Notes on learning and teaching about Therapy:

1. This is a CORE subject area, so we suggest that you make sure to spend some time reading and becoming comfortable with issues to pertaining to articles about therapeutics. Largely this entails learning to love the Randomized Controlled Trial methodology.

2. Terms pertaining to the Randomized Controlled Trial.

Much has been written about those methodologic features that are critical to the valid study of interventions such as therapeutic drugs or procedures. In order to get comfortable with these methods and the vocabulary that goes with them, we would like you to look for the following terms and concepts in your reading:

- Randomization
- Stratification
- Allocation Concealment
- Blinding (masking)
- Co-interventions
- Cross-over
- Contamination
- Relative Risk
- Relative Risk Reduction or Relative Benefit Increase
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- Number Needed to Treat (NNT)
- Confidence Intervals
- Intention to treat Analysis