**PICO Search Strategy Worksheet**

**Write** out your question using natural language.

**Frame** your question using the PICO elements. **Rewrite** your question if needed.

**P**opulation:

**I**ntervention:

**C**omparison:

**O**utcome:

**For each concept, List** key words, synonyms, and alternate terms

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|  | **OR** | Synonym A | **OR** | Synonym B | **OR** | Synonym C | **OR** | Synonym D |
| Concept 1 (**P**opulation) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **AND** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Concept 2 (**I**ntervention) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **AND** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Concept 3 (**C**omparison) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **AND** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Concept 4 (**0**utcome) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Search Tips**:

Combine synonyms with OR

Combine concepts (PICO components) with AND

Combine two concepts together before adding a third concept to the search