

PICo Worksheet and Search Strategy (Qualitative)

1. Develop your search strategy using the PICo concept:

Population: Caregivers providing home based care to patients with HIV/AIDS
Interest: Experiences
Context: Africa

Write out your question:

What are caregivers' experiences in providing home-based care to patients with HIV/AIDS in Africa?

2. List the **main concepts** and **alternative terms** from your question that you can use to search:

Care givers	Home based care	HIV/AIDS patients	Africa
Caregivers Care giver Carer Caregiver support	Home based care Home health care Home nursing	HIV-Infected patients AIDS patients	

3. Use Boolean operators to combine your terms:

Use **OR** to broaden your search
Use **AND** to narrow your search
Use **NOT** to exclude terms

Search tips (*Note: Check the search tips within each database because requirements may vary*)

Use truncation e.g. disorder* for disorder, disorders
Use wildcards e.g. wom?n for woman or women
Phrase searching e.g. "migraine headache"

4. Write out your search strategy:

Caregiver* OR "care giver*" OR "caregiver support" OR carer
AND
"Home based care" OR "home health care" OR "home nursing"
AND
"HIV-Infected patient*" OR "AIDS patient*"
AND
Africa

5. State your inclusion/exclusion criteria:

6. Check any limit/s that may pertain to your search:

Age: Adult (19-44 years) Language: All Year of publication: 2001-

Other:

7. Type of study – Methodology (e.g. *Ethnography, grounded theory, phenomenology etc.*)

Ethnography
Phenomenology

Type of study – Data collection (e.g. *Interview, focus group, questionnaire etc.*)

Interview
Questionnaire

8. Note the databases you searched:

Medline
CINAHL
AMED