/problem/population (P)	Intervention (I)	Comparison (C)	Outcome (O)