

# Evidence-Based Practice (Basics)

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## What is EBP?

- best research evidence with
- clinical expertise and
- User/client/patient preferences,

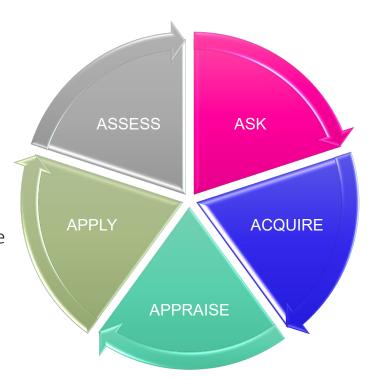
producing the most appropriate and effective care





## The 5 steps process of EBP

- 1. <u>Ask:</u> Convert the need for information into an answerable question.
- 2. <u>Acquire/Find:</u> Track down the best evidence with which to answer that question.
- **3. <u>Appraise:</u>** Critically appraise that evidence for its validity and applicability. Level of scientific certainty
- 4. <u>Apply:</u> Integrate the critical appraisal with clinical expertise and with the patient's unique biology, values, and circumstances.
- **5.** <u>Assess/Evaluate:</u> Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency in executing steps 1-4 and seek ways to improve them both for **next time**



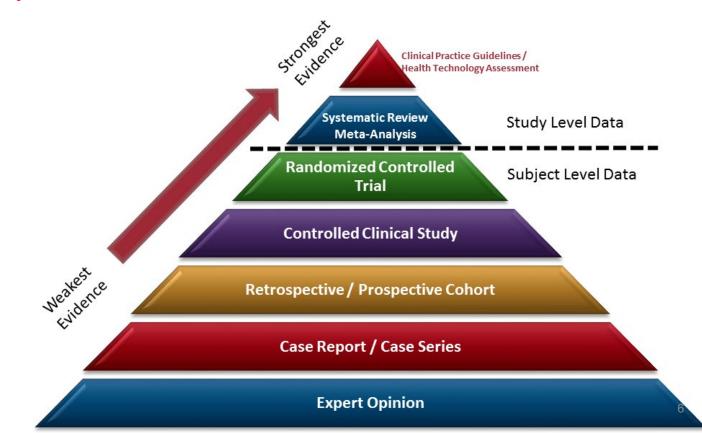
## What for?

- Guiding **problem solving** during clinical practice
- Taking part of clinical decision making
- Having measurable and realiable outcomes of an intervention

#### EBP has also some barriers and limitations such as:

- BARRIER-. Time/workload pressure in clinical settings
- LIMITATION-.Sometimes difficult to translate to the real-world applications

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Welcome to the GRADE working group

From evidence to recommendations – transparent and sensible

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#### Stop!

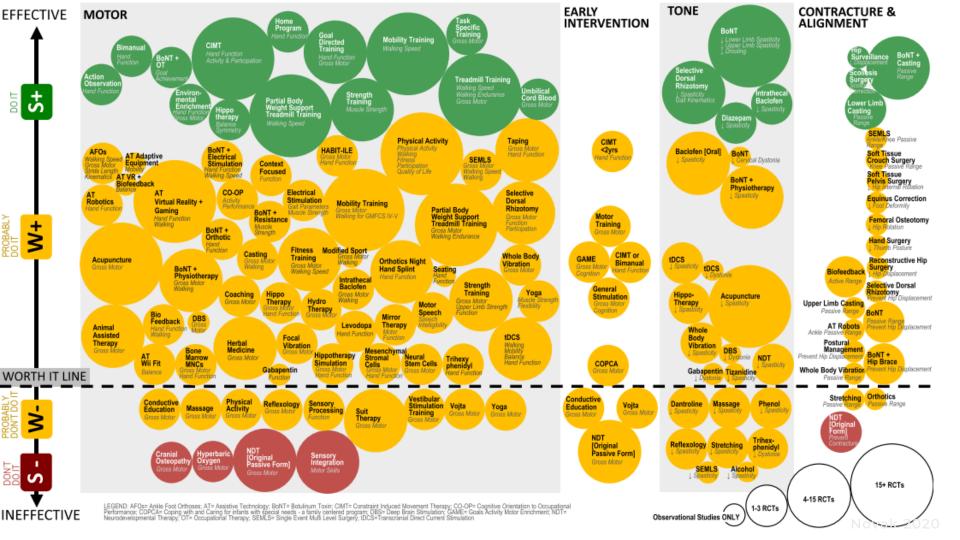
because high-quality evidence from RCTs and systematic reviews indicates ineffectiveness or harm

Measure (and re-measure) clinical outcomes because either:

- (i) promising evidence suggests possible effectiveness, but more research would increase our confidence in the estimate of the effect;
- (ii) no research exists and therefore effects are unknown
- (iii) (iii) conflicting findings exists and therefore it is unclear how a patient might respond

#### Go!

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## Appraise & Apply: CRITICALLY read scientific papers

- Highlight
- Summarize
- Size the outcomes and implications
- Questions about limitations
- Contrast with other papers

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"Prioritize the physiotherapy strategy with the greatest available evidence"



### Apply & Assess: set and consense meaningful outcomes



## Why EBP has not been totally implemented?

**Attitudes** 

PT think EBP is important

Behaviours

Most PT don't use EBP

Possible reasons

Failure to remain up to date with evidence

Absence of gold standards/Scientific knowledge gaps

Lack of knowledge of what is evidence-based physiotherapy

Lack of skills to use EBP

Lack of time/money

No incentives for research or apply EBP

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## **Gracias**

