

# RAPID CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF AN EXPERT OPINION

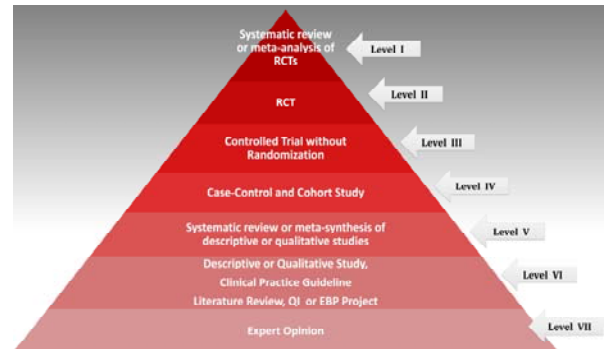
## PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LEVEL OF STUDY

**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 (Circle one)

Quality of study/article: High | Medium | Low (Circle 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:**