

# The Evidence Pyramid

This is a model for grading evidence. Evidence grading is based on the idea that different grades of evidence vary in their ability to predict the effectiveness of the health practices. Higher grades of evidence are more likely to reliably predict outcomes than lower grades.



The four layers above case reports and case series represent actual clinical research. The least clinically relevant is at the bottom and the most clinically relevant is at the top.

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