**Developing Clinical Questions–Learners Handout**

**Formative Assessment Activity 1:**

**For cases 1–3**

1. What are some background questions?

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1. What are your foreground PICO questions?
	1. Population
		* "How would I describe a group of patients similar to mine?"

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* 1. Intervention/Comparison
		+ Ask “What is the main intervention I am considering?”
		+ and “What is the main comparison/control?”

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* 1. Outcomes
		+ Ask "What can I hope to accomplish?" or "What could this exposure really affect? “
		+ Which outcomes are POEMs?
		+ Which outcomes are DOEs?

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**Summative Assessment Activity 2:**

**Recount a challenging case from the past few weeks**

* Why was it difficult?
* Did any new or alternative decision points arise that you had not considered before?
* What questions…
	1. did your *PATIENT* ask?

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* 1. did *YOU* have while writing the SOAP note?

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* 1. did you ask your *ATTENDING*?

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* 1. *still remain* unresolved?

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List and label your questions as:
*Background* or *foreground* questions
and *POEMs* or *DOEs* and then

Brainstorm a PICO question with a partner.

* + P: Be precise but brief
	+ I/C: Be specific, but consider feasible alternatives
	+ O: Select patient-oriented outcomes instead of “the numbers”

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