

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM FOR PROGNOSIS

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Guide	Comments
<i>I. Are the results of the study valid?</i>	
Primary Guides: 1. Was there a representative sample of patients?	
2. Were patients sufficiently homogeneous with respect to prognostic risk or at a well-defined point in the course of the disease (inception cohort)?	
2. Was follow-up sufficiently long and complete?	
3. Were objective and unbiased outcome criteria used?	
4. Was there adjustment for important prognostic factors?	
<i>II. What are the results?</i>	
1. How likely are the outcomes over time (risk, relative risk)?	
2. How precise are the estimates of likelihood (confidence intervals)?	
<i>III. Will the results help me in caring for my patients?</i>	
1. Were the study patients and their management similar to my own?	
2. Will the results lead directly to selecting or avoiding therapy?	
3. Are the results useful for reassuring or counseling patients?	

Reference:

1. JAMA 1994; 272: 234-237