| **Patient Population or Problem** | **Define the patient population or disease of interest:**  
| Age  
| Gender  
| Ethnicity  
| Certain disease or disorder  
| Setting (acute care, inpatient) |
| **Intervention or Issue of Interest** | **The intervention or range of interventions of interest:**  
| Treatment  
| Medication  
| Exposure to disease  
| Education  
| Diagnostic tests  
| Risk behavior (e.g., smoking) |
| **Comparison** | **What to compare the intervention or issue against:**  
| Another intervention  
| Placebo  
| No intervention  
| No disease  
| Current practice  
| Absence of risk factor (e.g., smoking) |
| **Outcome** | **Measurable outcome of interest:**  
| Outcome expected from treatment or medication  
| Risk of disease  
| Accuracy of diagnosis  
| Fail rate  
| Length of stay  
| Patient satisfaction  
| Financial outcome |
| **Time** | **Timeframe, time involved to demonstrate an outcome:**  
| Timeframe (e.g., readmission within 30 days, during hospitalization, within 1 week, over 3 weeks, for 3 days, months, or years)  
| Time it takes for the intervention to achieve the outcome  
| The time over populations are observed for the outcome |