



GEMs Guidelines for Selecting an Article

The GEMs writing project is ideal for residents or faculty new to the critical appraisal and publication process. This project is perfect for authors that have some early experience in critical appraisal (through FPIN's PURLs Journal Club) and can use this writing experience as a building block for authoring FPIN's HelpDesk Answers (HDAs).

Article Requirements

There are three requirements for an article to be approved as a GEM.

- 1) The article cannot be a literature review.
- 2) The article must have been published within the last three years.
- 3) The article is not a duplicate.

To ensure your article is not a duplicate, please review the Database of Taken GEMs Studies. If the article appears in your search of the database, it is NOT available.

If an article meets all three of these requirements, it will be approved to write as a GEM. We discourage authors from beginning the writing process until they have received approval.

Suggestions for Selecting a Good Article

The following are tips for selecting a good article to write a GEM on.

- Select a systematic review and meta-analysis, randomized controlled trial, or cohort study.
- Select an article with numerical results in the abstract that you can easily understand (avoiding articles with complicated statistical analyses).
 - o Easily understandable statistics include mean differences, standardized mean differences, hazard ratios, risk ratios, relative risks, odds ratios, etc.
- Select an article from an indexed primary care journal. The following are some journals to start: *NEJM, JAMA, Lancet, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, BMJ, Annals of Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Annals of Emergency Medicine, Journal of the American College of Cardiology, Chest, Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine*
- Select an article about a topic you are interested in.