

# AORN Hierarchy of Evidence

RESEARCH	<b>I</b>	SYSTEMATIC REVIEW – All studies RCTs RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL (RCT)
	<b>II</b>	SYSTEMATIC REVIEW – All studies Quasi-Experimental or a combination of RCTs and Quasi-Experimental QUASI-EXPERIMENTAL
	<b>III</b>	SYSTEMATIC REVIEW – All studies Non-Experimental or a combination of RCTs, Quasi-Experimental, and Non-Experimental Any or all studies Qualitative NON-EXPERIMENTAL QUALITATIVE
NON-RESEARCH	<b>IV</b>	CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES CONSENSUS or POSITION STATEMENTS
	<b>V</b>	LITERATURE REVIEW CASE REPORTS EXPERT OPINION ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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