In this course students develop an evidence-based practiced project that could be used to improve the care of patients in the unit in which they currently work. In this first paper, you will **identify a clinical question**, which addresses an important problem/issue (Trigger), which could be improved by the proposed change in practice. The paper should include:

* a discussion of how the problem was identified
* a description of the problem
* the proposed change in practice (HINT: think intervention)
* the clinical question (in both narrative as a descriptive development of the question and in the PICOTS format).

For the purpose of this assignment, evidence for the proposed change in practice will include a systematic review/meta-analysis or evidence-based clinical practice guideline published within the last five years.

Reminder: Additional points will be deducted for the following errors.

* File uploaded to the assignment drop box should have your last name first.
* All APA formatted papers should have an introduction **without** a header and a conclusion **with** a header.
* Follow the Title Page Template provided under Student Resources module in this course.
* My Clinical Question: **IN EXTREME LOW BIRTH WEIGHT PREMATURE INFANTS, DOES IMPLEMENTATION OF POSITIONING FOR DEVELOPMENTAL CARE ENHANCE NEUROMUSCULAR PROTECTION SUCH AS DECREASING INTRAVENTRICULAR HEMORRHAGE IN PREMATURE INFANTS?** This is my topic and you can rephrase my clinical question however you would like.

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