PICO Worksheet and Search Strategy

Name___________________

1. Define your question using PICO by identifying: Problem, Intervention, Comparison Group and Outcomes.

   Your question should be used to help establish your search strategy.

   Patient/Problem________________________________
   Intervention___________________________________
   Comparison___________________________
   Outcome______________________________________

Write out your question:_____________________________________________________

2. Type of question/problem: Circle one: Therapy/Prevention  Diagnosis Etiology Prognosis

3. Type of study (Publication Type) to include in the search: Check all that apply:
   Meta-Analysis  Systematic Review  Randomized Controlled Trial  Cohort Study Case Control Study
   Case series or Case Report  Editorials, Letters, Opinions  Animal Research  In Vitro/Lab Research

4. List main topics and alternate terms from your PICO question that can be used for your search

   List your inclusion criteria –gender, age, List irrelevant terms that you may want year of publication, language to exclude in your search

5. List where you plan to search, i.e. EBM Reviews, Medline, AIDSLINE, CINAHL, PubMed