Critically Appraised Topic (CAT) Form

Answer the following and discuss with your preceptor:

1. What is the clinical question you investigated? Why is it important to the clinical care of your patients?

2. How did you find articles to answer your clinical question? If you used MEDLINE/PUBMED, what search terms did you use? If you were able to find the full text of the article, please indicate where you found it.

3. List at least two articles which you found that were relevant to your clinical question. For each article, summarize the key points, addressing the following: Are the results/findings valid? What are the results? Will the results help me in caring for my patients?

4. What is the “bottom line” effect of your review with regards to your clinical question and the care of your patients?