

Grading of recommendation and evidence

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| A | Supported by at least two level I investigations |
| B | Supported by one level I investigation |
| C | Supported by level II investigations only |
| D | Supported by at least one level III investigation |
| E | Supported by level IV and V evidence |

Grading of evidence

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| I | Large randomized trials with clear-cut results; low risk of false-positive (alpha) error or false-negative (beta) error |
| II | Small randomized trials with uncertain results; moderate-to-high risk of false-positive (alpha) error and/or false-negative (beta) error |
| III | Nonrandomized, contemporaneous controls |
| IV | Nonrandomized, historical controls and expert opinion |
| V | Case series, uncontrolled studies, and expert opinion |