

# CRITICAL REVIEW FORM FOR THERAPY STUDY

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| <b>Users' Guide:</b>  | <b>Article:</b> |
| <b>Are the Results Valid?</b>   |                 |
| <b>Did experimental and control groups begin the study with a similar prognosis?</b>  |                 |
| 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?   |                 |
| <b>Did experimental and control groups retain a similar prognosis after the study started?</b>  |                 |
| Were 5 important groups (patients, caregivers, collectors of outcome data, adjudicators of outcome, data analysts) aware of group allocation? |                 |
| Aside from the experimental intervention, were groups treated equally?  |                 |
| Was follow-up complete?   |                 |
| <b>What are the Results?</b>  |                 |
| How large was the treatment effect?   |                 |
| How precise was the treatment effect?   |                 |
| <b>How can I apply the results to my patient care?</b>  |                 |
| Were the study patients similar to my patient?  |                 |
| Were all patient- important outcomes considered?  |                 |
| Are the likely benefits worth the potential harms and costs?  |                 |