BCHS 2525  Unit 3 Practice a: PubMed Search
Answer Sheet

NAME: ___________________________________________________

Your Research Question:
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Assignment Description

The purpose of this assignment is for you to plan a search based on your current research question and to do the initial search in PubMed.

Extract your search concepts from the research question and add them to the Concepts row in the table on the next page. Do a search with those concepts, and from the titles, abstracts, and MeSH terms in the results, harvest synonyms for the initial concepts. Write those synonyms in the Synonyms row. Please refer to Steps in Planning and Implementing a Literature Search for an example of such a table. You may add or delete columns to the table as needed.

Test the synonyms to see if they improve the search results using the methods discussed in class and documented in the Steps document. The testing of your original search terms and any synonyms you list in the 2nd row should be reflected in your PubMed Search History.

When you are done with your search, copy and paste the search history from the Advanced Search page (follow link to see what page looks like if you are unsure) in PubMed to the space marked PubMed Search History. Be sure to do this within 8 hours of doing the search, or the history of the search will disappear from PubMed.

We will review your work in person after it is due, but if you have any questions while you are working on the assignment you can feel free to email me at folb@pitt.edu.
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