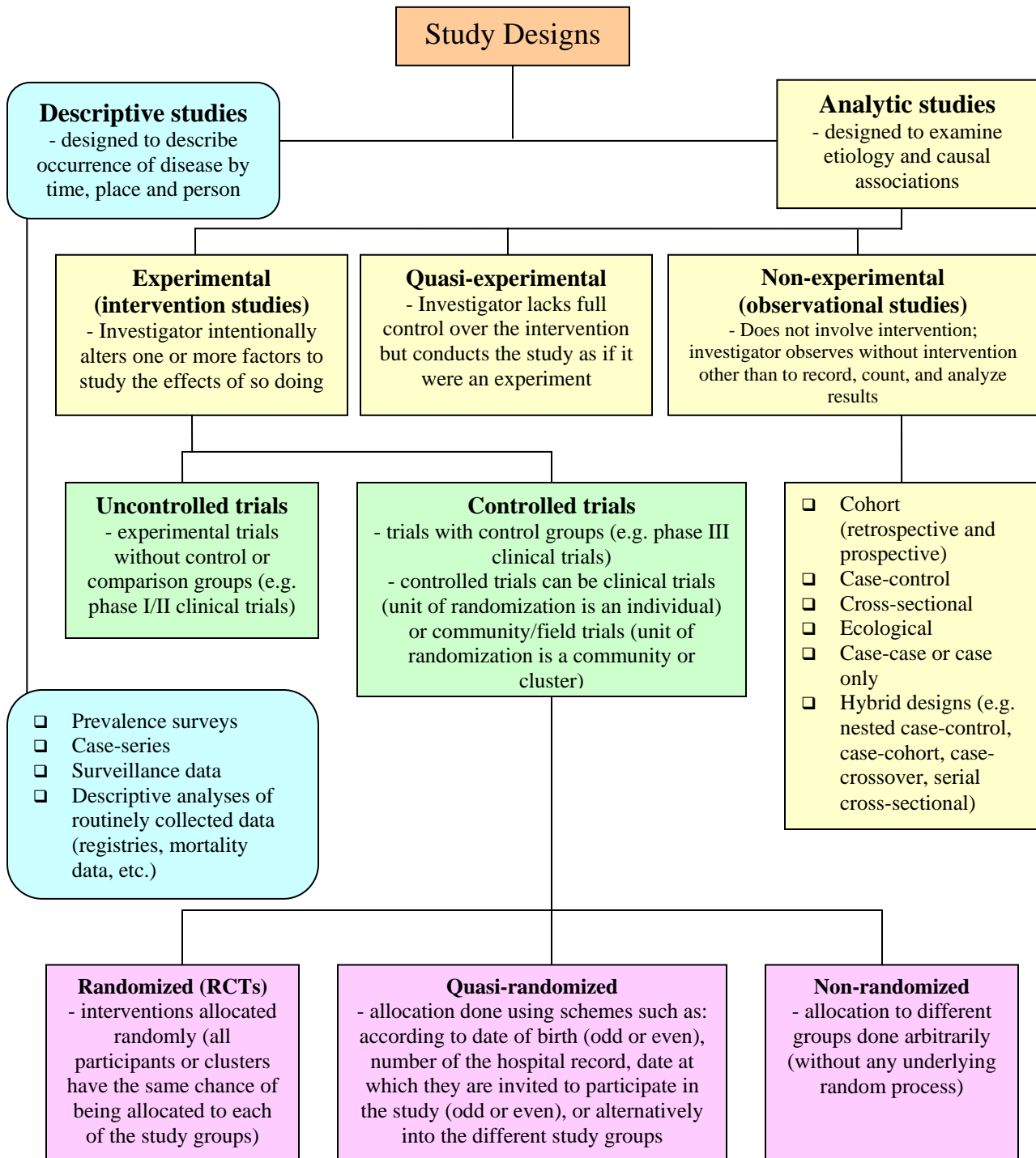


## Classification of study designs (Version 8)

(Qualitative studies are not included in this scheme; categories shown are not necessarily mutually exclusive, hybrid and mixed designs are possible)



Note: Systematic reviews and meta-analyses involve the secondary analysis and synthesis of original studies and are not considered in this classification system