

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: THERAPY

Identify and outline your clinical question in plain language:

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Preferred Resource:

☐ Meta-analysis/Systematic Review ☐ RCT ☐ Cohort ☐ Case Control

Databases Searched:

Resource Acquired:

CRITICAL APPRAISAL - RCT

Did intervention and control groups start with the same prognosis?	
Were patients randomized?	
Was group allocation concealed?	

Were patients in the study groups similar with respect to known prognostic variables?	
Was prognostic balance maintained as the study progressed?	
To what extent was the study blinded?	
Were the groups prognostically balanced at the study's completion?	
Was follow-up complete?	
Were patients analyzed in the groups to which they were first allocated?	
How large was the treatment effect?	
What was the relative risk reduction and absolute risk reduction?	
How precise was the estimate of the treatment effect?	
What were the confidence intervals?	

Strength of Evidence:

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 Low Quality High Quality



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How does this apply to your patient?

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