

Based on the "Users' Guides to the Medical Literature: A Manual for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice", this worksheet can serve as an aid to the critical appraisal of systematic reviews and summaries of evidence.

Appraiser:

Date:

Citation:

Study
Question:

Are the results valid?

✓ x ? Did the review explicitly address a sensible clinical question?

✓ x ? Was the search for relevant studies detailed and exhaustive?

✓ x ? Were the primary studies of high methodologic quality?

✓ x ? Were assessments of studies reproducible?

What are the results?

✓ x ? Were the results similar from study to study?

✓ x ? What are the overall results of the review?

✓ x ? How precise were the results?

How can I apply the results to patient care?

✓ x ? **How can I best interpret the results to apply them to the care of patients in my practice?**

✓ x ? **Were all clinically important outcomes considered?**

✓ x ? **Are the benefits worth the costs and potential risks?**

Additional Comments: