

## Prognosis Search Filter (Ovid MEDLINE)

Search filters include both terms to retrieve quality results for inquiry types, as well as search lines with study types to help sort results for critical appraisal. For some clinical questions it may be appropriate to combine portions of more than one filter.

*\*\*Indicates See Search Notes*

1. (prognos\$ or outcome\$ or follow-up or predict\$).tw,sh.
2. exp Prognosis/ \*\*
3. Disease Progression/
4. ((clinical or natural\$ or disease\$) adj (progress\$ or course\$ or histor\$)).tw,sh.
5. Time Factors/
6. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5
7. exp Cohort Studies/ \*\*
8. (cohort\$ or compar\$ or longitudinal\$ or prospective\$ or multivariate or reproducib\$).tw,sh.
9. 7 or 8
10. 6 and 9 \*\*
11. Meta Analysis.pt. or (meta analy\$ or metaanaly\$).tw. or systematic review\$.tw. or (published studies or medline or embase or data synthesis or data extraction).ab. or cochrane.jw. \*\*

**(If appropriate, consider including the MeSH term: meta-analysis as topic)**

12. (Guideline or Practice Guideline or Consensus Development Conference or Consensus Development Conference, NIH).pt. or (guideline\$ or consensus).tw,hw. or recommend\$.ti.

**(If appropriate, consider including the MeSH terms: Guidelines as Topic; Practice Guidelines as Topic)**

### Search Notes:

**Search Statement #10:** *If mortality is a possible outcome, increase the sensitivity by adding with the Boolean **OR** after Search Statement #10:*

*exp Mortality/ or exp Survival Analysis/ or surviv\$.tw,sh.*

*What will be included in this search:*

**exp Prognosis in statement 2** includes:

Disease-Free Survival

Medical Futility  
Pregnancy Outcome  
Treatment Outcome  
-Treatment Failure

**exp Mortality** above includes:

Cause of Death  
Child Mortality  
Fatal Outcome  
Fetal Mortality  
Hospital Mortality  
Infant Mortality  
Maternal Mortality  
Survival Rate

**exp Survival Analysis** above includes:

Disease-Free Survival

**exp Cohort Studies** in **Statement #7** includes:

Longitudinal Studies  
-Follow-up Studies  
-Prospective Studies

**Search Statement #11: Consider using the Subject Subset limit, “Systematic Reviews”.**  
**This option is located within the Additional Limits option. This limit may also be entered directly in the search box as:**

**Limit [set #] to systematic reviews**

**Search Pearls:**

Depending on the nature of your prognosis question, and in order to refine the focus of your strategy, you may want to consider incorporating any number of the MeSH and/or textwords listed below:

**MeSH**

Age Factors Cause of  
Death Disease  
Susceptibility  
-Genetic Predisposition to Disease  
Family Characteristics  
Health Status  
Incidence  
Morbidity  
Prevalence  
Recurrence  
Sex Factors

## **Textwords**

clinical course

recover\$

recur\$

relaps\$

remission\$

surviv\$

treatment effectiveness

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