PICO Worksheet and Search Strategy Protocol

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:

5. Write out your search strategy:

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:

This form is adapted from: Miller, S.A. (2001). PICO worksheet and search strategy. US National Center for Dental Hygiene Research.