

This chapter discusses the development and refinement of the research problem. Developing a research question, hypothesis, or null hypothesis is something challenging. Identification of the research problem and defining it in terms that can be investigated and studied is critical step in the research and scientific process. A well-defined research problem, properly formatted, will drive the research methodology. Defining the research problem and developing a research question, hypothesis, or null hypothesis requires effort and time. Students in healthcare professions must be able to define research projects by formulating a research question, hypothesis or null hypothesis. The way the research problem is defined depends on how the problem is framed. This can present a challenge.

Learning Objectives :

1. Describe where research problems originate
2. Define what constitutes a research problem
3. Develop a Research Problem list
4. Identify a research problem
5. Define and describe the need to study a research problem
6. Develop a research question, hypothesis, or null hypothesis for a research problem.



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An example of assignment 1 - statement of
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