

Definitions of Level of Evidence

Level 1

- 1a Systematic reviews of Randomized Control Trials (RCTs)
- 1b Randomized Controlled Trials (RCT)
- 1c RCTs for Robotic technique studies (robotic vs other robotic study arm, not comparing to other surgical methods)

Level 2

- 2a Systematic reviews of comparison studies
- 2b Prospective non-randomized studies and small N* RCT's
- 2c Database (ecological) studies

Level 3

- 3a Systematic reviews including some single arm studies
- 3b Retrospective non-randomized studies and small N* prospective comparison studies

Level 4

- 4a Literature Reviews of single arm studies
- 4b Single arm studies and small N* retrospective studies

Level 5 (Case reports, Animal, Cadaver, Bench studies or Editorials)

*This refers to studies with small sample sizes, or <20 subjects.