

## CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

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Guide		Comments
<b>I</b>	<b>Are the results of the study valid?</b>	
1.	Did the study patients represent the full spectrum of those with this clinical problem?	
2.	Was the diagnostic evaluation definitive?	
<b>II</b>	<b>What are the Results?</b>	
1.	What were the diagnoses and their probabilities?	
2.	How precise are the probability estimates?	
<b>III</b>	<b>How can I apply the results to patient care?</b>	
1.	Are the study patients and clinical setting similar to mine?	
2.	Is it unlikely that the disease possibilities or probabilities have changed since this information was gathered?	