

Critical Appraisal Worksheet: Prognosis Study

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| SCREENING | |
| Why was the study done (what was the research question)? | |
| Was the study design appropriate? | |
| P – I – C – O the study | |
| VALIDITY | |
| Was a defined, representative sample of patients assembled at a common (usually early) point in their illness? | |
| Was patient follow-up long enough for the clinical outcome? | |
| Was patient follow-up complete? | |
| Were outcomes of interest defined in advance? Were there clear criteria to determine whether the outcomes had occurred? | |
| Were outcomes measured "blind" (i.e., without knowing the patient's clinical characteristics and prognostic factors)? | |
| CLINICAL IMPORTANCE | |
| What is the risk of the outcome over time? | |
| How precise are the estimates? | |

Adapted from: Heneghan, Carl and Badenoch, Douglas. *Evidence-based Medicine Toolkit, 2nd edition*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing; BMJ Books. 2006. p. 46.