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

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)