Define Topic → Identify main concepts → Build Search Strategy → Choose databases(s) → Search each concept one at a time → Combine results → REFINE search results → RUN search strategy → LIMIT results → Analyze results → Can I build a better search strategy?

- Search terms
- Keywords
- Subject headings
- Truncation
- Limits

- P (Patient/Population)
- I (Intervention)
- C (Comparison)
- O (Outcome)

- Check LibGuides for recommended databases
- Select suitable database subject headings with/without subheadings or keywords truncated appropriately for the different databases

- AND Use boolean operator AND to combine topics
- OR Use boolean operator OR to group synonyms together

- Add more search terms
- Language
- Publication date
- Age group
- Gender
- Take a note of the Subject headings

Contact: Charlotte Beck | http://directory.library.ubc.ca/people/view/34
Internal use | T:\Woodward\Teaching\Publications\Handouts\SearchingFlowChart\SearchingFlowchart_StepbyStep_Colour.vsd
Last updated | 09/05/2017

Get articles