**Search term generation: the return of PICO(T)**

The PICO(T) question you develop can guide you in brainstorming and organizing keywords before you search.

**Keyword searching on PubMed- preliminary searches**

Next, you can run some **preliminary** searches to come up with more ideas as you browse the search results.

**Combining search terms**

You can combine your search terms using **AND**, **OR**, and parentheses. This keeps them organized for you and also tells the database how to read and combine them.

Using **AND** will search for both terms.

Using **OR** will search for either term.

**The search details box**

Use the **search details** box to check how PubMed is running your search. You can find it by selecting “advanced” under the search bar.

