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Definition: Validation of Risk/Needs Assessment (RNA) instruments to ensure that the instrument predicts equally across populations

Suggestions for future research

• Proper training and instruction for all involved researchers and practitioners

While eleven articles were deemed relevant to the search, only four were identified as meta-analyses on risk assessment validation studies. Interestingly, no meta-analyses included primary studies validating the Level of Service Inventory (LSI) or the Wisconsin Risk-Needs Assessment, two of the most widely used risk assessment instruments. Future research should seek to fill this knowledge gap so that researchers and practitioners may understand the effectiveness of various risk-needs assessments for different populations.

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