

## Search Strategy Planner

### Clinical Scenario

#### Step 1. Compose a clinical question from the clinical scenario using the PICO format

For \_\_\_\_\_ (Population)  
 Does \_\_\_\_\_ (Intervention)  
 Versus \_\_\_\_\_ (Comparison)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Outcome)

#### Step 2: Identify which of the terms or phrases from the clinical question above require searching and write them in a column below

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#### Step 3: Identify synonyms or variant words for the terms or phrases you identified in Step 2.

OR	OR	OR	OR
OR	OR	OR	OR
OR	OR	OR	OR

Set 1

Set 2

Set 3

Set 4

#### Step 4. Use the connectors to combine your keywords and phrases, and the resulting sets.

- Combine your synonyms with the original keyword or phrase from step 2 with the OR connector.
- Enclose each set with parentheses
- Combine each set with AND or the NOT connector
- Don't forget wildcards ? or truncation symbols \*

Set 1. ( ..... OR ..... OR ..... )  
Initial keyword/phrase synonym synonym

**AND**

Set 2. ( ..... OR ..... OR ..... )  
Initial keyword/phrase synonym synonym

**AND**

Set 3. ( ..... OR ..... OR ..... )  
Initial keyword/phrase synonym synonym

**AND**

Set 4. ( ..... OR ..... OR ..... )  
Initial keyword/phrase synonym synonym