

Using information literacy to teach medical entrepreneurship and health care economics

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APPENDIX B

BME 451 Literature searching worksheet: planning your literature search

Step 1: What is your project topic?			
Step 2: Using PICO, identify the main concepts in your topic.			
<i>Patient</i>	<i>Intervention</i>	<i>Comparison</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Step 3: Create lists of words or phrases that describe each of your concepts above. Take into account variations in terminology, synonyms, alternate terms, and broader and narrower terms.			
<i>Synonyms for patient</i>	<i>Synonyms for intervention</i>	<i>Synonyms for comparison</i>	<i>Synonyms for outcome</i>
Step 4: To turn this into a <i>logical search statement</i> , connect the terms in each box with ORs (broadening the search) and those in different columns with ANDs (narrowing the search).			



Tracking your literature searches:

Date	Database	Search statement/terms	Search results/comments