Notes about learning and teaching about **Prognosis**:

1. This is a CORE subject area, so we suggest that you make sure to spend some time reading and becoming comfortable with issues to pertaining to articles about Prognosis. Largely this entails *learning to love* the Observational methodology (the Prospective Cohort Study).

2. Terms pertaining to the articles about Prognosis.

   Questions of prognosis are most frequently answered through cohort studies. These can be prospective or retrospective. They can be population or community based or tertiary care patient populations. Because of the importance of the population studied, some of the ‘articles to consider’ are presented in pairs in which the same question may be studied in very different populations. Such comparisons are frequently enlightening when thinking about issues of prognosis.

   When learning to think about prognosis, we would like you to **think about the following terms and concepts**:

   - Cohort Study
   - Inception Cohort
   - Risk factor vs. Prognostic factor
   - Confounding variables
   - Bias
   - Incidence
   - Prevalence
   - Odds Ratio / Risk Ratio
   - Adjusted analysis
   - Kaplan Meier Analysis / Survival Analysis