Developing Search Strategy

Group’s Research Question or Developing Topic

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<th>Etiology (Causation)</th>
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<td>Patient risk factors, current health disorders, or general health condition.</td>
<td>Duration and severity of main prognostic factor or clinical problem.</td>
<td>Specific disease or condition.</td>
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<td>A therapeutic measure, e.g., a medication, surgical intervention, or lifestyle change.</td>
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<td>The intervention or exposure of interest. Includes an indication of the strength of the risk factor and the duration of the exposure.</td>
<td>Usually time or &quot;watchful waiting&quot;</td>
<td>A diagnostic test or procedure.</td>
<td>A preventive measure, e.g., a lifestyle change or medication.</td>
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<td>Usually not applicable.</td>
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<td>Current &quot;reference standard&quot; or &quot;gold standard&quot; test for that disease or condition.</td>
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<td>Survival rates, mortality rates, and progression rates.</td>
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**Comparison or Control Measures**

- Standard care, another intervention, a placebo, or a control.