

Question Frameworks

Use a question framework to help you develop a focused research question that will help you identify keywords and return relevant results.

Use the question framework that suits your research study:

Framework	Description
CoCoPop	The CoCoPop (Condition, Context, Population) structure can be used to investigate questions relating to the prevalence/incidence of a condition or problem.
ECLIPSE	The ECLIPSE (Expectation, Client group, Location, Impact, Professionals, and Service) structure can be used for investigating the outcomes of a policy, management issue, or service.
PEO	The PEO (Population, Exposure, Outcome) structure is used for qualitative research when investigating the likelihood of developing a certain condition because of a pre-existing condition or exposure.
PICO	The PICO (Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome) structure is used in the health professions to research prognoses, diagnoses, and therapies. It can compare one intervention with another to provide evidence to support clinical best practice.
SPICE	The SPICE (Setting, Perspective, Intervention/exposure/interest, Comparison, and Evaluation) structure can be used to evaluate the outcomes of a service, project, or intervention.
SPIDER	The SPIDER (Sample, Phenomenon of Interest, Design, Evaluation, and Research type) structure is used for qualitative/mixed methods research questions, focusing less on interventions but more on study design, and "samples" rather than populations.