

A study comparing at least two interventions, in which the eligible participants are allocated randomly to the intervention group, or groups, and the control group.

**Acronym:** RCT

**Note 1:** The control may be a standard practice, a [placebo](#), other active intervention, or no intervention.

**Note 2:** Participants may be individuals or groups (eg unit of randomization in a cluster randomized controlled trial).

**Alternate spelling:** randomised controlled trial