

## Critical Appraisal Worksheet: Prognosis Study

<b>Citation:</b>	
<b>SCREENING</b>	
Why was the study done (what was the research question)?	
Was the study design appropriate?	
P – I – C – O the study	
<b>VALIDITY</b>	
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)?	
<b>CLINICAL IMPORTANCE</b>	
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, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing; BMJ Books. 2006. p. 46.