**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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