

**WORKSHEET - STEP 1**  
**FORMULATE A FOCUSED CLINICAL QUESTION WITH YOUR PRECEPTOR**

Patient Name (Use Pseudonym): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Presenting problem/s or Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Clinical Concern/Problem with this Patient:**

**CLASSIFY THE PROBLEM - Does the Problem Concern (select one category):**

- Therapy: how to select treatments that do more good than harm
- Diagnosis and screening: how to select and interpret tests
- Etiology: development of an illness or condition
- Prognosis: how to anticipate the patient's likely course

**USE 4 PART "PICO" TO FORMULATE A FOCUSED CLINICAL QUESTION ABOUT THE PROBLEM:**

**Fill-in column with your question**

<b><u>P</u>atient population</b>  What group do you want information on?	
<b><u>I</u>ntervention (or exposure)</b>  What medical event do you want to study the effect of?	
<b><u>C</u>omparison</b>  Compared to what? Better or worse than no intervention at all, or than another intervention?	
<b><u>O</u>utcomes</b>  What is the effect of the intervention?	

**OUR FOCUSED CLINICAL QUESTION FOR THIS PATIENT IS:** (Combine the four segments above into a single question):

I participated in the development of the PICO question: \_\_\_\_\_

*Preceptor signature*