Clinical Symposia
Methodological Issues

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Hierarchy of Evidence

Levels of evidence

Grades of recommendations

Effective Ineffective/Harmful Grey zone

Research

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Patient information

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Systematic Reviews

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Other evidence
1. Searching: pre-appraised sources

Practice Guidelines →
- National Guideline Clearinghouse
- CMA Infobase
- SIGN
- Guidelines finder (UK)
- Other databases of PG
- MEDLINE

Evidence-compendia →
- Clinical Evidence (issue 7, August 2002)

Systematic reviews →
- Cochrane Library (issue 4, 2002)
- MEDLINE

1. Searching: primary studies

Randomized Controlled Trials →
- MEDLINE

Observational studies →
- Best-Evidence 5

2. Critical Appraisal

Users’ Guide to Biomedical Literature
JAMA 1993-2000

AGREE Instrument
(Final version, September 2001)
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Clinical Symposia Format
- Presentation of clinical scenario and relevant questions 10’
- Remote control vote 5’
- Evidence-based data presentation 15’
- Comments of experts on topic-answers provided by the audience and on grey zones and clinical applicability of evidence 15’
- Open discussion and final remarks 15’

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