1. Which two groups of women were compared? What were the inclusion and exclusion criteria?
2. What was the primary outcome studied? What were secondary outcomes studied?
3. How long was follow up? Do you believe the follow up to be sufficient length of time to determine a clinically meaningful difference? What duration of follow up would be optimal?
4. Was there a sample size or power calculation? How was the study size determined?
5. Did the authors comment on the number of potentially eligible women? How many potentially eligible women were not included in the study, and what were the reasons for exclusion, e.g. how many women has both anterior/apical and posterior repairs and how many did not complete the questionnaires? Would you have wanted to know this information?
6. Was there a significant difference in the primary outcome? What about after accounting for potential confounding variables? Were there any other confounding variables you might have included?
7. How would you have designed a retrospective cohort study differently to address the research question?
8. What types of bias do you see in this study?
9. Comment on the generalizability of these results.
10. What main conclusions do you reach from the data?
11. How might the results of this study change your practice?