

PICO

A framework for formulating
a focused, answerable clinical question

	PICO element	Your search terms Think about alternative terms, spelling variations, technical terms etc.
P	Patient / problem How would you describe the person / people in the clinical scenario? E.g. By sex, age, race, condition, care setting, socioeconomic setting.	
I	Intervention What is the intervention? E.g. type of therapy, treatment, cause prevention, system of support, new service.	
C	Comparison The comparison could be an alternative treatment or placebo, different setting, dosage or frequency. There may not be a comparison.	
O	Outcome What is aiming to be achieved by the scenario? E.g. survival rate, quality of life, reduction of event, reduction of symptoms, client safety or independence.	

My question is...