

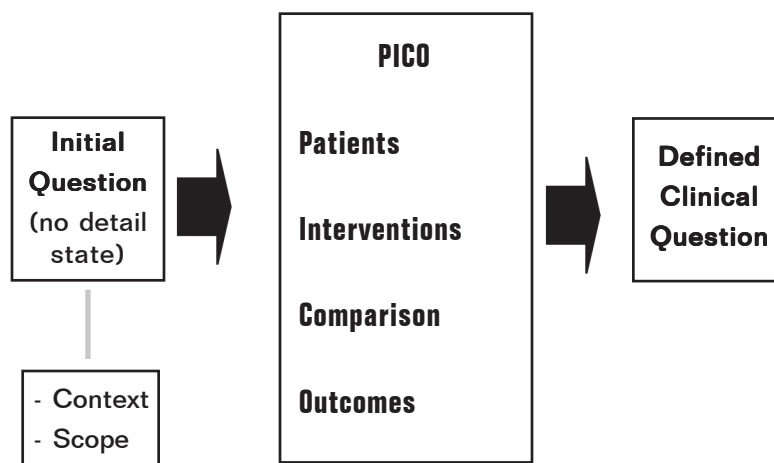


Evidence-Based Medicine Tool Kit

5-Step Evidence-Based Medicine Process Diagram



Define the Clinical Question



Ten Major Considerations

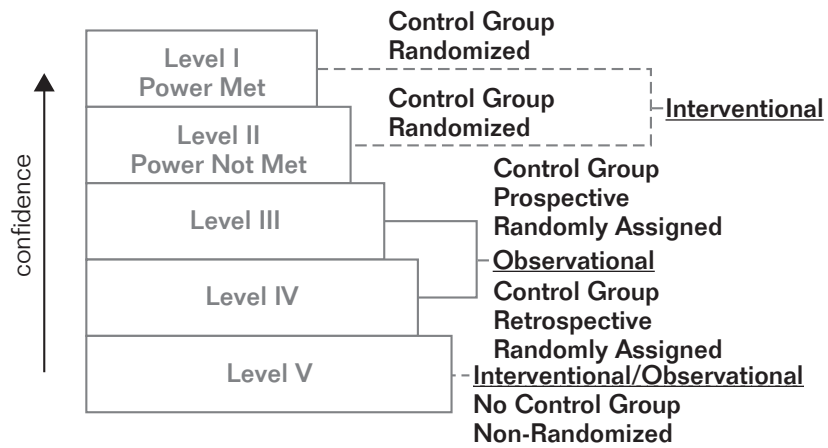
Article Title: _____

Level: (circle one) I II III IV V

Limitations: (circle one) Major Minor

MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS with Justifications for Each	S	L
Power set/met? yes/no		
Dosage/treatment regimen appropriate? yes/no		
Length of study appropriate to show effect? yes/no		
Inclusion criteria adequate? yes/no		
Exclusion criteria adequate? yes/no		
Blinding present? yes/no		
Randomization resulted in similar groups? yes/no		
Biostatistical tests appropriate for type of data analyzed? yes/no		
Measurement(s) standard/validated/accepted practice? yes/no		
Author's conclusions are supported by the results? yes/no		

Levels of Evidence to Categorize Quality of Evidence



Summary Table of Evidence Evaluated

Clinical Question - _____

Article	Outcome	Level of Evidence	Major Limitations

Grading Tool to Determine Strength of Recommendation

GRADE A Level I Trials	_____

GRADE B Level II Trials	_____

GRADE C Levels III, IV, & V Trials	_____

Recommendation Format

THE RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT

- JUSTIFICATION IN A BULLET FORMAT**
- Efficacy
 - Safety
 - Other special considerations/populations
 - Cost