Introduction to PubMed
Determining the Quality and Relevance of an Article

A. Performing the Search
2. Identify the key concepts (terms) for your search from your PICO question.
3. Enter the terms in the search box. (fig. 1)
4. Click Go.

B. Checking the Authors
1. In the Abstract View, Click on any of the author names (fig. 2)
2. This will open up a list of all of the titles that the author has published.

C. Checking the Journal
1. MEDLINE journals are peer-reviewed
   - Click on the journal link from the abstract view to see if journal is indexed in MEDLINE (fig. 2)

2. But, not all peer-reviewed journals are indexed in MEDLINE
   - Click on journal link to go to journal website; check “about us” or similar – look for “peer-reviewed”, editorial board, or similar

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3