

Open/open label

open *adj* - [ME, fr OE; akin to OHG *affan* open, OE *ūp* up] [general] 1. Freedom of choice or option. 2. Free from concealment. 3. Having no enclosing or confining barrier; not **closed**. [**trials**] 1. Of or relating to **treatments** assigned or administered as chosen or dictated by the treating physician or **patient**. 2. Of or relating to a system of **treatment assignments** in which assignments are known or can be determined by those responsible for administration of the treatments, eg, a scheme in which the assignments to be made are posted in a **clinic** for all to see or an **odd-even** method of treatment assignment involving **unmasked treatments**. 3. Not **masked**. 4. Of or relating to a trial still **enrolling** patients. *Usage note:* The most common usage is as a euphemism for **treatment designs** in which the **treatment** to be administered is selected by the **study physician** or **patient**. Avoid in such contexts by using more informative terms, as noted in comments for **open trial**.

open label *adj* - [**trials**] Of or relating to a **trial** in which **study treatments** are administered in **unmasked** fashion; characterization used primarily in relation to **drug trials**. *Usage note:* Avoid; use **unmasked**. See also notes for **open** and **open trial**.

open label trial *n* - 1. **nonmasked drug trial** 2. Any **nonmasked trial**. *Usage note:* Not recommended because of potential for confusion with **open trial** (defns 1, 2, or 3). Use **nonmasked trial**.

open treatment assignment *n* - 1. **Treatment assignment** resulting from an **open treatment assignment schedule**, eg, as from a schedule posted in the **clinic** giving the order of assignment. 2. **uncontrolled treatment assignment** (defn 2) *Usage note:* Not a recommended term; if used at all, use with caution for reasons stated in usage note for **open trial**.

open treatment assignment schedule *n* - A **treatment assignment schedule** that is not **masked** ant: **masked treatment assignment schedule** *Usage note:* Note that a treatment assignment schedule is considered to be open even if the treatments are not identified by name, as in the case of a schedule for a **double-masked trial** in which assignments correspond to numbers of bottles containing **placebo** or **test** medications. See also **masked treatment assignment schedule**.

open trial *n* - 1. A **trial** in which the treating physician (or some other person in a **clinic**) or the **patient** selects the **treatment** to be administered. 2. A trial in which **treatment assignments** are known in advance of being made, eg, schemes where assignments are posted or in systematic schemes, such as **odd-even methods of treatment assignment**, where the scheme is known. 3. A trial in which treatments are not **masked**; **nonmasked trial**. 4. A trial still **enrolling**. 5. A trial involving an **open sequential design**. *Usage note:* Generally used as a euphemism for a trial not involving adequate safeguards against **treatment assignment bias** (defns 1 or 2). Avoid by use of appropriate descriptors such as **uncontrolled treatment assignment** in the sense of defn 1 and **unmasked treatment assignment** in the sense of defn 2. Use **nonmasked trial** in the sense of defn 3. If used in the sense of defns 4 or 5 make certain that the term is not taken to denote conditions described in defns 1, 2, or 3.