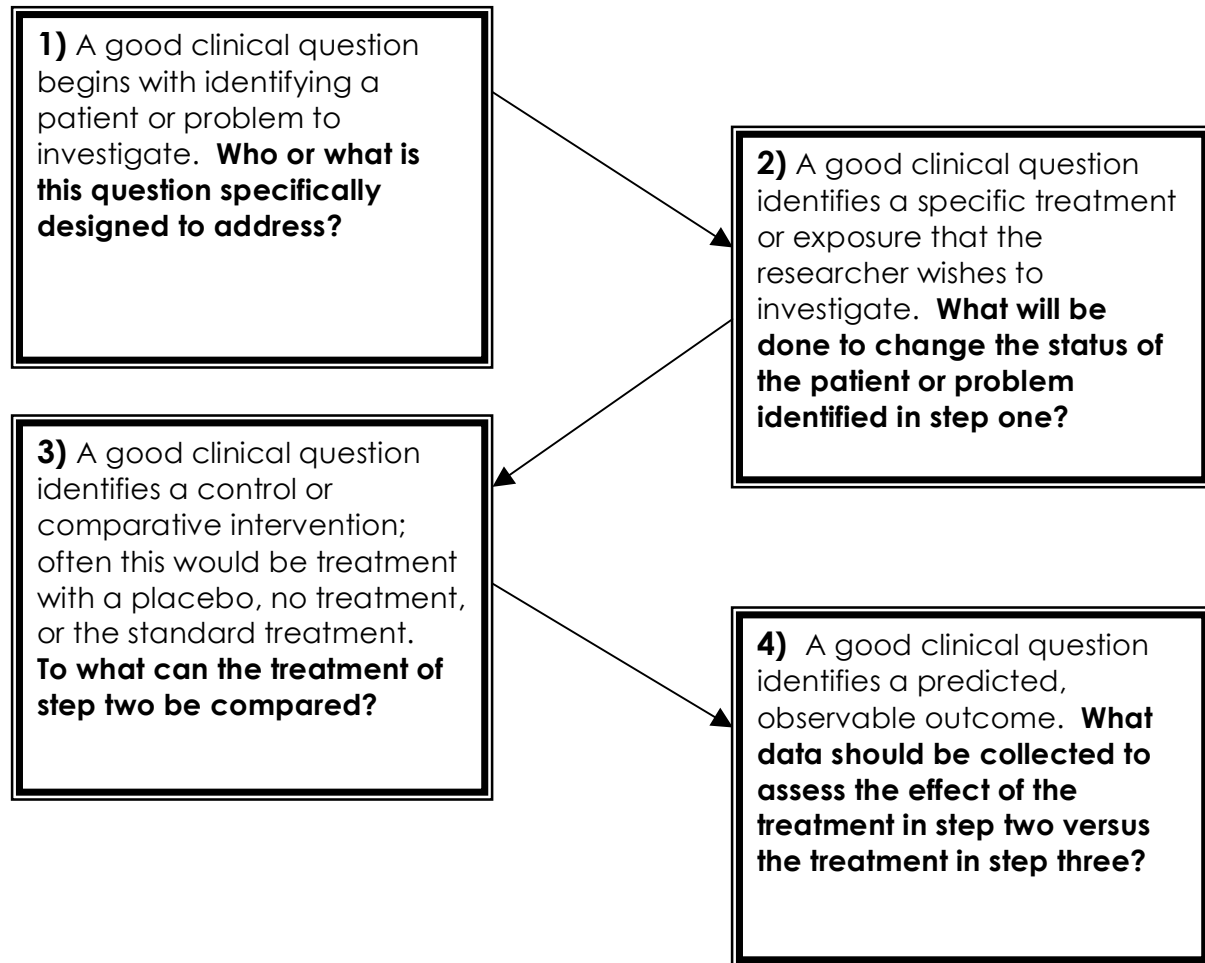


Observing a researchable phenomenon is often much easier than developing a specific clinical question to evaluate that phenomenon. This chart outlines the four important points one must address when using an observed clinical phenomenon to create a well-designed research question.



### Research Question

A good clinical question will help set up a good research question. When transforming a clinical question into a research question, one must consider several questions:

- **Is this question too broad?**  
Is this question a reasonable one for a single study to address?
- **Is this question too narrow?**  
Will there be enough data on this question to perform an entire study?
- **Is this question testable?**  
A good clinical question is designed to be testable. It is important, however, to again ask "Is there a way, using the resources available, that I can test this question?"