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Are the results of the systematic review valid?

1. Is this a systematic review of randomized trials?	
2. Does it include a methods section that describes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding and including all the relevant trials • assessing their individual validity 	
3. Were the results consistent from study to study?	
4. Were individual patient data (or aggregate data) used in the analysis?	

Are the results of the systematic review important?

1. What is the magnitude of the treatment effect?	
2. How precise is the treatment effect?	

Are the results applicable to your patient?

1. Is your patient so different from those in the study that its results cannot apply?	
2. Is the treatment feasible in your setting?	
3. What are the patient's potential benefits and harms from the study?	
4. What are the patient's values and expectations for both the outcome you are trying to prevent and the treatment you are offering	