



Continuing Education Online Interactive Course

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Is Awarded 2 Hour(s) of Continuing Education Credit For Successful Completion of:
Using Research for Clinical Decision-Making: Evaluating a Research Report

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Upon completion of this course, the dental professional should be able to:

- Explain why the oral health practitioner needs to know how to judge the quality of a research report.
- State why the oral health practitioner should know when the research report was published.
- Explain why the oral health practitioner should know where the research report was published.
- State why the oral health practitioner should review the qualifications of the authors.
- Explain why it is important to evaluate whether the purpose is clearly stated.
- Explain why it is important to evaluate whether the experimental design is clearly described and appropriate.
- Explain why the oral health practitioner should evaluate whether all possible influences on the findings were identified and controls instituted.
- Explain why the oral health practitioner should determine if the sample is appropriate with regard to the number and characteristics of the subjects.
- Discuss why the oral health practitioner should determine if the reliability of the scoring has been assessed.
- Describe some of the considerations in deciding whether comparisons between groups are appropriate.
- Describe some of the considerations in deciding whether the investigation is of sufficient duration.
- Explain why it is important to know if the statistical analysis is appropriate to answer the research questions or hypotheses.
- Describe how the oral health practitioner would determine if the research questions or hypotheses were answered.
- Explain the importance of evaluating whether the interpretations and conclusions logically follow the experimental findings and to what population the findings may be generalized.
- Determine the basis for adopting new therapy or products in clinical practice.

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