

Well Built Clinical Question

Elements of a Good Question:	Your Question:
<p>PATIENT OR PROBLEM: How would you describe a group of patients similar to you? What are the most important characteristics of the patient?</p>	
<p>INTERVENTION, EXPOSURE, PROGNOSTIC FACTOR: What main intervention are you considering? What do you want to do with this patient?</p>	
<p>COMPARISON: What is the main alternative being considered, if any?</p>	
<p>OUTCOME What are you trying to accomplish, measure, improve or affect?</p>	
<p>The well-built clinical question is:</p> 	
<p>Type of Question: How would you categorize this question?</p>	
<p>Type of Study: What would be the best study design to answer this question?</p>	

The well-built clinical question: a key to evidence-based decisions

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