



## RATING SCALE CLINICAL DECISION RULE

Use the following rating scale to answer the questions below:

<u>Rating Scale:</u>	N/A	Not applicable
	0	No
	1	Unclear/ Possibly
	2	Yes

	Rating
<b>Was the derivation of the clinical decision rule performed in a rigorous manner?</b>	
Were all important predictors included in the derivation process?	
Were all the important predictors present in a significant proportion of the study population?	
Were all the outcome events and predictors clearly defined?	
Were those assessing the outcome event blinded to the presence of the predictors and those assessing the presence of predictors blinded to the outcome event?	
Was the sample size adequate (including adequate number of outcome events)?	
Does the clinical decision rule make sense?	
<b>Has this clinical decision rule been validated?</b>	
Were the patients chosen in an unbiased fashion and do they represent a wide spectrum of severity of disease?	
Was there a blinded assessment of the criterion standard for all patients?	
Was there an explicit and accurate interpretation of the predictor variables and the actual rule without knowledge of the outcome?	
Was there 100% follow-up of those enrolled?	
<b>Are the valid results from this clinical decision rule important (likelihood ratios, sensitivity, specificity)?</b>	
<b>Should this clinical decision rule be applied in your practice (impact analysis)?</b>	
Were the patients or larger administrative units randomized to the application or non application of the CDR?	
Were all patients followed-up?	
Were all relevant outcomes (including quality of life, morbidity, and resource utilization) included in the follow-up?	
Do these results apply to your patient?	
Is your patient so different from those in the analysis that its results can't help you?	
<b>Total</b>	

Adapted from McGinn *et al*, Users' Guides to the Medical Literature XXII: How to Use Articles about Clinical Decision Rules. JAMA 2000; 284(1):79-84.

**Comments:**