

Search Terms for Retrieving Evidence Based Information¹

	MeSH Terms ²	Text Words ²	Publication Types ²
Therapy	Double-blind method Random allocation Placebos Treatment outcome Research design	Random* Randomized Double-blind Placebo Mask OR masked	Randomized controlled trial Multicenter study Clinical trial Meta-analysis
Diagnosis	Sensitivity and specificity Predictive value of tests ROC curve False positive reactions False negative reactions	Sensitivity Specificity False reaction* Predictive value* ROC	
Etiology/ Harm	Epidemiologic studies Case-control studies Retrospective studies Cohort studies Longitudinal studies Prospective studies Follow-up studies Cross-sectional studies Odds ratio Risk Causality Risk factors	Cohort Case control Risk Etiolog* OR aetiolog* Causation Causal Cause Random Randomized Randomised Randomly	Randomized controlled trial
Prognosis	Epidemiologic studies Cohort studies Longitudinal studies Follow-up studies Morbidity Mortality Incidence Prevalence Prognosis Disease progression Time factors	Prognosis OR prognoses Natural history Inception cohort Clinical course	
Comparative and Clinical Studies	Comparative study		Clinical trial
Meta- Analysis		Metaanalysis Meta analysis Meta-analysis Overview	Meta-analysis

¹Primary information source: McKibbin KA and Dilks CW, "Panning for Applied Clinical Research Gold," Online 1993 Jul;17(4):105-108

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