### The DISCERN questionnaire

#### Section 1 – Is the publication reliable?

|   | No | Partially | Yes |
|---|----|-----------|-----|
| 1. Are the aims clear | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 2. Does it achieve its aims? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 3. Is it relevant? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 4. Is it clear what sources of information were used to compile the publication (other than the author or producer)? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 5. Is it clear when the information used or reported in the publication was produced? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 6. Is it balanced and unbiased? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 7. Does it provide details of additional sources of support and information? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 8. Does it refer to areas of uncertainty? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |

#### Section 2 – How good is the quality of information on treatment choices?

|   | No | Partially | Yes |
|---|----|-----------|-----|
| 9. Does it describe how each treatment works? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 10. Does it describe the benefits of each treatment? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 11. Does it describe the risks of each treatment? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 12. Does it describe what would happen if no treatment is used? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 13. Does it describe how the treatment choices affect overall quality of life? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 14. Is it clear that there may be more than one possible treatment choice? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |
| 15. Does it provide support for share decision-making? | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |

#### Section 3 – Overall rating of the publication.

|   | Low | Moderate | High |
|---|-----|---------|------|
| 16. Based on the answers to all of the above questions, rate the overall quality of the publication as a source of information about treatment choices. | 1   | 2 | 3  | 4    | 5 |

**Section 3**

Rating: Low = Serious or extensive shortcomings; Moderate = Potentially important, but not serious shortcomings; High = Minimal shortcomings