### Grade Not Assignable (GNA)

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**Consistency of local consensus**
- There is insufficient evidence to answer the clinical question.

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### Grade

#### High

- **Strong designs** for answering the question addressed
- **Clinically important and consistent** results with minor exceptions at most
- **Free of any significant doubts about validity** (low risk of bias, generalizability, design flaws)
- **Adequate statistical power** (including studies showing no difference)
- Benefit is greater than any risk of harm
- Patient’s values and preferences are supported or considered

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#### Moderate

- **Clinically important and consistent** results with minor exceptions at most
- **Free of any significant doubts about validity** (low risk of bias, generalizability, design flaws)
- **Adequate statistical power** (including studies showing no difference)
- Some uncertainty due to validity threats (generalizability, bias, design flaws or adequacy of statistical power)
- Benefit is greater than any risk of harm
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#### Low

- **Multiple studies**, unless large effect and very clinically important
- **Clinically important and consistent** results with minor exceptions at most
- **Free of any significant doubts about validity** (low risk of bias, generalizability, design flaws)
- Adequate statistical power (including studies showing no difference)
- **Some uncertainty due to either**
  - **Validity threats** (generalizability, bias, design flaws or adequacy of statistical power) or
  - **Inconsistency**
- Benefit is greater than any risk of harm
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**Either**

- **Multiple studies**
- **Weaker designs** for answering the question addressed
- **Consistent results** with minor exceptions at most

**Or**

- **Multiple studies**
- **Weaker designs** for answering the question addressed
- **Consistent results** with minor exceptions at most

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#### Very Low

- **Uncertainty due to either**
  - **Validity threats** (generalizability, bias, design flaws or adequacy of statistical power) or
  - **Inconsistency**
- Health professional opinion is the only relevant published information
- Published studies give inconsistent results or are seriously flawed

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**Published non-research articles**
- Insufficient quality to meet Low criteria above

**Consistency of results**
- Yes

**Confirmation**
- There is published and/or local consensus, but little or no research, to answer the clinical question.
- Further research is very likely to have an important impact on the answer.

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### Local Consensus

- Studies have not been performed or published AND
- Local consensus has been established

**Consistency of local consensus**
- There is insufficient evidence to answer the clinical question.

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### References