

## LEVELS OF EVIDENCE

- I Evidence from at least one properly randomized controlled trial (RCT)
- II-1 Evidence from well-designed controlled trials without randomization
- II-2 Evidence from well-designed cohort or case-control analytic studies, preferably from more than one centre or research group
- II-3 Evidence from comparisons between times or places with or without the intervention. Dramatic results in uncontrolled experiments could also be included here.
- III Opinions of respected authorities, based on clinical experience, descriptive studies, or reports of expert committees.

Source : The Canadian Task Force on the Periodic Health Examination.  
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