

## Asking Answerable Clinical Questions

Question Components	Your Question
<b>P – Patient, Population, Problem, Program</b>  Most important characteristics of the patient. (disease/condition, age, gender)	
<b>I – Intervention</b>  (treatment, diagnostic/screening test, exposure, prognostic factor)	
<b>C – Comparison Intervention</b> (if any)  Main alternative being considered. (placebo, standard therapy, no treatment, the gold standard)	
<b>O – Outcome</b>  What you want to accomplish, measure, improve. (Eg. reduced mortality or morbidity, improved quality of life)	

Type of Question	Ideal Type of Study	Centre for Evidence Based Medicine (Oxford) <a href="http://www.cebm.nt/question_types.asp">http://www.cebm.nt/question_types.asp</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Therapy	Prospective RCT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prevention	RCT > Cohort Study > Case Control	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosis	prospective cohort study with good quality validation against gold standard	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prognosis	Prospective Cohort Study > Case Control > Case Series/Case Report	
<input type="checkbox"/> Etiology/Harm	RCT > Cohort Study > Case Control (probably retrospective)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cost analysis	economic analysis against evidence based outcomes	
Meta-analyses / systematic reviews, when available, often provide the best answers to clinical questions.		

### Search Strategy

	Primary search term	OR	Synonym 1	OR	Synonym 2
<b>P</b>					
	AND		AND		AND
<b>I</b>					
	AND		AND		AND
<b>C</b>					
	AND		AND		AND
<b>O</b>					
<b>Clinical Queries Filter</b> (if applicable)					
<b>Limits</b> (age, publication date, language, publication type)					