

Critical appraisal checklist and think points

Relevance

- What difference will the research make to diabetes cure, care and treatment?
- Is the research relevant to a specific population (e.g. over 70's) of people with diabetes, and does this matter?
- What impact do you think the research will have?

Rigour

- Is the study well planned?
- Does the plan taken account of how people with diabetes will participate?

Recruitment

- Is the sample (planned number of people with diabetes in the study) big enough?
- How easy will it be to recruit to the study? Would you take part?
- Is it clear how to join the study, and what information is available?
- Have they thought about how to make it easy for people with diabetes to take part in the study?
- What will encourage people to stay in the study? How will they hear about the results?

Results

- What is being measured?
- What is the most important measurement of patient benefit?
- Do you have other suggestions for measurements for patient benefit?

Reporting

- How will the results of the study be shared with the diabetes patient, carer and clinical communities?
- Are there others that need to hear about the research results?
- How will the people that participated in the research hear about the results?