

RAPID CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF AN EXPERT OPINION

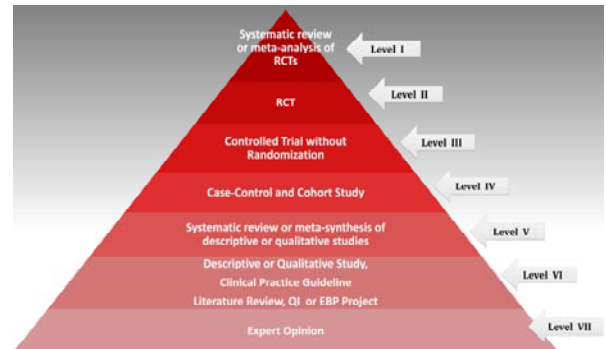
PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LEVEL OF STUDY

Project title:

Date:

Reviewer(s) name(s):

PICOT Question:



Article citation (APA):

Indicate the level of the study you are appraising:

Recommendation for article inclusion in the body of evidence to answer your question:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF STUDY

OVERVIEW

1. Purpose of article:

2. Summary of the opinion:

QUALITY OF STUDY

BASIC ELEMENTS OF AN EXPERT OPINION/REVIEW ARTICLE

1. Was the author a known expert in the field being studied? Yes No Unknown

- What are the author's credentials or other evidence of expertise?

2. Did the author declare any bias? Yes No Unknown

3. Was the patient population, problem, and/or issue clearly described? Yes No Unknown

4. Was a literature search/background section included? Yes No Unknown

5. Was the background literature clearly described/discussed? Yes No Unknown

6. Was the date range of the cited literature current? Yes No Unknown

- What date ranges were included? ? ____ to ____
 - If older literature was included, why was it included?

7. Was more than one point of view reported or referenced? Yes No Unknown

8. Were the author's conclusions clearly presented?

Yes No Unknown

9. Was there freedom from conflict of interest?

Yes No Unknown

- Sponsor/funding agency
- Investigators

10. Were limitations of the expert opinion described and discussed?

Yes No Unknown

11. Were implications for practice suggested?

Yes No Unknown

APPLICABILITY/TRANSFERABILITY: Can I apply these valid, important results?

12. Can the results be applied to my population of interest?

Yes No Unknown

- Is the treatment feasible in my care setting? Yes No
- Do the outcomes apply to my population of interest? Yes No
- Are the likely benefits worth the potential harm and costs? Yes No
- Were the subjects/participants in this study similar to my population of interest? Yes No
- Were all clinically important outcomes considered? Yes No

13. Will you include the article/study in your practice decision to make a difference in outcomes?

Yes No Unknown

- If yes, why would you do this & how would you do this?
- If no, why would you not include the results to make a difference?

STRENGTH OF STUDY

Level of study/article: I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII (Select one)

Quality of study/article: High | Medium | Low (Select one)

STRENGTH = LEVEL + QUALITY

What is the strength of the study/article?

What is your recommendation for article inclusion in the body of evidence to answer your question?

- Include this article in the body of evidence (place article on evaluation & synthesis tables)
- Do NOT include this article in the body of evidence

Additional Comments:

