**Medical Library Research Support Services**

Individual research consultation request form

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| ***Contact information*** | |
| Surname, Name |  |
| Member of the University of Bern | Yes  No |
| Email |  |
| Phone (optional) |  |
| Preferred way of one-on-one consultation | On site at the library  Online/Virtual consultation |

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| Department |  | |
| Status (select all that apply) | Human Medicine  Dentistry Medicine  Veterinary Medicine  Biomedical engineering  Biomedicine  Bachelor student  year 1 year 2  year 3  Master student  year 4  year 5  year 6 | PhD student  Name of graduate school: ……………  ……………………………………….  Medical Faculty Member  Dentistry Faculty Member  Veterinary Faculty Member  Clinician:  Inselspital staff:  Other: |
| Did you already had a course in searching the medical literature?\* | Yes  No | |
| Master / PhD Supervisor (if applicable) |  | |
| Time frame for working on the literature search | *From To* | |
| Type of services (select all that apply) | Consultation and support for developing search strategies  Feedback on framing of research question and advice to how translate into a search strategy customized for each database/source to search  Feedback on initial search strategy  Peer Review of search strategies  Advice on relevant sources to search (medical databases, trial registries, grey literature)  Advice on adaption of strategy for different databases  Referral to relevant handbooks and guidance documents for conducting literature reviews  Setting up search alerts for new publication  Advice on reference management | |
| Purpose of project (select all that apply) | Publication  Summary Review  Systematic Review  Scoping Review  Book chapter | Thesis / Dissertation  Guideline  Grant application  Other: |

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| ***Objective of your study*** | *The objective of my study is….* | |
| ***Background***  *Describe the background of your study* |  | |
| ***Please provide your research question*** | *Your research question needs to be clear and focused.* | |
| ***Research question in PICO (if applicable)*** | Problem / Patient / Population |  |
| Intervention / Exposure/Phenomenon of interest |  |
| Comparison (if applicable)/Context |  |
| Outcome |  |
| ***Core papers***  ***(minimum 5)***  *Provide a set of core papers if you have a research question. Core papers are key references that are very close and describe your field well. Write complete references and if possible PMIDs or DOIs* |  | |  |
| ***Study types***  *What study design would provide the best level of evidence for this question?* | Quantitative  Qualitative  Mixed Methods  Please specify if appropriate (ex. *i.e. randomized controlled trials, observational study. cross-sectional study, experimental study, qualitative study, cohort study,…)* ……………………….  ………………………………………………………………… | |
| ***Have you developed a search strategy?***  *If yes, which one?* |  | |