1. **Develop your search strategy using the PICo concept:**

   - **Population:** Caregivers providing home based care to patients with HIV/AIDS
   - **Interest:** Experiences
   - **Context:** Africa

   **Write out your question:**

   What are caregivers’ experiences in providing home-based care to patients with HIV/AIDS in Africa?

2. **List the main concepts and alternative terms** from your question that you can use to search:

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3. **Use Boolean operators to combine your terms:**

   Use **OR** to broaden your search
   Use **AND** to narrow your search
   Use **NOT** to exclude terms

   **Search tips (Note: Check the search tips within each database because requirements may vary)**

   Use truncation e.g. disorder* for disorder, disorders
   Use wildcards e.g. wom?n for woman or women
   Phrase searching e.g. “migraine headache”
4. Write out your search strategy:

Caregiver* OR “care giver*” OR “caregiver support” OR carer
AND
“Home based care” OR “home health care” OR “home nursing”
AND
“HIV-Infected patient*” OR “AIDS patient*”
AND
Africa

5. State your inclusion/exclusion criteria:

6. Check any limit/s that may pertain to your search:

Age: Adult (19-44 years) Language: All Year of publication: 2001-

Other:

7. Type of study – Methodology (e.g. Ethnography, grounded theory, phenomenology etc.)
Ethnography
Phenomenology

Type of study – Data collection (e.g. Interview, focus group, questionnaire etc.)
Interview
Questionnaire

8. Note the databases you searched:

Medline
CINAHL
AMED