

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: CLINICAL DECISION ANALYSIS

Citation:

Brunner HI, Chan WS, Ginsberg JS, Feldman BM. Long-term anticoagulation is preferable for patients with antiphospholipid antibody syndrome. Result of a decision analysis. J Rheumatol. 2002 Mar;29(3):490-501

| Guide | | Comments |
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| I | Are the results valid? | |
| 1 | Were all important strategies and outcomes included? | |
| 2 | Was an explicit and sensible process used to identify, select and combine the evidence into probabilities? | |
| 3 | Were the utilities obtained in an explicit and sensible way from credible sources? | |
| 4 | Was the potential impact of any uncertainty in the evidence determined? | |
| II | What are the results? | |
| 1 | In the baseline analysis, does one strategy result in a clinically important gain for patients? If not, is the result a "toss-up"? | |
| 2 | How strong is the evidence used in the analysis? | |
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| 3 | Could the uncertainty in the evidence change the result? | |
| III | Will the results help me in caring for my patients? | |
| 1 | Do the probability estimates fit my patients' clinical features? | |
| 2 | Do the utilities reflect how my patients would value the outcomes of the decision? | |