

Retrospective Controlled Cohort Study

A Retrospective Controlled Cohort Study is a type of [observational study](#) in which researchers look back in time (using existing data) to compare outcomes between two or more predefined groups (cohorts) based on their exposure or treatment status.

Key Features:

[Retrospective study](#): The study uses past records or data (e.g., medical charts, registries) to identify both exposures and outcomes.

[Controlled study](#): There is a comparison group—often a control cohort that did not receive the intervention or exposure of interest.

[Cohort study](#): Participants are grouped based on a shared characteristic or exposure, such as having received a particular treatment.

Temporal relationship: The exposure precedes the outcome, but both have already occurred at the time of study initiation.

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