1. Define your question using **PICO** by identifying: **Patient/Problem**, **Intervention**, **Comparison group** and **Outcome**:

Patient/Problem: ____________________________
Intervention: ____________________________
Comparison: ____________________________
Outcome: ____________________________

Write out your question:
________________________________________________________________________

2. **Type of question/problem:**

Circle one:  Therapy / Prevention / Diagnosis / Etiology / Prognosis

3. **Type of studies/publications to include in the search:**

Check all that apply:

- Meta-analysis
- Systematic review
- Clinical practice guidelines
- Randomized controlled trial
- Research studies or articles
- Case report or series
- Research report or other grey literature

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

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5. Write out your search strategy:

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6. List any limits that may apply to your search:

   Gender: __________________________________________________________________
   Age: _____________________________________________________________________
   Year(s) of publication: ___________________________________________________________________
   Language(s): _____________________________________________________________________

7. List the databases you will search:

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