

Chapter 11

Specific Types of Quantitative Research



Tell whether the following statement is true or false:

Phase I clinical trials involve seeking opportunities for refinements and preliminary evidence of efficacy.





False

Phase II clinical trials involve seeking opportunities for refinements and preliminary evidence of efficacy. Phase I features of the intervention that are finalized.

Clinical Trials

- Effectiveness of clinical interventions
- Phase I
- Phase II
- Phase III
- Phase IV

Sequential Clinical Trial

- Data from paired "mini-experiments"
- Continuously analyzed
- Preference measures
- Stopping rules



Tell whether the following statement is true or false:

Practical clinical trials aim to reduce the gap between efficacy and effectiveness studies.





False

Practical clinical trials are designed to provide information to clinical decision makers.

Practical Clinical Trials

- Also called pragmatic clinical trials
- Provide information to clinical decision makers

Evaluation Research

- Effectiveness of a program, policy, procedure
- Assist decision makers

Question

What is the purpose of an outcome analysis?

- A. Describes the status of some condition after the introduction of a program
- B. Tests whether a program causes net impacts
- C. Describes the process by which a program gets implemented and functions in practice
- D. Assesses whether the monetary costs of a program are outweighed by benefits



Answer

A

Outcome analysis describes the status of some condition after the introduction of a program.

Impact analysis tests whether a program causes net impacts.

Process analysis describes the process by which a program gets implemented and functions in practice.

Cost analysis assesses whether the monetary costs of a program are outweighed by benefits.



Various Analyses

- Process or implementation
- Outcome
- Impact
- Cost or economic
 - Cost-benefit analysis
 - Cost-effectiveness analysis
 - Cost-utility analysis





Tell whether the following statement is true or false:

Outcome research examines the quality and effectiveness of health care and nursing services.





True

Outcome research examines the quality and effectiveness of health care and nursing services.



Outcome Research

- Quality and effectiveness of health care and nursing services
- Health care quality
 - Structure
 - Process
 - Client risk factors
 - Outcomes

Survey Research

- People's characteristics, behaviors, and intentions by asking them to answer questions
- Personal interviews
- Telephone interviews
- Questionnaires

Secondary Analysis

- Researchers analyze previously collected data.
- Economical
- Difficult to identify appropriate existing data base

Needs Assessment

- Needs of group or community
- Three main needs
 - Key informant
 - Survey
 - Indicators approach



Tell whether the following statement is true or false:

The Delphi technique is a method of problem solving in which one round of questionnaires are sent to a panel of experts.



False

The Delphi technique is a method of problem solving in which several rounds of questionnaires are sent to a panel of experts, not one round.

Delphi Technique

- Problem solving
- Several rounds of questionnaires

Replication Studies

- Identical
- Virtual
- Systematic extension replication

Methodologic Studies

- Development
- Validation
- Assessment