



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

You are invited to attend a free half- day workshop

Critical Appraisal of Randomised Controlled Trials

Friday 5th March 2010 (8:30 am - 12.30 pm)

At the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, The University of Newcastle, Bloomfield Campus, Forest Road, ORANGE, NSW (Room Conference B)

Saturday 20th March 2010 (8:30 am – 12:30 pm)

At the University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus, Therapies Rd, St Lucia, Brisbane, QLD
Room 304 of the Therapies Annex Building (84A)

Presented by members of the OTseeker team (www.otseeker.com):

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Overview: This workshop is aimed at allied health professionals who want to learn how to critically appraise and interpret findings from randomised controlled trials (RCTs).

Workshop Program

- Overview of evidence databases: OTseeker, PEDro, PsycBITE™ and speechBITE™
- Methodological biases affecting study results
- The PEDro scale: Explanation of 10 criteria with examples from RCTs
- Practical sessions rating an RCT
- Discussion of critical appraisal challenges

Learning Objectives: By the end of this workshop, professionals will be able to:

- Name methodological features of RCTs which introduce bias
- Critically appraise published RCTs using the PEDro scale
- Begin to recognise and interpret important results in published RCTs

Cost: No charge for attendance.

RSVP: Registration is essential, please see registration form attached.

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