How to Use the PICOT Networking Hub

To access the PICOT Networking Hub, click the Resources option in the EBP HQ Resources menu and select the PICOT Networking Hub option:

The page should look like this:

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**PICOT Networking Hub:**

The **PICOT Networking Hub** is a repository of hundreds of PICOT projects that have been developed by EBP Mentors. As a member, you can simply search the Hub by keyword terms that you are interested in to see if there is a "match." If you find a match, you can automatically connect with colleagues working on similar projects/questions.

**How it works:**

You can search the **Hub** by a single search term or several search terms at one time. When you enter a search term in a field (P, I, C, O, or T), autosuggestions will be displayed based on prior projects in the database. Select the best autosuggestion from the dropdown. If there are no matches in the database, no autosuggestions will appear.

If you do not get a match with your first search term, try other search terms or synonyms. For example, if you type in "teenagers" and get no matches, try typing in "adolescents." Keep in mind, the search capacity of this database is not as robust as PubMed...so you may have to make a few attempts to find a match.

None of the fields are required, but you must fill out at least one field in order to generate results. You can search by only one field at a time or you can search by multiple fields at once. So, if you want to know "who is working on projects with adolescents?" search with "adolescents" in the **P** field only. If you want to know "is anyone working on a project with adolescents and smoking?" search with "adolescents" in the **P** field and "smoking" in the **T** field at the same time.

After filling out the selected fields, click the "Submit" button and the matching results from the database will be displayed. To connect with the EBP mentor whose project matched your search, click on the "email" listed for that project. A pop-up form with a default email message will be displayed; ready for you to sand! If you want to personalize the email message, you can do so in the "Message" field. Once you are ready to send the email, click the "Submit" button.

If your search does not produce any matches, the display will say "no results were found for your search." If you want to contact CTRP for help, click the "Contact Us" button. A pop-up contact form will be displayed for you to fill out and send to the CTRP team. We will follow up with you to see if we can help you further.

**Tips for successfully using the Hub:**

1. Keep in mind...the more search terms you include (ex: hospitalized adults, interdisciplinary rounds, traditional report, patient satisfaction = less matches), the less likely you will find the perfect match for your specific interest. The less search terms you include (ex: hospitalized adult = tons of matches) the more likely you will find several matches. However, they may not be specific to your interest.

2. Many PICOT questions in the database do not have a T, so searching by T may limit your matches. There is a note in the T search term to remind you about this too.

The **PICOT Networking Hub** is continuously being updated as new projects are being generated by EBP Mentors. So, if you don't find a match today, come back to The Hub in a few weeks and try again!

*Please reach out to people that truly match your topic of interest. Be mindful of email burden as you reach out to your EBP colleagues through the hub!*
At this page, you will be given more specific instructions on what the PICOT Hub does, and how to use it. If you scroll down, you will see text boxes you can fill in to utilize this feature:

Example:

If I am wanting to search all projects related to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), I could type in PICU into my population of interest text box like so:

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After you click, “Search,” to find all projects related to your search entry, you will see the results of your search displayed below the search button on the same page:

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The search result includes complete PICOT questions, and a method to contact the project owner if you wish. If a search result matches what you are looking for, to contact the individual regarding their project, click the email listed for the individual (in this case, it is Jane Doe), an auto-generated email template outline of a potential email will come up, and you can edit as you see fit and then click “Submit”. A copy if this email will be sent to you as well so you can continue to follow-up with the project owner.

Ask a Question

Name *: Jane Doe
Email *: Jane.Doe@abc.com
Subject *: PICOT Networking Hub Request
Message *

Hello,
I recently visited the PICOT Networking Hub on the CTEP website and saw that you had worked on a PICOT question that I am also interested in. I was wondering if you would be willing to connect with me to discuss this shared interest? Can you please respond to this email at your earliest convenience?

Submit