

## Critically Appraised Topic (CAT)

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| <b>Levels of Evidence:</b> (For Therapy/Prevention, Etiology/Harm)<br>See <a href="http://www.cebm.net/index.aspx?o=1025">http://www.cebm.net/index.aspx?o=1025</a> |

- 1a** – Clinical Practice Guideline, Meta-Analysis, Systematic Review of Randomized Control Trials (RCTs)
- 1b** – Individual RCT
- 2a** – Systematic Review of Cohort Studies
- 2b** – Individual Cohort Study
- 3** – Cross-sectional Studies, Ecologic Studies, “Outcomes” Research
- 4a** – Systematic Review of Case Control Studies
- 4b** – Individual Case Control Study
- 5** – Case Series, Case Reports
- 6** – Expert Opinion without explicit critical appraisal, Narrative Review
- 7** – Animal Research
- 8** – In Vitro Research

**Strength of Recommendation Taxonomy (SORT) For Guidelines and Systematic Reviews**

See article **J Evid Base Dent Pract 2007;147-150**

- A** – Consistent, good quality patient oriented evidence
- B** – Inconsistent or limited quality patient oriented evidence
- C** – Consensus, disease oriented evidence, usual practice, expert opinion, or case series for studies of diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or screening

**Conclusion(s):**

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