

## CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: PROGNOSIS

**Citation:**

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

Guide		Comments
<b>I</b>	<b>Are the results valid?</b>	
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?	
<b>II</b>	<b>What are the results?</b>	
1	How likely are the outcomes over time?	
2	How precise are the estimates of likelihood?	
<b>III</b>	<b>How can I apply the results to patient care?</b>	
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?	