

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: PROGNOSIS**Citation:**

Chandratheva AC, et al. Population-based study of risk and predictors of stroke in the first few hours after a TIA. *Neurology* 2009; 72(22):1941-1947.

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?	
III	How can I apply the results to my patient care?	
1	Were the study patients and their management similar to my own?	
2	Was the follow-up sufficiently long?	
3	Can I use the results in managing patients in my practice?	

SCENARIO RESOLUTION;

When speaking to Mrs. Smith, she is very concerned about the possibility of stroke. She has strong recollections about her mother's suffering and is anxious to avoid having a stroke. She does not want to have her son drive her unnecessarily. However, the magnitude of risk is sufficiently worrisome to her in the short term, she is willing to go to the hospital and they opt to make the trip to the next larger centre for full evaluation.