PICO Worksheet and Search Strategy Worksheet

1. Write your research question:

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

P (patient/problem) _________________________________________________________________

I (Intervention) _________________________________________________________________

C (Comparison) _________________________________________________________________

O (Outcome) _________________________________________________________________

3. Type of question/problem: Circle one

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4. Type of study (publication type) to include in the search: Check all that apply:

☐ Meta-analysis  ☐ Systematic Review  ☐ Randomized Controlled Trials

☐ Cohort Study   ☐ Case Control Study  ☐ Case series/Case Report

☐ Editorials, Letters, Opinions  ☐ Cross Section Study

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

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6. List any inclusion criteria – gender, age level, publication date, and language:

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8. List the databases you plan to search (CINAHL, Cochrane, MEDLINE, PsycInfo, etc.):

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