

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM FOR THERAPY STUDY

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Users' Guide:	Article:
Are the Results Valid?	
Did experimental and control groups begin the study with a similar prognosis?	
Were patients randomized?	
Was randomization concealed?	
Were patients analyzed in the groups to which they were randomized?	
Were patients in the treatment and control groups similar with respect to known prognostic factors?	
Were 5 important groups (patients, caregivers, collectors of outcome data, adjudicators of outcome, data analysts) aware of group allocation?	
Was follow-up complete?	
What are the Results?	
How large was the treatment effect?	
How precise was the treatment effect?	
How can I apply the results to my patient care?	
Were the study patients similar to my patient?	
Were all patient- important outcomes considered?	
Are the likely benefits worth the potential harms and costs?	

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