## Search Strategy Worksheet

### STEP 1: IDENTIFY THE TOPIC / ISSUE

### STEP 2: KP CATEGORY

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<th>Population Health</th>
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### STEP 3: DEFINE THE QUESTION

Population -
Intervention -
Comparison -
Outcome -

### STEP 4: IDENTIFY THE SUB-CATEGORY

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### 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**
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)

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