PICo Worksheet and Search Strategy Protocol

1. Define your question using PICO by identifying: Population, Interest, and Context:

   Population: Caregivers providing home based care to patients with Alzheimer’s disease
   Interest: Experiences
   Context: Australia

   Write out your question:

   What are caregivers’ experiences in providing home based care to patients with Alzheimer’s disease in Australia?

2. Type of study – methodology

   List specific qualitative search terms or filters:

   Clinical queries: qualitative – best balance (Medline, CINAHL)

3. Type of study – data collection

   List types of data collection instruments:

   Questionnaires, Interviews

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

   Caregiver/Care giver
   Home based care
   Alzheimer’s disease
   Australia

   Caregiver support
   Home health care
   Alzheimers disease

   Carer
   Home nursing
   Alzheimers

5. Write out your search strategy:

   Caregiver* OR Care giver* OR Caregiver support OR Carer*
   AND Home based care OR Home health care OR Home nursing
   AND Alzheimer’s disease OR Alzheimers disease OR Alzheimers
   AND Australia

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

   Age: Adult
   Year(s) of publication: 2005-2019
   Language(s): English

7. List the databases you will search:

   Medline, CINAHL, Health Collection (Informit), Scopus

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