



# Identifying study question(mind map)

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# OBJECTIVES

- Explain mind map.
- Discuss how to select a general topic
- Explain where to look for background information and literature
- Name different databases for scholarly work.

# What Is Mind Map



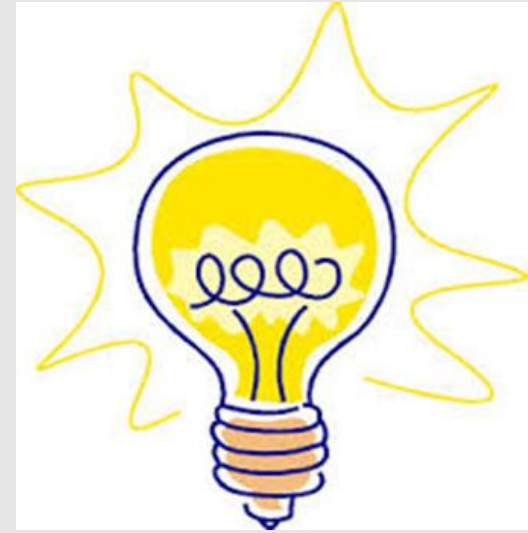
# Mind map

- It is a graphical way to represent ideas and concepts.
- It is a visual thinking tool that helps structuring information,
- Helping you to better analyze,
- comprehend, synthesize, recall and generate new ideas.



# TOPIC SELECTION

Choosing your topic is the first step in the research process. Be aware that selecting a good topic may not be easy.



**#1 Research tip: Pick a topic that interests you. You are going to live with this topic for weeks while you research, read, and write your assignment.**



**It must be narrow and focused  
enough to be interesting, yet  
broad enough to find adequate  
information.**





**Brainstorming** is a technique you can use to help you generate ideas.



**LOST**



**Sleep patterns**

**Virus infections**

**child health**

**Cancers**

**Obesity**

**Internet addiction**

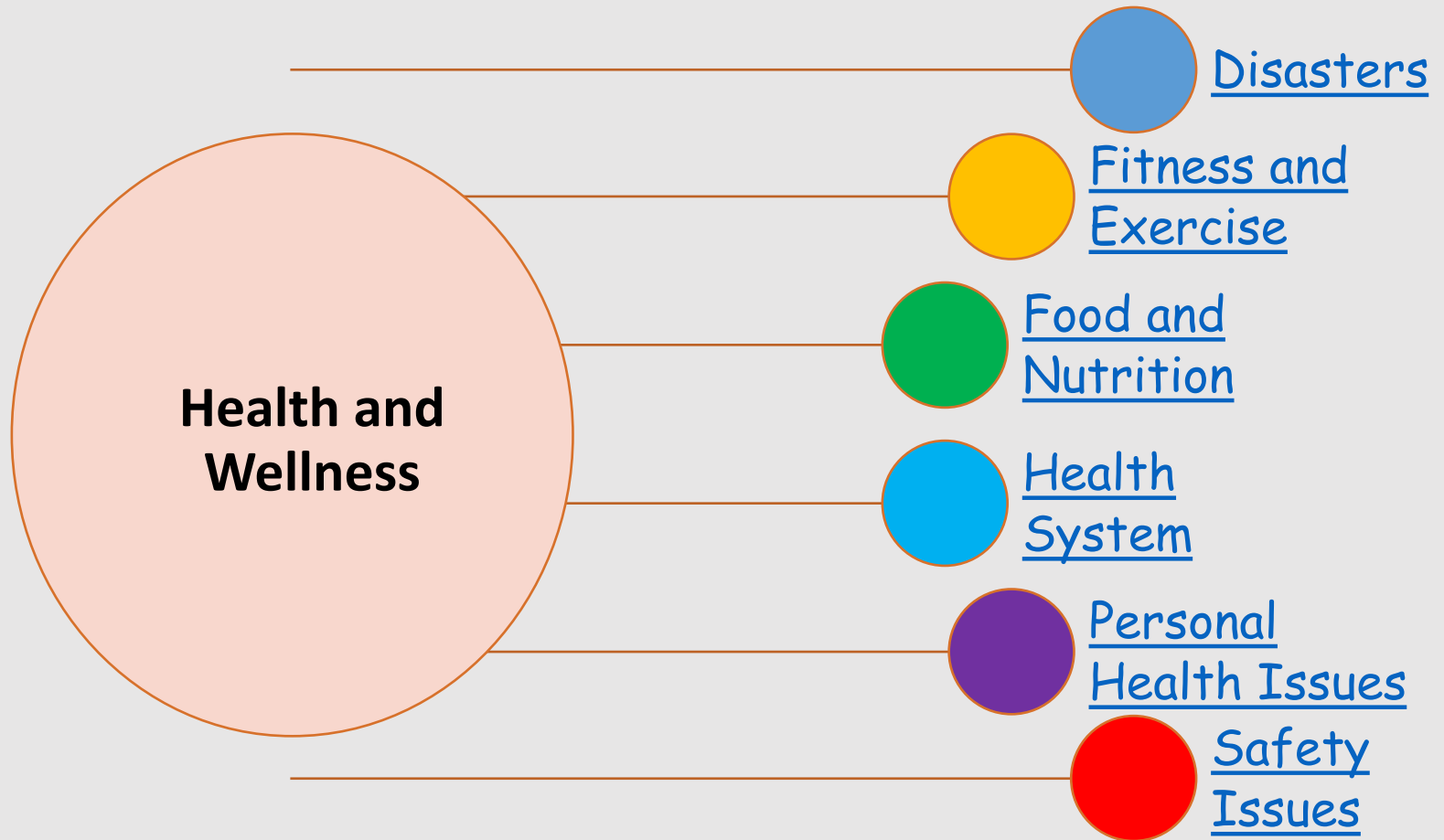
**Diabetes**

**Exercise**

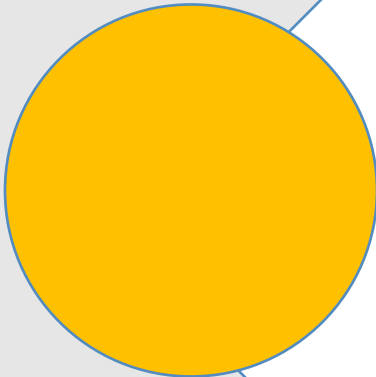
**Immunization**

**Mental health**

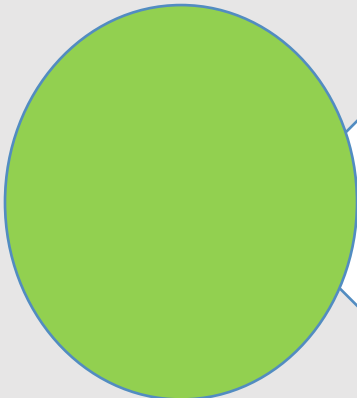
**Smoking**



# ADVICE# 2



**Write down any key words or concepts that may be of interest to you. Could these terms help be used to form a more focused research topic?**

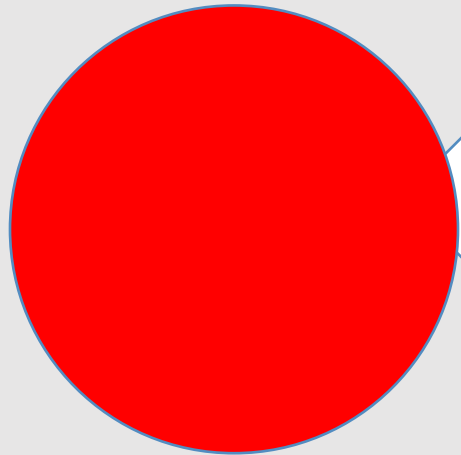


**Be aware of overused ideas when deciding a topic. You may wish to avoid topics such as drug addiction ,teen pregnancy, or suicide unless you feel you have a unique approach to the topic.**

# ADVICE# 2




Ask the instructor for ideas if you feel you are stuck or need additional guidance.




**look for background information**

# looking for background information



Where?



The library of course!

Where do you find literature ?





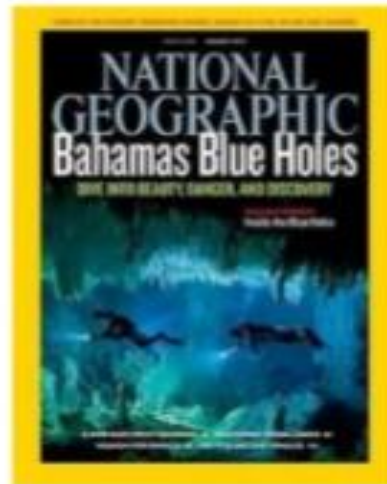
# RESOURCES

## LIBRARY RESOURCES

Reference books



Magazines



Databases





# Search Engines And Data Bases



NLM, the World's Largest Medical Library produces MEDLINE



# MEDLINE

MEDLINE is a bibliographic database with over 24 million citations



These vendors *lease* MEDLINE from NLM so it can be searched through their own interfaces

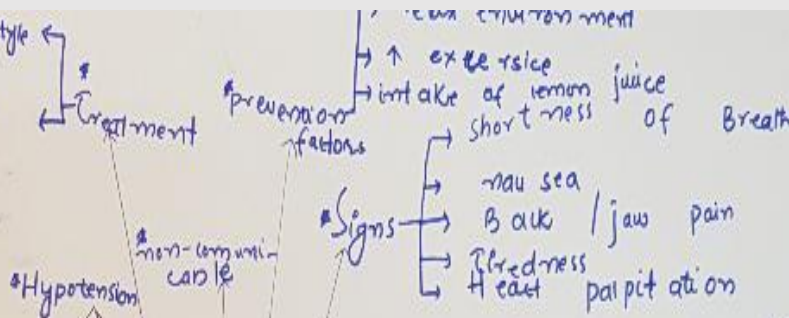
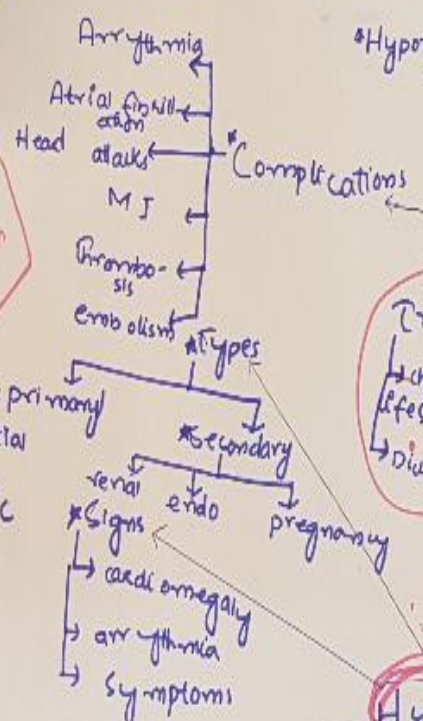
**Free!**



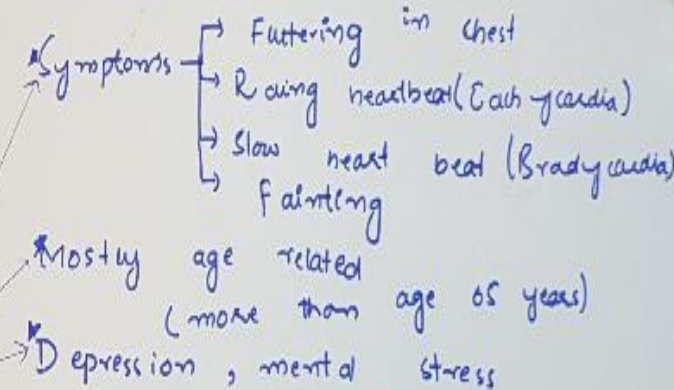
PubMED (**Public MEDLINE**) is NLM's search engine interface for MEDLINE



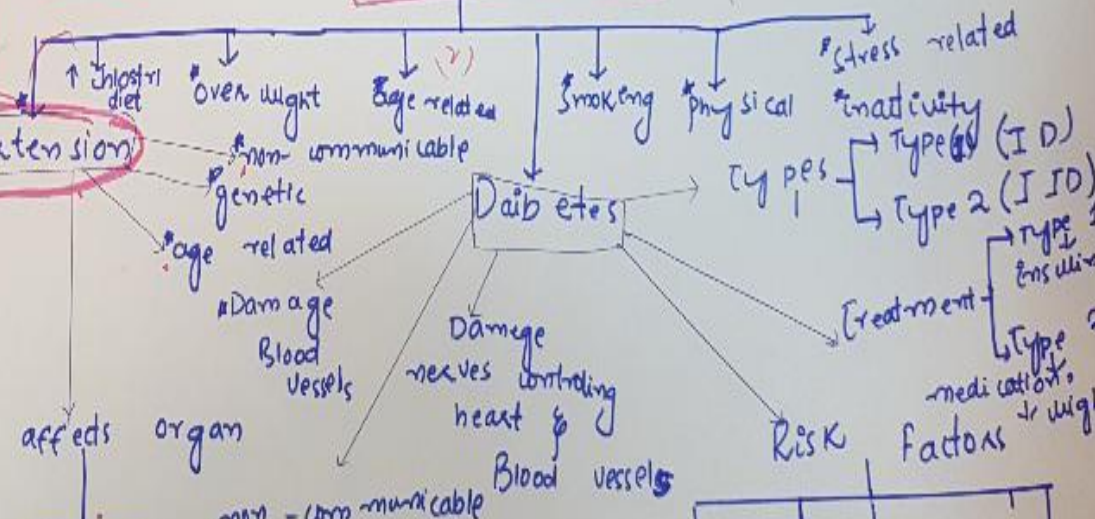
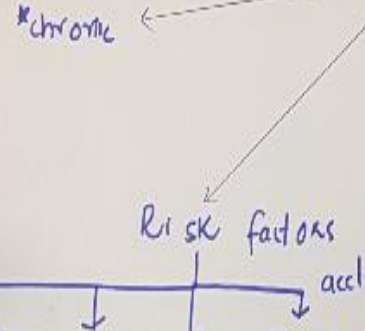
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 Cardiovascular  
 Person does  
 ON  
 Effects of Lifestyle Modification on Hypertension



**CVSD**



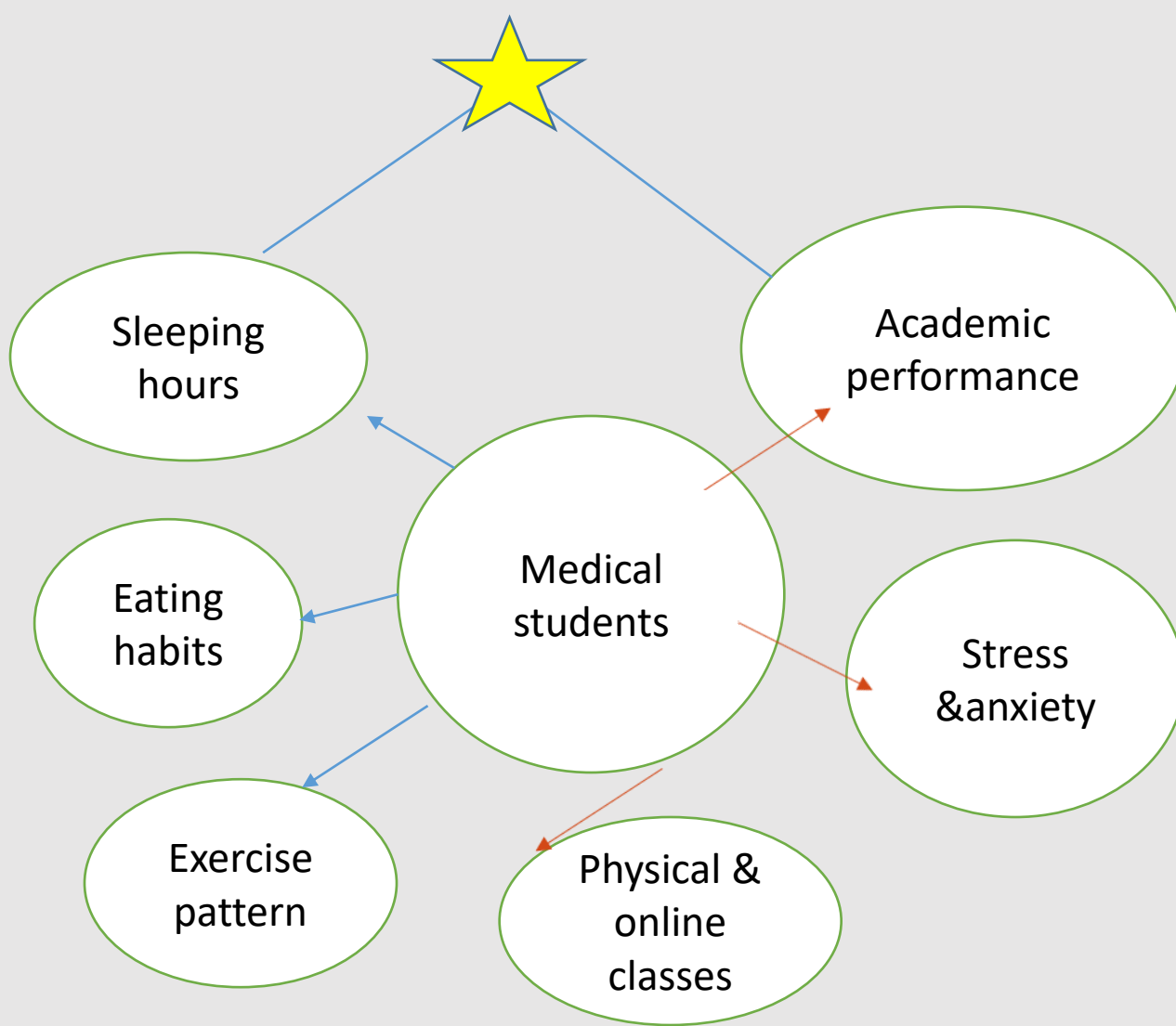
**Hypertension**

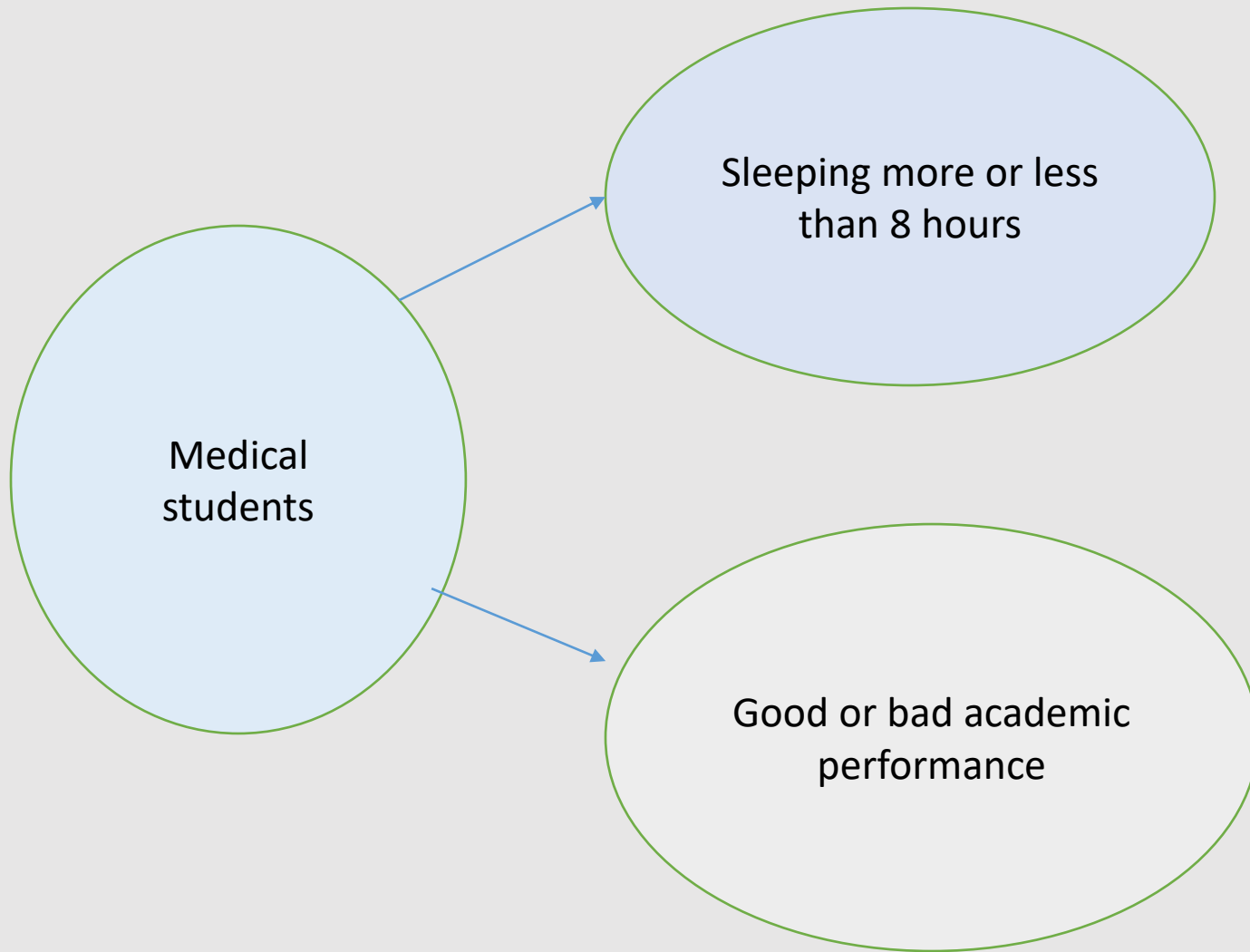


# Focused question



**Effect of lifestyle modification on  
treatment and prevention of  
hypertension**



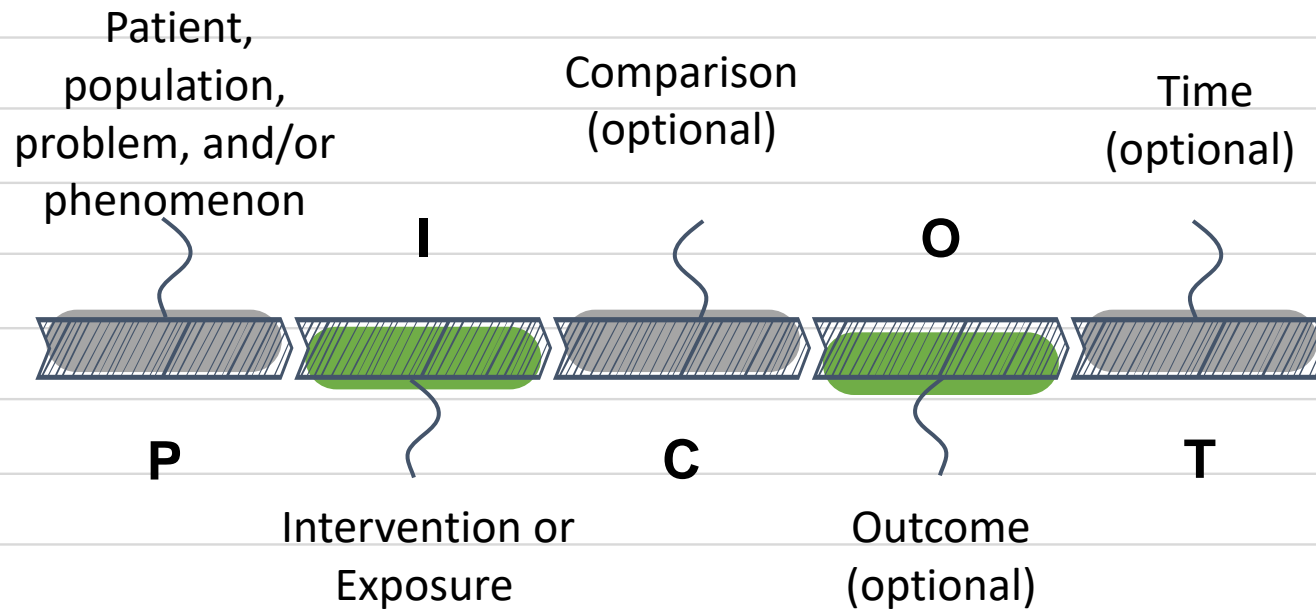


Medical students

Sleeping more or less than 8 hours

Good or bad academic performance

# PICO





Characteristics of a good research question "FINER Criteria".

<b>FEASIBLE</b>	<b>Adequate number of subjects.</b> <b>Adequate technical expertise</b> <b>Affordable in time and money</b> <b>Manageable in scope</b>
<b>INTERESTING</b>	<b>To the investigator</b>
<b>NOVEL</b>	<b>Confirms or refuses previous findings</b> <b>Extends previous findings</b> <b>Provides new findings</b>
<b>ETHICAL</b> <b>RELEVANT</b>	<b>To scientific knowledge</b> <b>To clinical and health policy</b> <b>To future research directions</b>

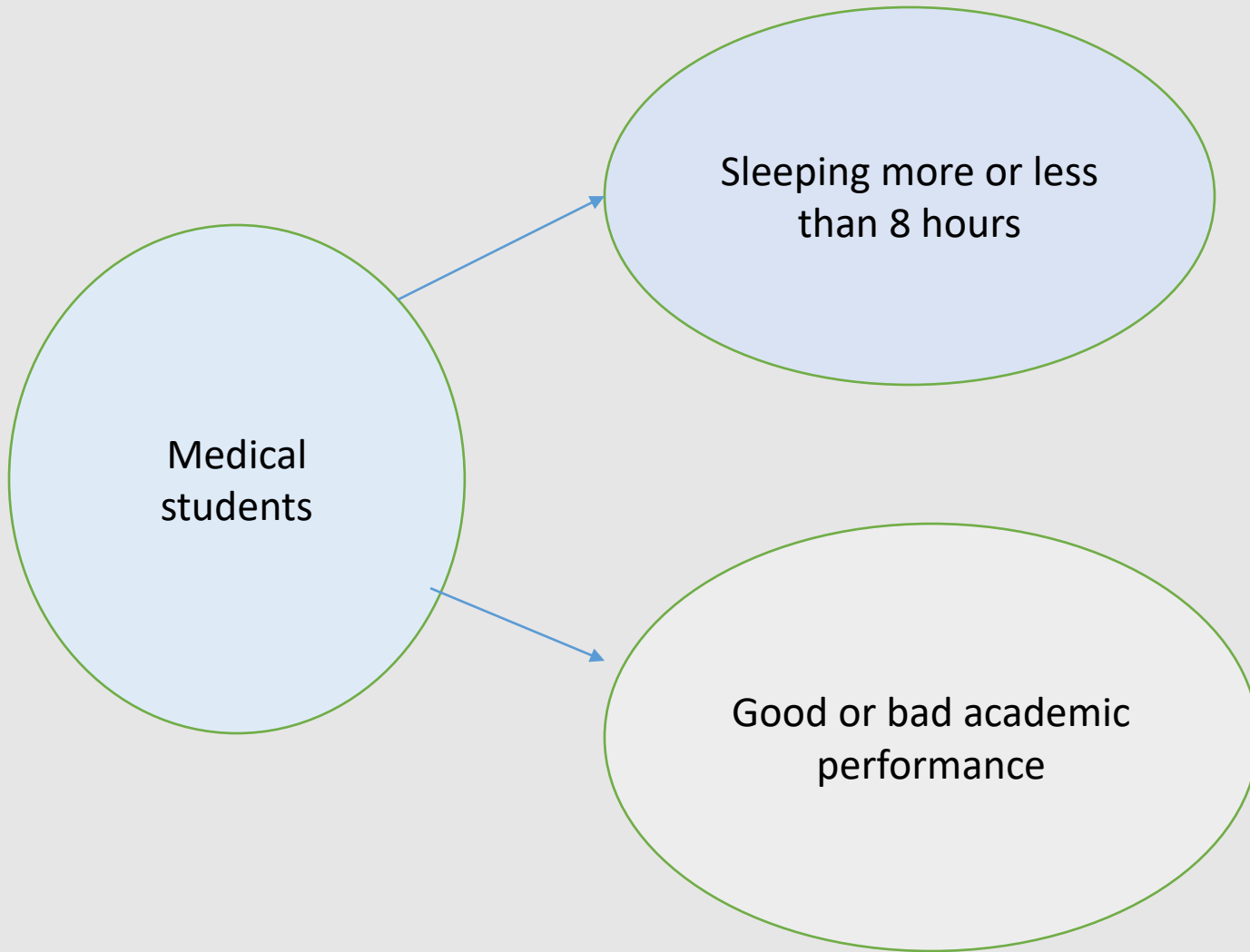
What you plan to do for your patient or the group?

How would you describe a group of patients similar to your own?

<b>P</b>	<b>Patient, Population or Problem</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Intervention, Prognostic Factor, or Exposure</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Comparison</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>Outcome you would like to measure</b>

What is the main alternative to compare with the intervention?

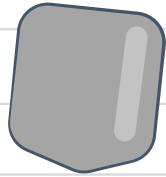
What you hope to accomplish, measure, improve or affect?



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# PICO

**P**

**Medical students**

**C**

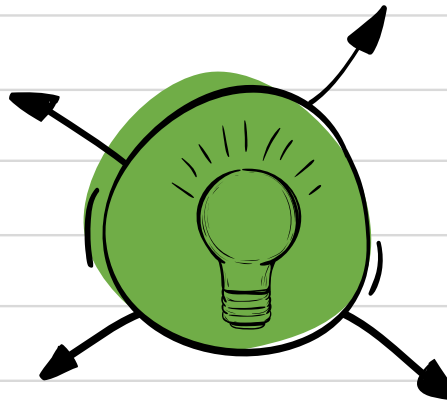
**Sleeping less than 8 hours**

**I**

**Sleeping more than 8 hours**

**O**

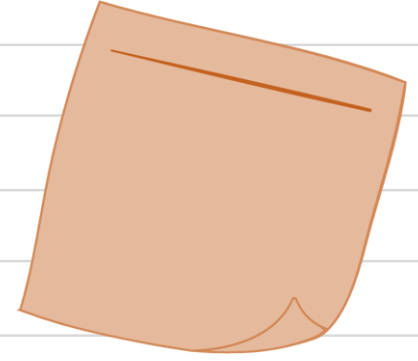
**Examination scores**



## **Question ?**



Is Good Quality Sleep associated with better Academic Performance among University Students ?



Your female patient is concerned about her risk of developing breast cancer. Her friend was recently diagnosed, and mentioned that she has a positive family history of breast cancer, your friend does not have a family history of breast cancer.



**P:** female with family history/ female with no Hx

**I:** X

**C:** female with no family history

**O:** breast cancer

**Are females with positive family history of breast cancer more likely to develop breast cancer when compared with females with no family history of breast cancer?**





In school-age children (P), what is the effect of a school-based physical activity program (I) on a reduction in the incidence of childhood obesity (O) compared with no intervention (C) within a 1 year period (T)?



## **12Teams .**

- Team leaders with team members names and roll numbers
- 2 teams merged together .
- Topic selected .

# Your assignment

- Evidence of brainstorming(mind map) on topic of your interest
- With a question/questions

*Thank*  
**YOU**