



Based on the "Users' Guides to the Medical Literature: A Manual for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice", this worksheet can serve as an aid to the critical appraisal of an article about prognosis.

Appraiser:

Date:

Citation:

Study  
Question:

### Are the results valid?

✓ x ? Was the sample of patients representative?

✓ x ? Were the patients sufficiently homogeneous with respect to prognostic risk?

✓ x ? Was follow-up sufficiently complete?

✓ x ? Were objective and unbiased outcome criteria used?

### What are the results?

✓ x ? How likely are the outcomes over time?

✓ x ? How precise are the estimates of likelihood?



### How can I apply the results to patient care?

✓✗? **Were the study patients and their management similar to those in my practice?**

✓✗? **Was follow-up sufficiently long?**

✓✗? **Can I use the results in the management of patients in my practice?**

Additional Comments: