

EVALUATION TABLE TEMPLATE

Caveats

1. The **only studies** you should put in these tables are the ones that **you know answer your question** after you have done rapid critical appraisal (i.e., the keeper studies).
2. Use abbreviations and create a **legend** for readers and yourself.
3. Keep your descriptions brief—there should be **NO complete sentences**.
4. This evaluation is for the purpose of knowing your studies to synthesize.

Citation: Author(s), Date of Publication & Title	Conceptual Framework	Design/Method	Sampling	Major Variables Studied and Their Definitions	Measurement of Major Variables	Data Analysis	Study Findings	Appraisal of Worth to Practice Strength of the Evidence (i.e. level of evidence + quality [study strengths and weaknesses])
Author, year, title	Theoretical basis for study	Indicate design & briefly describe what was done in the study	Number, characteristics, attrition rate & why?	Independent variables (e.g., IV1 = IV2 =) Dependent variables (e.g., DV =)	What scales were used to measure the outcome variables (e.g., name of scale, author, reliability info [e.g., Cronbach alphas])	What stats were used to answer the clinical question (i.e., all stats do not need to be put into the table)	Statistical findings or qualitative findings (i.e., for every statistical test you have in the data analysis column, you should have a finding)	Strengths and limitations of the study Risk or harm if study intervention or findings implemented Feasibility of use in your practice Remember: level of evidence + quality of evidence = strength of evidence & confidence to act Use the USPSTF grading schema http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/3rduspstf/ratings.htm

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