

The RAPID by UCLA IM Residents

Rapid Access to Prioritized Information and Data

Welcome to The RAPID!

1. Objectives

- **The objective of the RAPID is to create a sustainable mechanism for the transfer of up-to-date information and literature that clinicians need in order to practice evidence-based medicine.**

- **Also, the RAPID aims to provide an opportunity for residents to be involved in the process of critical appraisal of literature and collaborative selection process as clinical experts.**

2. Who runs the RAPID?

The RAPID is a **resident-driven** project, with supervision provided by faculty members, targeted for any clinician in the UCLA system - residents and attendings alike.

3. How are the articles nominated?

A **committee** of residents evaluate major journals on a monthly basis. Each resident is assigned to one general medicine journal and a subspecialty journal based on their interest. The list of journals and assignments are on medres.

Upon critical appraisal of the articles, residents will nominate articles to the committee. A set of inclusion guidelines developed by the Health Information Research Unit at the McMaster University is provided for reference during this process. (please refer to the attached word document)

The nominated articles will go through a further selection process based on ratings provided by the committee members.

4. How are the articles rated and selected?

The MORE (McMaster Online Rating of Evidence) rating system is used. (This is the rating system used for the ACP Journal Club, Evidence-based Medicine, PIER, as well as BMJupdates)

The rating system asks two questions: Relevance and Newsworthiness. The rating is on a scale of 0 to 7 for each category. (please refer to the attached word document) Based on the ratings provided, we select 3-4 articles to be presented per monthly session.

The articles may also be of an unpublished, but in the news study (such as the recent ACCORD or ENHANCE trial).

5. How are the selected articles presented?

Each article is presented by a resident from the committee for 10-12 minutes to the audience, which includes time for discussion.

The last 5 to 10 minutes of the 50minute session is devoted to other updates on new treatment guidelines, medication use, or black box warnings.

6. Timeline

Two weeks prior to RAPID session – nominations due

One week prior to RAPID session – ratings due

6. Why join the RAPID Committee?

To improve up-to-date teaching and have fun! Being involved in the process of article selection and rating significantly increases your knowledge base.

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