



# COMMUNITY MEDICINE

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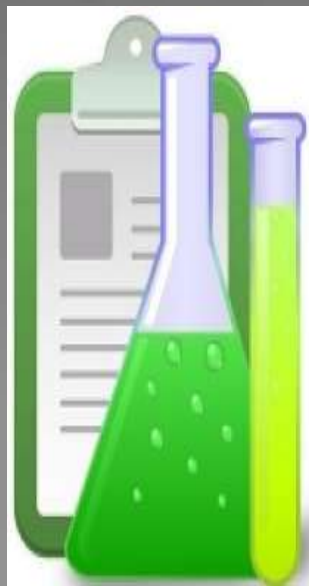
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# Good Morning



# EXPERIMENTAL (INTERVENTION) STUDIES



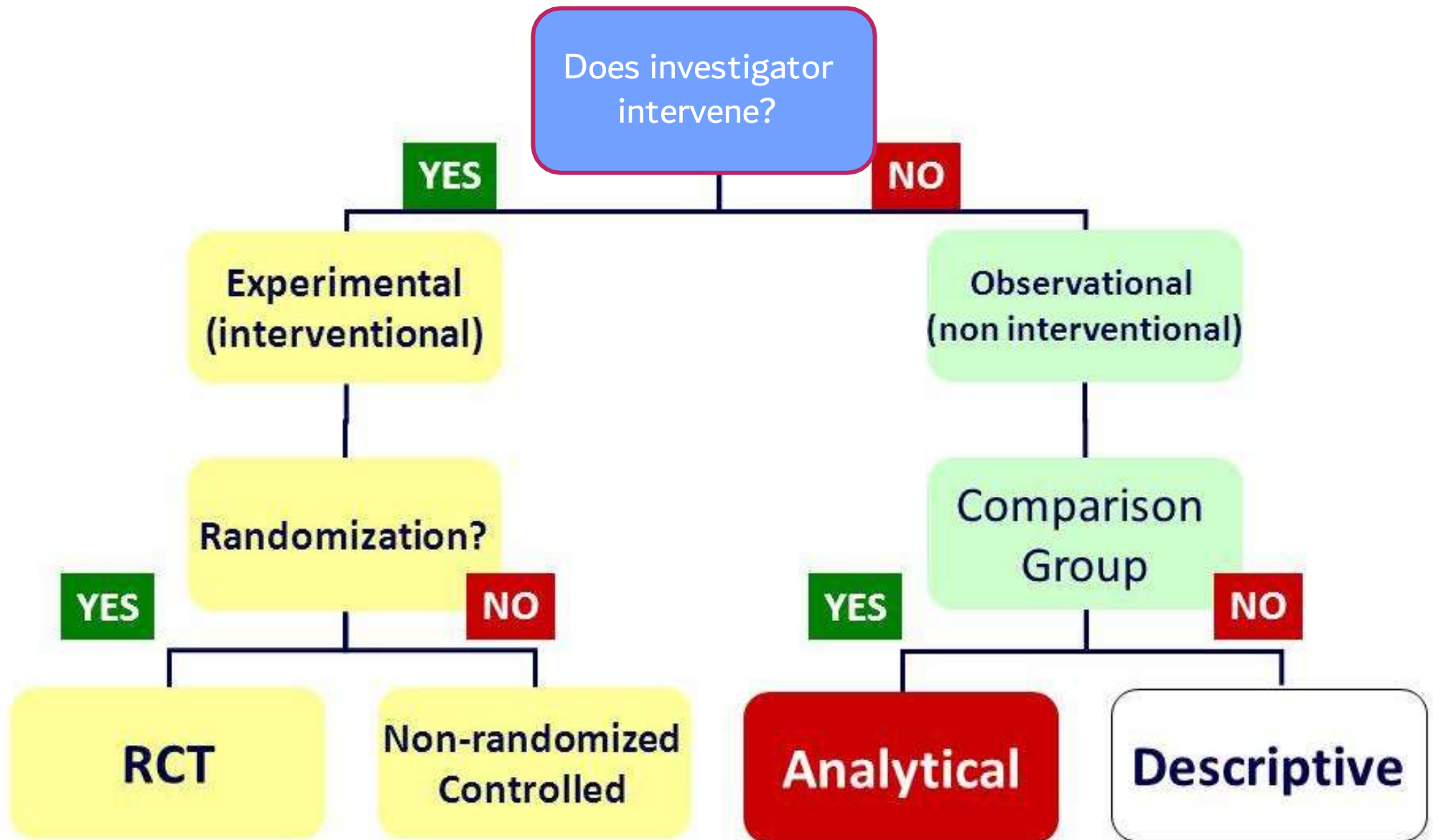
يعطيكم العافيه ,,المحاضره خفيفه لطيفة  
ودكتورة ما ضافت اشياء زياده كثير اساسا

Intervention study

من اسمها معناها دراسه تجريبية  
يعني حنجرب دواء ,علاج , مطعوم جديد ع  
ناس

حيكون فيه جروبين واحد بنعطيه دواء  
جديد والجروب الثاني يا اما بنعطه placebo  
او بوخذ العلاج القديم وبنضل نراقب شو  
بصير معهم

# Study Designs



Randomized controlled trial

# Quantitative epidemiological studies

Observational

Descriptive

Surveillance

Case Reports & Series

Cross-sectional

Analytical

Case control

Cohort

Experimental

Clinical Trials

Community Trials

# Experimental (Intervention) studies: (Proving cause-effect relationship)

It involves an active attempt to change a variable in one or more group of people.

They can be considered as a type of prospective cohort study, because participant are identified on the basis of their exposure status & followed to determine whether they develop the outcome or not but the scientists in experimental study controls the exposure not to be left for chance like cohort study.

\*\*بتشبه cohort study بنضل نراقب شو بصير للجروبين

status :drug , risk factor, vaccine..... \*\*exposure

\*\*controls the exposure : determine dose of drug ,duration of study.....

# Experimental (Interventional) Studies





# Ethical points must be considered



It should have beneficial effect to patients, not to harm anyone by intervention



Participants should know what the experiment is and have the right to refuse

بهمهم تاريثات هلا اذاو جلاعب وش وا لمعب وش ءاود هنا هليكن ينعي  
ليصافت



If any unplanned complications occur to any participant he should be excluded

مزال ةيحص هلكشم نيكراشما نم دحاول راص ول.  
هصخب يش لك نع لوؤسم نوكتب هلصحملا هجلاعاو ةبرجتلا نم هعلطا



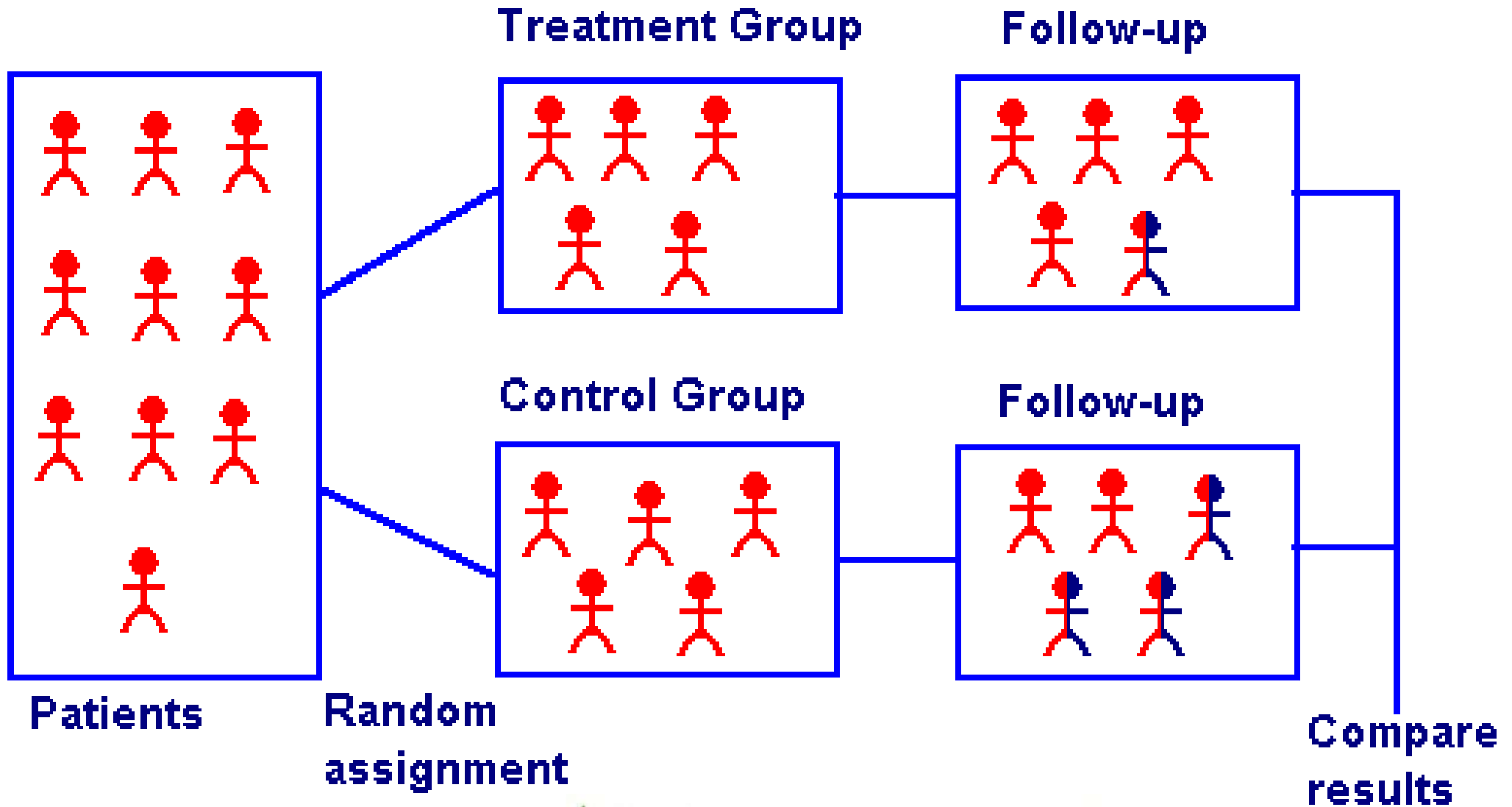
# 1) Clinical Trials

It is usually used to **assess the efficacy** of a new line of **treatment** (a new drug for example) or **to compare 2 types of treatments** (surgical or medical).

The **diseased subjects** are **randomly allocated** into 2 groups, "**treatment**" group (who are given the new drug) & "**control group**" (who are given the usual treatment or no treatment as placebo).

بنوهمه انه بوخذ دواء عشان ما يتيغر behavior

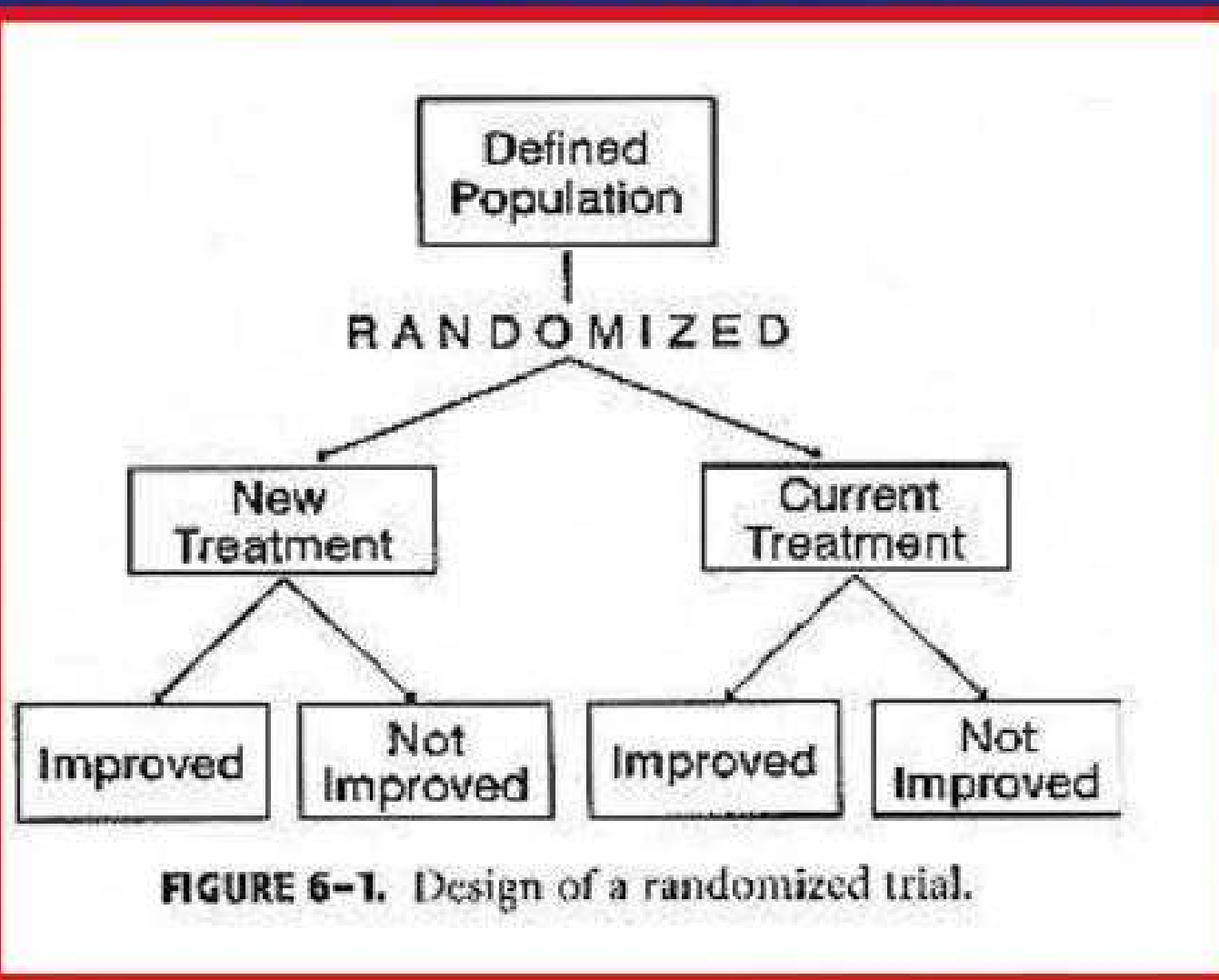
The **results are assessed** by **comparing the health improvement** of the 2 groups at the end.



20 MAY | Clinical Trials Day



# Design of a Randomized Clinical Trial



**FIGURE 6-1.** Design of a randomized trial.

# Randomization

- ⊠ By use of **random table**. It is the most convenient way.
- ⊠ e.g. odds number assigned to the treatment group & even number to the placebo group.



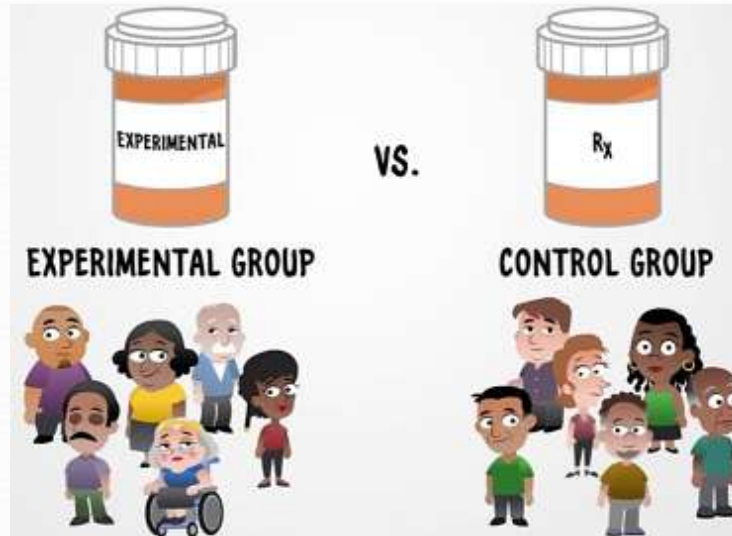
مثل الي اخذناه sampling  
بعطي المشاركين ارقام وبرتبههم بجدول  
بعدين بختار عشوائى وبقسمهم لجروبين  
او يحطلي الارقام الفردية ويكونوا همه  
جروب الي بوخذوا الدواء  
والي ارقامهم زوجية بوخذوا placebo

# RANDOMIZATION



Random Allocation ?

Yes



No

Randomized  
Controlled trial

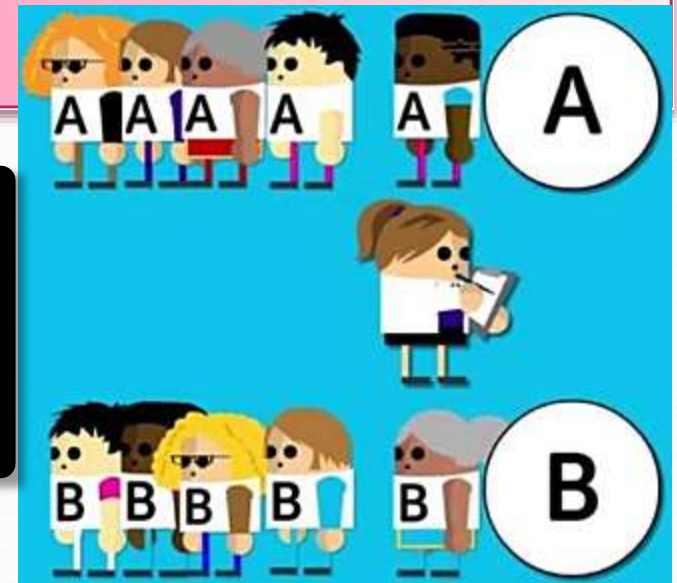
**(RCT)**

Non-Randomized  
Controlled trial

# Matching

- ⊠ A matched pair design used to arrange explicitly that the **treatment & control groups are similar for the main variables** such as age, sex.
- ⊠ **Participants are paired** and one from each pair is **allocated randomly** to either group this matching should be preserved till the level of data analysis.

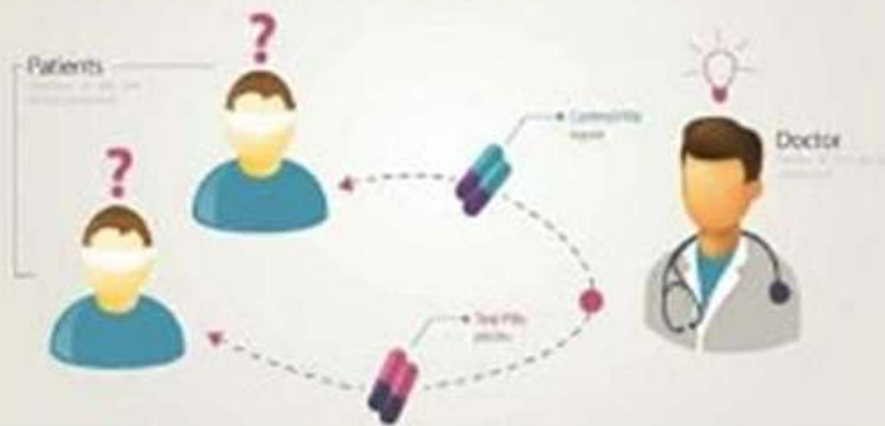
RANDOM ALLOCATION



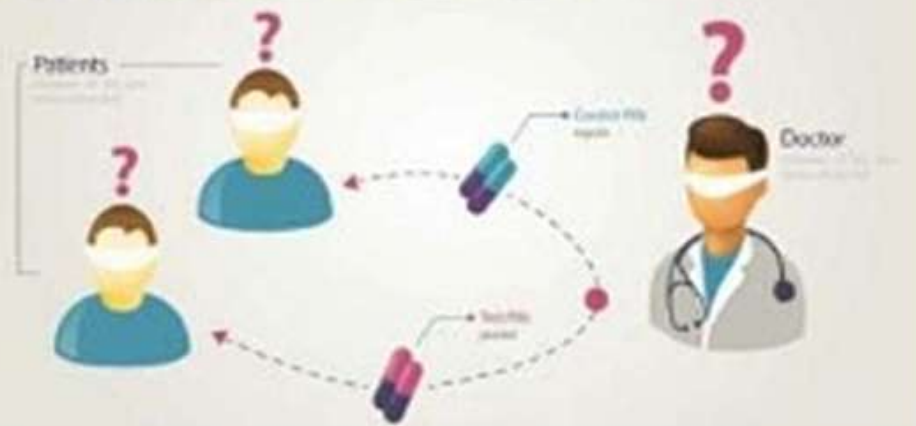
# Single – Double Blind Designs

- ⊠ A single blind design is when the investigator knows the preparation but not the participants.
- ⊠ In double blind method, both the investigator & the participants do not know the intervention. A 3<sup>rd</sup> person (designer) only knows. It assures fair unbiased selection.

## SINGLE BLIND



## DOUBLE BLIND





## Single blind :

هون انا بكون عارفه انه الجروب الاول اخذ الدواء الجديد الي بدي  
اعمل عليه التجربة والجروب الثاني ماخذ placebo او العلاج القديم  
بس الناس الي بعمل عليهم التجربة ما بعرفوا شو باخذوا اي نوع فيهم

## Double blind :

هون لا انا ولا المتطوعين الي معي بالبحث بعرفوا شو باخذوا اي نوع  
بس فيه واحد ثالث بكون اسمه designer هو الي بكون عارف كل واحد شو  
ماخذ اي نوع  
هسا ليه investigator بكونوا مش عارفين كل جروب شو الي ماخذه عشان لما  
اقابلهم ما اعطيهم تلميح ويجي المتطوع يصير يغير behavior بناء ع الحكي الي  
حكيتته

# Basic types of RCT

1. Preventive trials
2. Intervention trials
3. Therapeutic trials

# 1. PREVENTIVE TRIALS

- ▶ Also known as prophylactic trials
- ▶ Focus on individuals without the study disease (i.e, those in the stage of susceptibility).
- ▶ Purpose: to determine if a particular intervention reduces the risk of some adverse outcome.
- ▶ Ex:

A preventive trial was conducted at the Stanford University school of Medicine to see if reducing the use of television, video tape and video games among a sample of elementary school students reduces obesity. Result showed significant reduction in BMI triceps skin fold thickness, waist circumference and waist to hip ratio among the experimental studies compared to the controls

معرضين للمرض  
بس بالاصل همه  
بكونوا ناس سليمة

## 2.INTERVENTION TRIALS

- ▶ These RCT's focus on high risk individuals (i.e, those in the stage of presymptomatic disease)
- ▶ Purpose: to test intervention to see if they can forestall disease development.
- ▶ Ex:  
A trial to determine the efficacy of treating HTN individuals with ascorbic acid to lower BP might be considered an intervention trail to forestall the development of heart disease and stroke.

بلش يصير عندهم  
المرض بس لسنا فيش  
اعراض

هون بنشوف اذا بقدر  
أأخر بداية اعراض  
المرض

Ascorbic acid :vit c

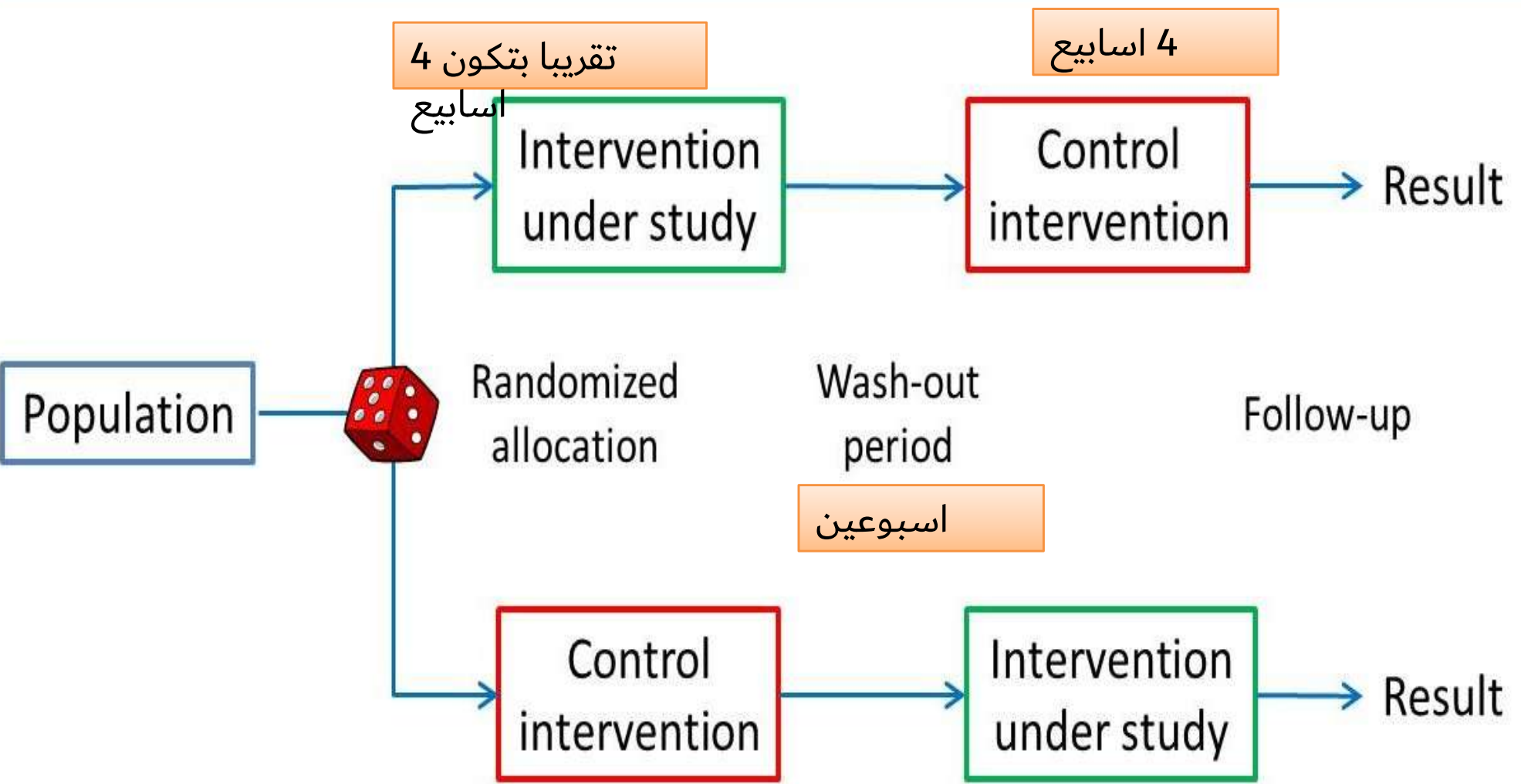
## 3.THERAPEUTIC TRIALS

- ▶ Focus on patients with existing disease or disability (i.e, those in the stages of clinical disease are diminished capacity)
- ▶ Purpose: to test interventions that might cure disease or improve a patients quality of life.
- ▶ Commonly used in testing the new drugs and medical procedures.
- ▶ Ex:  
Effectiveness of manual physical therapy and exercise in osteo- arthritis of the knee

حشوف مين مفيد اكثر العلاج الطبيعي احرك المفاصل  
passive او التدريبات

# Cross-over design:

- ⊠ In a clinical trial of **short term benefits** it may be appropriate to **use participants as their self- controls**.
- ⊠ For example: the same participant shares in the first drug experiment then shares in the second drug experiment.
- ⊠ This method will match the difference between participants.



تقريبا بتكون 4 اسابيع

4 اسابيع

Population



Randomized allocation

Wash-out period

Follow-up

اسبوعين

Control intervention

Intervention under study

Result

كل الدراسة ع بعضها بتوخذ تقريبا شهر ونص

## Phase 1 (4 weeks)

**Group 1:**  
Salt Restricted Diet  
N=29 ( $n_{UM}=17$ ;  $n_{UNC}=12$ )

**Randomization**

**Group 2:**  
Usual Diet  
N=29 ( $n_{UM}=20$ ;  $n_{UNC}=9$ )

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## Phase 2 (4 weeks)

**Group 2:**  
Salt Restricted Diet  
N=29 ( $n_{UM}=20$ ;  $n_{UNC}=9$ )

**Cross Over**

**Group 1:**  
Usual Diet  
N=27 ( $n_{UM}=15$ ;  $n_{UNC}=12$ )



## Phase 1 :

حكينا مدتها تقريبا 4 اسابيع ,,المهم بالبدايه بنقسم الناس الي بدها تشارك بالبحث لجروبين

جروب منهم بكون treatment group الي حيؤخذوا العلاج الجديد  
والجروب الثاني همه control group الي حيؤخذوا العلاج القديم او placebo  
لحتى يخلصوا هذول 4 اسابيع بنعطيهم اسبوعين اسمهم wash out استراحة الههم  
وبوقف البحث

بعد هيك ندخل ع phase 2 برضو مدتها 4 اسابيع هون الجروب الاول الي كانوا يؤخذوا  
العلاج الجديد بصيروا يؤخذوا العلاج القديم  
والجروب الثاني برضوا بعكسوا  
بعد هيك بنشوف نتائج البحث وبس خلصنا وسلامتكم

## CONCURRENT PARALLEL STUDY DESIGN

Random Assignment

Subjects

Exposed to specific Treatment

Unexposed to specific treatment

Observation

Compare Outcome

Time

## CROSS-OVER TYPE OF STUDY DESIGN

Random Assignment

Subjects

Exposed to specific Treatment

Unexposed to specific treatment

Observation

Compare Outcome Exposed and Unexposed to treatment

Time

## STRENGTHS

- They can demonstrate causal relationships with a high level of confidence due to tightly controlled conditions not possible in observational studies.
- They allow investigators to control the exposure levels as needed.

## WEAKNESS

- They have limited applicability due to ethical considerations, It may be difficult to achieve adequate sample size requirements due to reliance on volunteers and strict eligibility criteria.
- They are usually costly and time consuming to implement.
- An ecological fallacy can occur if inferences based on the group data are made about individuals in the communities.

النقطة الاولى يعتمد عدد المشاركين  
يمكن يكونوا مش كثار  
ثالث نقطه ما بقدر اعمم هاي النتيجة ع  
كل الكوميبنتي

## 2) Community trials:

They involve people who are not diseased (but presumed likely to be at risk) & the sample is drawn from the community.

Data collection takes place in the field.

For example: in studies carried out to assess the efficacy of new vaccines.

مثل وضعنا حاليا لمطعوم كورونا المفروض يكونوا بشتغلوا على  
يشوفوا الناس الي اخذت المطعوم اذا رجعوا انصابوا او صار عندهم complication

The participants are divided into 2 groups: 1<sup>st</sup> who is the experimental group (will take the new vaccine) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is the control group (will not take the vaccine).

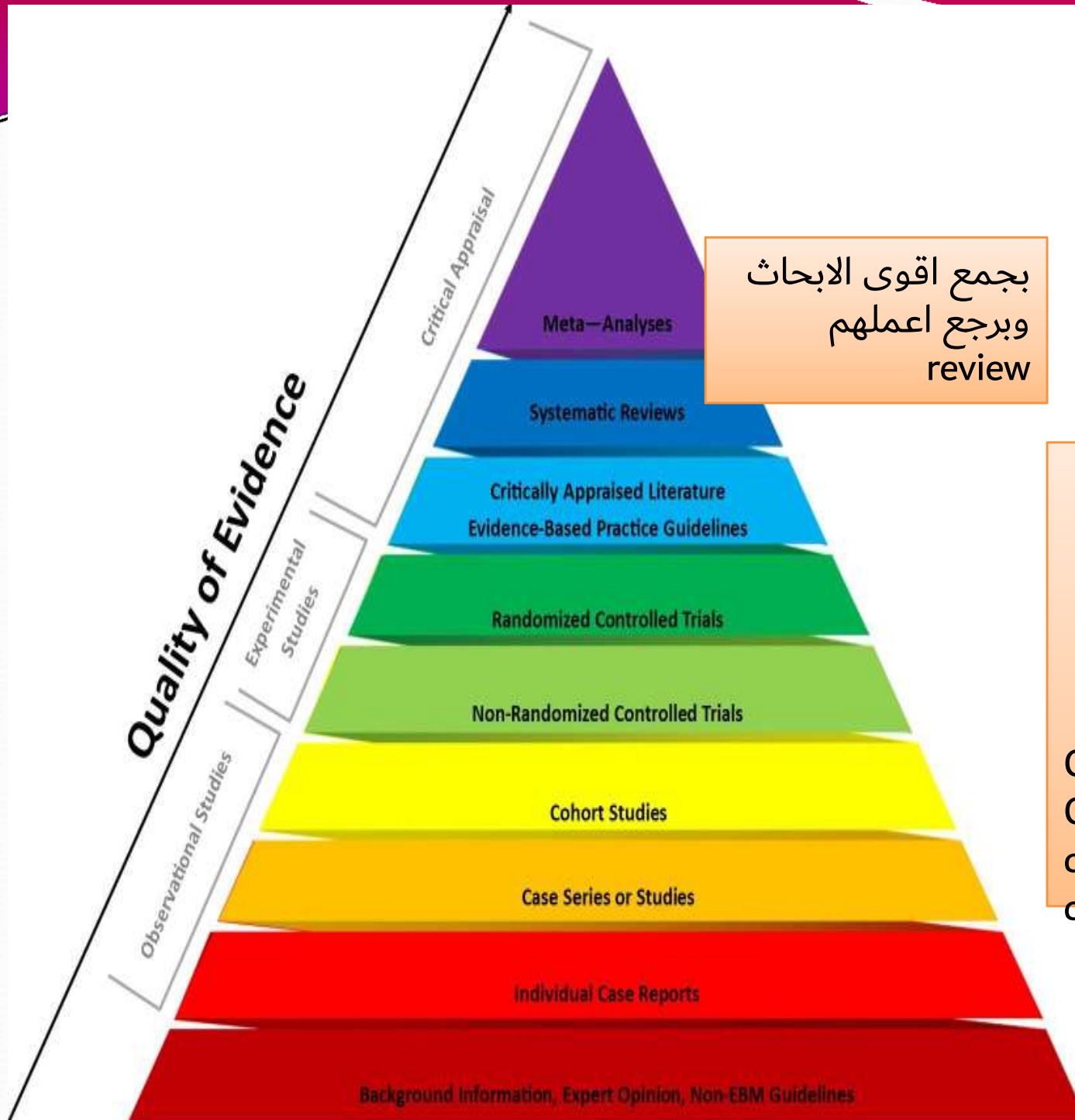
The participant will be followed to compare the level of occurrence of the disease in both groups. Therefore, these groups should be alike as much as possible in all aspects other than the treatment /intervention received.

## CONCLUSION

- ▶ One important advantage of experiments over observational studies is that well designed experiments can provide good evidence for causation.

Cause effect relationship

لانه عملت controlled to exposure



بجمع اقوى الابحاث  
وبرجع اعمالهم  
review

ما بين case series and cohort study  
فيه اثنين زياده الكم لانكم  
محترمين :

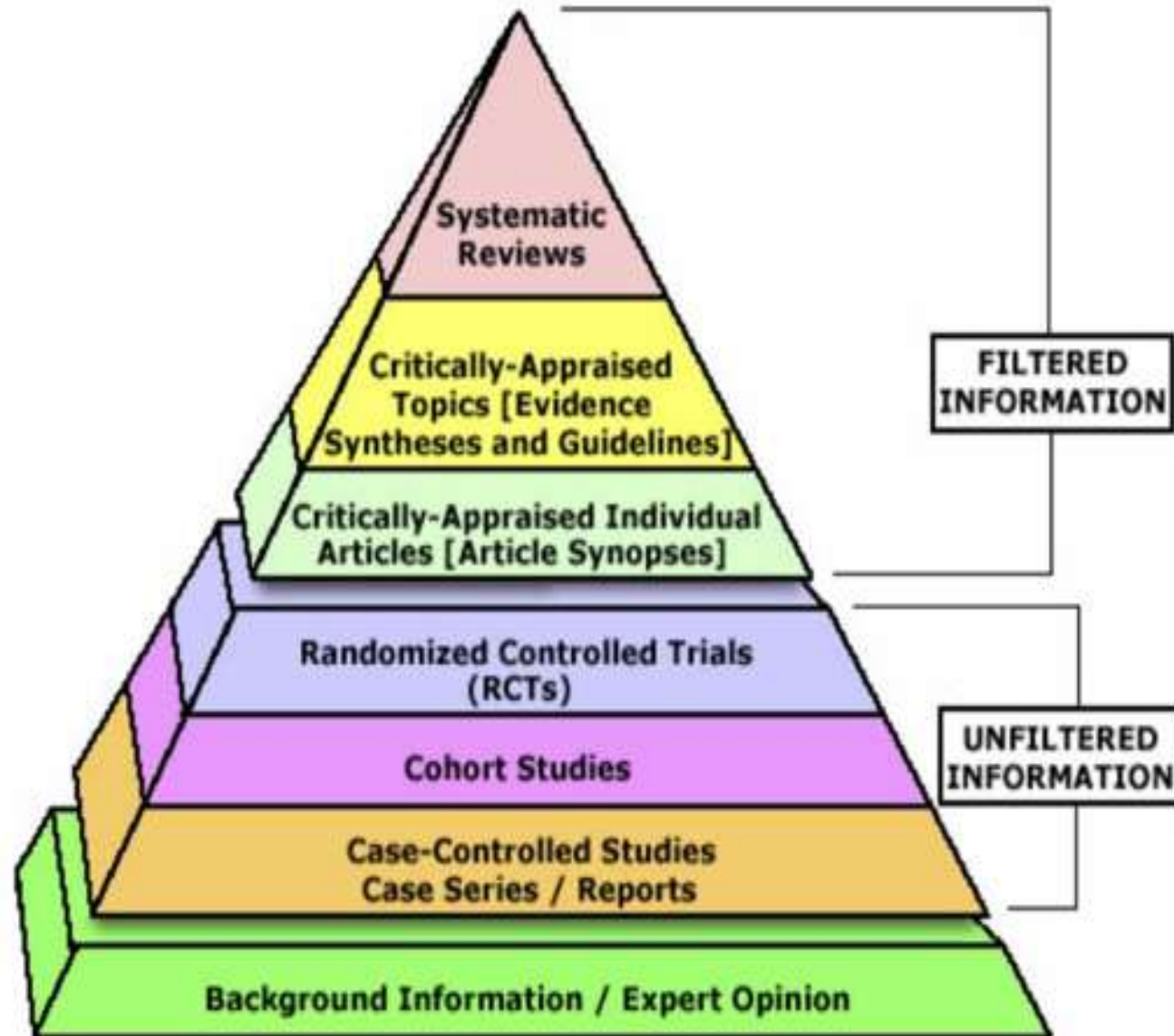
يعني الترتيب بصفي

Case series

Cross sectional study

case controlled

cohort





# RISK ASSESSMENT



# Aim of risk assessment

- To measure the degree of **association** between certain risk factor and the occurrence of a disease
- To **quantify** this risk in order to provide preventive measures.



# In cohort study

A group of individuals, some are **exposed** to certain risk factor and others are **not exposed**, are followed over time and the rate of occurrence of the disease among the two groups are compared.

Therefore, we can calculate the **incidence** of occurrence of the disease among both groups.

The ratio between the two incidences is called the **Relative Risk (RR)**.

اکثر من واحد یعنی بقدر احکي انه فيہ risk

# 1- The relative risk (RR):

- Ratio of the incidence of the disease among exposed to the incidence of disease among non exposed.
- Measure of the strength of association between the suspected cause & the effects.

$$RR = \frac{\text{Incidence among exposed}}{\text{Incidence among none-exposed}} = \frac{(I_e)}{(I_o)} = \frac{10}{1} = 10$$

# Interpretation of RR

**< 1**

- Risk in exposed less than non-exposed “-ve association; possible protective”

**1**

- Risk in exposed equal to non-exposed “no association”

**> 1**

- Risk in exposed greater than non-exposed “+ve association; possible casual”

## 2- Attributable Risk (AR)

بنحسب فيهم Cohort study  
relative risk + attributed risk  
بس

- ⊠ AR is the portion of disease incidence in the exposed that is due to the exposure “the **excess risk** due to specific factor”.
- ⊠ Therefore = the incidence of a disease in the exposed that would be eliminated if the exposure were eliminated.
- ⊠ **AR = risk(incidence) in exposed – risk(incidence) in non-exposed** which provides the risk difference

$$AR = I_e - I_0$$

Incidence للمرض صار عشان exposed

Example: to study the association between smoking & cancer lung, a cohort of 200 workers was followed for one year and the following was found:

<b>Cigarette smoking</b>	<b>+ve lung cancer</b>	<b>-ve lung cancer</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>

The incidence of cancer among smokers= $35/100$

The incidence of cancer among non-smokers= $5/100$

$$RR=0.35/0.05=7$$

أكثر من 1 يعني انها risk factor

meaning that smokers are at risk of cancer lung 7 times more than non- smokers.

$$AR=0.35-0.05=0.3$$

meaning that smoking increase risk of cancer lung by 0.3 (30%).

# Case-control study

هون ما بنحسب  
relative risk + attributed risk  
بس بنحسب  
odd ratio

The sampling is carried according to **disease** rather than exposure status. A group of individuals are identified as having the disease (the **cases**) is compared with a group of individuals not having the disease (the **control**) and their status of prior exposure to a certain factor is assessed. Information about incidence among exposure and non-exposure cannot be calculated.

$$\text{OR} = \frac{\text{No. of diseased among exposed} / \text{No. of not diseased and exposed}}{\text{No. of diseased among non-exposed} / \text{No. of not diseased and non-exposed}}$$



Exposure	Disease	
	Cases	Control
Exposed	a	b
Not Exposed	c	d
Total	a+c	b+d

## How to calculate the odds ratio?

What is the odds that a case is being exposed?

هون توضيح كيف طلع  
معها القانون

$$\frac{a}{a+c} \div \frac{c}{a+c} = \frac{a}{c}$$

What is the odds that a control is being exposed?

$$\frac{b}{b+d} \div \frac{d}{b+d} = \frac{b}{d}$$

$$OR = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

What is the estimated risk (**odds ratio**)?

$$\frac{a}{c} \div \frac{b}{d} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

لو بدنا نحسب odd ratio ل cohort study  
بزبط بس حيطلع النتيجة كبيرة كثيره  
بس خلص ريحوا حالكم ولا تحسبوها

## An odds ratio of

1.0  
or  
(  $\approx 1.0$  )

- Means that the odds of exposure among cases is the same as the odds of exposure among controls

- The exposure is not associated with the disease.

$> 1.0$

- Means that the odds of exposure among cases is greater than the odds of exposure among controls.

- The exposure may be a risk factor for the disease

$< 1.0$

- Means that the odds of exposure among cases is lower than the odds of exposure among controls

- The exposure may be protective against the disease.

**1**

**Protective**

**No relation**  
between exposure  
& disease

**Risk**

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$OR = 35/65 \div 5/95 = 10.23$   
which is different from the **relative risk**.  
Therefore **OR** should be used cautiously



حساب الارقام غلط الموجوده بالاسلايد المفروض يكون

$$\frac{9535^*}{17} =$$

بهذا المثال جربت الدكتور\*565\* ب odd ratio للمثال الي  
كان عند cohort study  
المهم بالآخر طلعت النتيجة كبيرة كثير تقريبا 17 بس لما  
حسبناها على relative risk كانت 7

relative risk + attributed risk Cohort study >>  
odd ratio >> Case-control study  
ركزت عليهم الدكتور

هيك بنكون خلصنا اي سؤال جاهزة ان شاء الله ♥

Nour Al-zoubi ♥

