



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 harm.

Appraiser:

Date:

Citation:

Study
Question:

Are the results valid?

✓ × ? Did the investigators demonstrate similarity in all known determinants of outcome; did they adjust for differences in the analysis?

✓ × ? Were exposed patients equally likely to be identified in the two groups?

✓ × ? Were the outcomes measured in the same way in the groups being compared?

✓ × ? Was follow-up sufficiently complete?

What are the results?

✓ × ? How strong is the association between exposure and outcome?

✓ × ? How precise is the estimate of the risk?



How can I apply the results to patient care?

✓ x ? **Were the study patients similar to the patient in my practice?**

✓ x ? **Was the duration of follow-up adequate?**

✓ x ? **What was the magnitude of the risk?**

✓ x ? **Should I attempt to stop the exposure?**

Additional Comments: