

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: PROGNOSIS

Citation: Prognosis in patients with recent onset low back pain in Australian primary care: inception cohort study. BMJ 2008; 337: a171. Henschke, N et al.

Guide		Comments
I	Are the results valid?	
1	Was the sample of patients representative?	
2	Were patients sufficiently homogeneous with respect to prognostic risk?	
3	Was follow-up complete?	
4	Were objective and unbiased outcome criteria used?	
II	What are the results?	
1	How likely are the outcomes over time?	
2	How precise are the estimates of likelihood?	I
III	How can I apply the results to patient care?	
1	Were the study patients and their management similar to my own?	

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2	Was the follow-up sufficiently long?	
3	Can I use the results in managing patients in my practice?	