

## Worksheet for Organizing MEDLINE Searches

Jot down a general description of your question that identifies what is your target disorder, the intervention you are considering, a comparison intervention, and the outcomes you are looking for:

1. What is/are your main topic(s)—possible MeSH terms?  
(i.e. osteoporosis, Medicare, hydrochlorothiazide, colposcopy, tinnitus, dialysis, etc. )
2. What type of question is this or information do you want? (Subheadings)

### Limiting Your Search

administration and dosage	diet therapy	manpower	radiography
adverse effects	drug therapy	metabolism	radionuclide imaging
agonists	economics	methods	radiotherapy
analogs and derivatives	education	microbiology	rehabilitation
analysis	embryology	mortality	<b>screening</b>
antagonists and inhibitors	enzymology	parasitology	standards
blood	epidemiology	pathology	statistics and numerical data
cerebrospinal fluid	ethics	pharmacokinetics	surgery
chemical synthesis	ethnology	pharmacology	therapeutic use
chemically induced	<b>etiology</b>	physiology	<b>therapy</b>
chemistry	genetics	physiopathology	toxicity
classification	<b>harm</b>	poisoning	trends
complications	history	<b>prevention</b>	ultrasonography
congenital	imaging	<b>prognosis</b>	urine
contraindications	immunology	psychology	utilization
<b>diagnosis</b>	instrumentation	radiation effects	virology
	isolation and purification		

1. What kind of article would you like to find?  clinical trial,  editorial,  letter,  review,  RCT,  guideline,  meta-analysis, other \_\_\_\_\_
2. What population would you need to limit to? humans , age \_\_\_\_\_, gender \_\_\_\_\_
3. How recent an article do you want?  2 yrs  5 yrs  10 yrs  historic  
(Full text is available only from roughly 1996-1998 on)