



# Introduction

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# Housekeeping

- ❖ Assistance
- ❖ Catering
- ❖ “Wine tasting”
- ❖ Phones / pagers
- ❖ Fire alarm



# Acknowledgments



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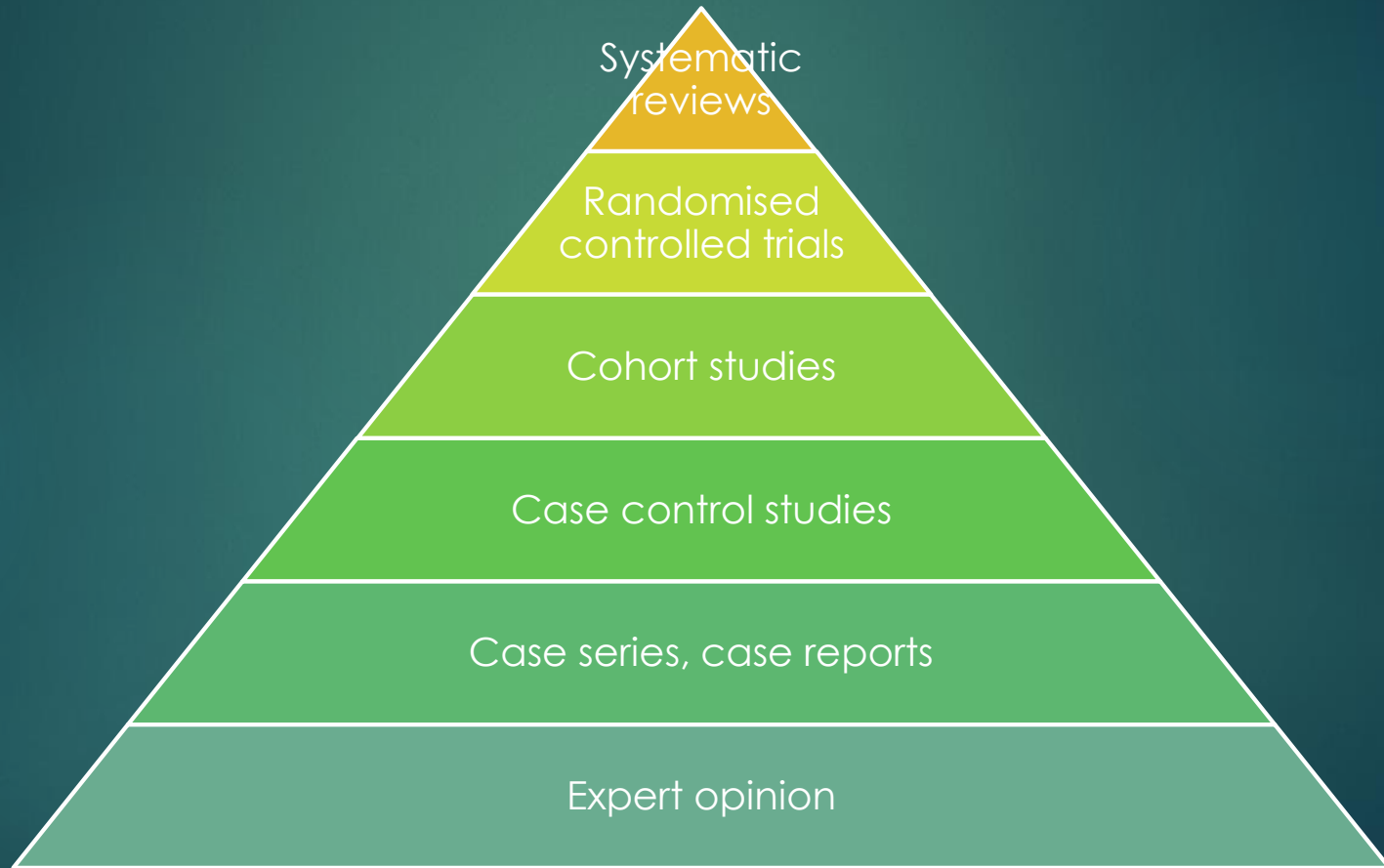
# Evidence-based medicine



“The practice of evidence based medicine means integrating individual clinical expertise with the best available external clinical evidence from systematic research”.

Sackett et al, 1996

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# Statistics

“While the individual man is an insoluble puzzle, in the aggregate he becomes a mathematical certainty. You can, for example, never foretell what any one man will be up to, but you can say with precision what an average number will be up to. Individuals vary, but percentages remain constant. So says the statistician”.

*Arthur Conan Doyle*

# Statistics

“The average human has one breast and one testicle”.

*Des McHale*

# Pharmacology

