

Table 1. Final Evaluation Table

First Author (Year)	Conceptual Framework	Design/Method	Sample/Setting	Major Variables Studied (and Their Definitions)	Measurement	Data Analysis	Findings	Appraisal: Worth to Practice
Chan PS, et al. Arch Intern Med 2010;170(1): 18-26	None	<p>SR</p> <p>Purpose: effect of RRT on HMR and CR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Searched 5 databases from 1950–2008 and “grey literature” from MD conferences Included only <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RCTs and prospective studies with a control group or control period and hospital mortality well described as outcome Excluded 5 studies that met criteria due to no response to e-mail by primary authors 	<p>N = 18 out of 143 potential studies</p> <p>Setting: acute care hospitals; 13 adult, 5 peds</p> <p>Average no. beds: NR</p> <p>Attrition: NR</p>	<p>IV: RRT</p> <p>DV1: HMR (including DNR, excluding DNR, not treated in ICU, no HMR definition)</p> <p>DV2: CR</p>	<p>RRT: was the MD involved?</p> <p>HMR: overall hospital deaths (see definition)</p> <p>CR: cardio and/or pulmonary arrest; cardiac arrest calls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequency Relative risk 	<p>13/16 studies reporting team structure</p> <p>7/11 adult and 4/5 peds studies had significant reduction in CR</p> <p>CR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In adults, 21%–48% reduction in CR; RR 0.66 (95% CI, 0.54–0.80) In peds, 38% reduction in CR; RR 0.62 (95% CI, 0.46–0.84) <p>HMR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In adults, HMR RR 0.96 (95% CI, 0.84–1.09) In peds, HMR RR 0.79 (95% CI, 0.63–0.98) 	<p>Weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential missed evidence with exclusion of all studies except those with control groups Grey literature search limited to medical meetings Only included HMR and CR outcomes No cost data <p>Strengths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified no. of activations of RRT/1,000 admissions Identified variance in outcome definition and measurement (for example, 10 of 15 studies included deaths from DNRs in their mortality measurement) <p>Conclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RRT reduces CR in adults, and CR and HMR in peds <p>Feasibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RRT is reasonable to implement; evaluating cost will help in making decisions about using RRT <p>Risk/Benefit (harm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> benefits outweigh risks