



## Search Strategy Worksheet

### STEP 1: IDENTIFY THE TOPIC / ISSUE

### STEP 2: KP CATEGORY

Population Health

Food / Nutrient

Health Condition / Disease

Professional Practice

### STEP 3: DEFINE THE QUESTION

Population -

Intervention -

Comparison -

Outcome -

### STEP 4: IDENTIFY THE SUB-CATEGORY

Health Promotion / Prevention

Evaluation / Outcome

Surveillance / Screening

Education

Planning

### STEP 5: IDENTIFY MAIN CONCEPTS

CONCEPT A

CONCEPT B

CONCEPT C

CONCEPT D

CONCEPT E

### STEP 6: DEVELOP A LIST OF SEARCH TERMS

(PubMed Clinical Queries and MeSH Dictionary help to add to concepts)

CONCEPT A \_\_\_\_\_

CONCEPT B

CONCEPT C

CONCEPT D

CONCEPT E

### STEP 7: CONNECT WORDS AND CONCEPTS

### STEP 8: IDENTIFY INCLUSION/ EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Examples: timelines, languages, age, human vs. animal, types of studies or interventions etc

Limit:

### STEP 9: SELECT DATABASES TO SEARCH

Question Type:

- Diagnosis, Harm and Prognosis: Best Evidence, UptoDate, MEDLINE
- Treatment: Cochrane Library, Best Evidence, UptoDate, MEDLINE

Pre-Filtered Information

- Best Evidence (ACP Journal Club, Evidence-based Medicine)
- Cochrane Library
- UpToDate
- Clinical Evidence ([www.clinicalevidence.com](http://www.clinicalevidence.com))

Unfiltered Information

- MEDLINE
- Internet

### STEP 10: RESULTS FROM DATABASE SEARCH

**Database 1:**

Results:

**Database 2:**

Results:

**Database 3:**

Results:

**Systematic Reviews:**

Practice Guidelines:

Case-Control Study:

Review Articles:

**STEP 11: OTHER METHODS USED TO FIND INFORMATION**