**PICO Worksheet and Search Strategy**

Job 1.

1. Write out your question: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Define your question using **PICO**: Population, Intervention, Comparison, and Outcome.

Population: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Intervention: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Comparison: \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outcome: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. List the main topics and terms from your question that you can use to search.

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1. Check any limit that may pertain to your search:

\_\_ Age \_\_ Language \_\_ Year of publication

1. Type of study/publication you want to include in your search: (From Step 2 of tutorial)

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| \_\_ Systematic Review or Meta-Analysis  \_\_ Clinical Practice Guidelines  \_\_ Critically Appraised Research Studies | \_\_ Individual Research Studies  \_\_ Electronic Textbooks |
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1. Check the databases you searched:

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| \_\_ Cochrane Library  \_\_ Joanna Briggs  \_\_ SCOPUS \_\_ScienceDirect \_\_SAGE | \_\_ EBSCO (CINAHL with Full Text)  \_\_ PubMed Clinical Queries |

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