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|  | STUDY DESIGN | OPTIONAL MODIFIERS |
| Reporting observation on a single patient? | CASE REPORT |  |
| Reporting observations on multiple patients, with similar findings, or treated in a similar way, but without a comparison group? | CASE SERIES |  |
| Comparing observations or results on similar patients who have been treated in more than one way? Comparing a treated and untreated group? | COMPARATIVE CASE SERIES |  |
| Comparing previous exposure(s) between a group of patients with a given disease or outcome and a group without the given disease or outcome? | \*CASE-CONTROL STUDY |  |
| Determining the prevalence of a symptom, sign, or disease in a group of individuals or examining associations between factors at one point in time? | CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY | Clinic-based, hospital-based, community-based, population-based |
| Reporting on a group of individuals with defined characteristics before developing a condition or undergoing a procedure, and then observing them over time for the appearance of a disease or surgical result or complication. | COHORT STUDY |  |
| Reporting the results of a clinical experiment, that you have registered with clinicaltrials.gov or a similar database, in which defined groups of subjects receive different treatments, placebo, or no treatment? | CLINICAL TRIAL | Randomized, non-randomized, masked, multicenter |
| Evaluating a diagnostic test or comparing more than one diagnostic test? | EVALUATION OF DIAGNOSTIC TEST OR TECHNOLOGY |  |
| Developing a questionnaire or interviewing instrument? | QUESTIONNAIRE DEVELOPMENT |  |
| No human subjects studied (only tissue, biopsies, and animals)? | EXPERIMENTAL STUDY |  |
| Reporting the available data addressing a specific clinical question? | SYSTEMATIC REVIEW or META-ANALYSIS |  |
| Reporting on a phase 4 open-label study, a registry or surveillance system, or an administrative database? | DATABASE STUDY |  |