

Critical Appraisal of a Topic – Summary of Findings

Findings should be summarised using the following template.

Trainees may wish to attach a completed tools or checklists to demonstrate a systematic approach to appraising the evidence included.

Trainee Name			
Proposed USANZ Section Meeting or USANZ ASM		Date	

Focused question:	
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Rationale for selecting the topic	
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1. Literature search

Comment on (as applicable): inclusion/exclusion criteria, electronic sources used for search, keywords/ terms, key studies selected for inclusion.

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2. Analysis of evidence

Comment on (as applicable): appraisal of included studies and checklists used (study design of included papers appropriate for question), grading of studies, comments on any issues with particular studies, statistical analysis.

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3. Conclusion

Comment on (as applicable): application of results back to patient scenario, conclusion/recommendation. Provide detail on implications of findings on practice and relevance to our local population.