


Types of Evidence	Strength of Evidence
<p><i>Research-Based Evidence</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meta-analysis of multiple controlled clinical trials <li>▪ Experimental studies such as well-controlled randomized clinical trials <li>▪ Systematic reviews of all types of research <li>▪ Multiple non-experimental studies, including descriptive, correlational, and qualitative research <li>▪ Published evidence based practice guidelines, for example by professional organizations <p><i>Non-Research-Based Evidence</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Case studies <li>▪ Program evaluation, quality improvement data, or case reports <li>▪ Opinions of experts – standards of practice, practice guidelines 	<p>Strongest</p>  <p>Weakest</p>

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