Evidence Table H-2b. Support observational studies quality rating

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| **Author, year Country** | **Study Type** | **(1) Did the study attempt to enroll all (or a random sample of) patients meeting inclusion criteria, or a random sample (inception cohort)?** | **(2) Were the groups comparable at baseline on key prognostic factors (e.g., by restriction or matching)?** | **(3) Did the study maintain comparable groups through the study period?** | **(4)Did the study use accurate methods for ascertaining exposures and potential confounders?** | **(5) Were outcome assessors and/or data analysts blinded to the exposure being studied?** | **(6) Did the article report attrition?** | **(7) Did the study perform appropriate statistical analyses on potential confounders?** | **(8) Is there important differential loss to followup or overall high loss to followup?** | **Overall Quality Rating** | **Funding Source** |
| Ochs, 200524 US | Cohort | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | Fair | Hill-Rom |
| Valente, 201225  US | Cohort | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Unclear | No | Poor | Sigma Theta Tau International |
| Warner, 199226  US | Retrospective Cohort | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | Poor | John A. Hartford Foundation/ American Federation for Aging and Research |