Introduction
Healthy People 2020, from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), provides national objectives to guide health promotion and disease prevention efforts in the United States. The objectives provide a framework to monitor and measure improvements in health status of the American population over the decade from 2010 to 2020. Public health program planning/policy development to improve community health should be informed by the best available and most current research evidence.

Purpose
The purpose of the Healthy People 2020 Structured Evidence Queries (SEQs) is to reduce the time and increase the precision of finding and accessing research literature to support the development of evidence-based actions to achieve Healthy People 2020 objectives. The National Library of Medicine (NLM) collaborated with the HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion to develop structured evidence queries, pre-formulated search strategies of NLM’s PubMed database to retrieve citations to published research related to Healthy People 2020 objectives.

Methods
The structured queries were developed by librarians, working in consultation with subject matter experts from federal agencies. The librarians selected Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and text words to develop optimal search strategies to retrieve research literature to support achieving Healthy People 2020 objectives.

Outcomes
The Healthy People SEQs website is organized by Healthy People topic areas. At the current time, structured evidence queries for 289 health objectives in 23 topic areas have been formulated by librarians and reviewed by subject experts. These include the SEQs for all objectives related to the Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicators, a subset of high-priority health issues that represent significant threats to the public’s health. An additional 116 SEQs in 7 topic areas are undergoing expert review and are available in beta version; SEQs for the remaining 12 topic areas are under active development.

Conclusion
Healthy People 2020 Structured Evidence Queries facilitate access to peer-reviewed research evidence to achieve national health promotion and disease prevention objectives. The search queries will be periodically updated and refined and will ultimately be available for all Healthy People 2020 objectives.