Capstone Project Milestone 1:

Practice Issue and Evidence Summary Worksheets

**Student Name:** **Date:**

**Directions**

1. Refer to the guidelines for specific details on how to complete this assignment.
2. Type your answers directly into the worksheets below.
3. Submit to the Dropbox by the end of Week 3, Sunday at 11:59 p.m. MT.
4. Post questions about this assignment to the Q & A Forum. You may also email questions to the instructor for a private response.

**Practice Issue Worksheet**

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| **List the topic and include the citation for the systematic review you have selected:** | | |
| **What is the practice issue you have identified related to the topic you have chosen?** | | |
| **Define the scope of the practice issue:** | | |
| **What is the practice area?**  \_\_\_ Clinical  \_\_\_ Education  \_\_\_ Administration  \_\_\_ Other (List): | | |
| **How was the practice issue identified?** (check all that apply)  \_\_\_ Safety/risk management concerns  \_\_\_ Unsatisfactory patient outcomes  \_\_\_ Wide variations in practice  \_\_\_ Significant financial concerns | | \_\_\_ Difference between hospital and community practice  \_\_\_ Clinical practice issue is a concern  \_\_\_ Procedure or process is a time waster  \_\_\_ Clinical practice issue has no scientific base  \_\_ Other: |
| Describe the rationale for your checked selections: | | |
| **What evidence must be gathered?** (check all that apply) | | |
| \_\_\_ Literature search  \_\_\_ Guidelines  \_\_\_ Expert Opinion  \_\_\_ Patient Preferences | \_\_\_ Clinical Expertise  \_\_\_ Financial Analysis  \_\_\_ Standards (Regulatory, professional, community)  \_\_\_ Other | |
| Describe the rationale for your checked selections: | | |

**Evidence Summary Worksheet**

**Directions**: Please type your answers directly into the worksheet.

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| Describe the practice problem in your own words with reference to the identified population, setting and magnitude of the problem in measurable terms: |
| Type the complete APA reference for the systematic review article you chose from the list provided, It must be relevant to the practice issue you described above. |
| Identify the objectives of the article.  Provide a statement of the questions being addressed in the work and how they relate to your practice issue: |
| Summarize (in your own words) the interventions the author(s) suggest to improve patient outcomes.  Summarize the main findings by the authors of your systematic review including the strength of evidence for each main outcome. Consider the relevance to your project proposal for the Milestone 2 project paper. |
| Outline evidence-based solutions that you will consider for your project.  Discuss any limitations to the studies performed that you believe impacts your ability to utilize the research in your project. |