

Objectivity

Definition: *Objectivity* is the quality of being **unbiased, impartial, and based on observable facts**, rather than personal opinions, interpretations, or emotions.

Clinical Context

- Objective findings are **measurable, replicable, and independent** of the observer.
- Common examples:
 1. Vital signs (e.g., blood pressure, heart rate)
 2. Laboratory values (e.g., serum sodium 134 mmol/L)
 3. Imaging results (e.g., CT showing midline shift)

Contrast with Subjectivity

Aspect	Objective	Subjective
Basis	Facts, measurements	Personal perception
Example	Glasgow Coma Scale score = 8	Patient reports “feeling dizzy”
Replicability	High	Low
Influence	Minimal emotional bias	High potential for bias

Importance

- Enhances **scientific rigor** and **clinical reliability**
- Essential in:
 1. Evidence-based medicine
 2. Clinical trials
 3. Prognostic scoring systems
 4. Peer-reviewed publications

Related Concepts

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