

		Condition (as determined by "Gold standard")		
		Positive	Negative	
Test outcome	Positive	True Positive	False Positive (Type I error)	→ Positive predictive value $= \frac{\Sigma \text{ True Positive}}{\Sigma \text{ Test outcome Positive}}$
	Negative	False Negative (Type II error)	True Negative	→ Negative predictive value $= \frac{\Sigma \text{ True Negative}}{\Sigma \text{ Test outcome Negative}}$
		\downarrow Sensitivity $= \frac{\Sigma \text{ True Positive}}{\Sigma \text{ Condition Positive}}$	\downarrow Specificity $= \frac{\Sigma \text{ True Negative}}{\Sigma \text{ Condition Negative}}$	

A worked example

The fecal occult blood (FOB) screen test was used in 2030 people to look for bowel cancer:

		Patients with bowel cancer (as confirmed on endoscopy)		
		Positive	Negative	
Fecal occult blood screen test outcome	Positive	True Positive (TP) = 20	False Positive (FP) = 180	→ Positive predictive value = TP / (TP + FP) = 20 / (20 + 180) = 20 / 200 = 10%
	Negative	False Negative (FN) = 10	True Negative (TN) = 1820	→ Negative predictive value = TN / (FN + TN) = 1820 / (10 + 1820) = 1820 / 1830 ≈ 99.5%
		\downarrow Sensitivity = TP / (TP + FN) = 20 / (20 + 10) = 20 / 30 ≈ 66.67%	\downarrow Specificity = TN / (FP + TN) = 1820 / (180 + 1820) = 1820 / 2000 = 91%	

Related calculations

- False positive rate (α) = FP / (FP + TN) = 180 / (180 + 1820) = 9% = 1 – specificity
- False negative rate (β) = FN / (TP + FN) = 10 / (20 + 10) = 33% = 1 – sensitivity
- Power = sensitivity = 1 – β
- Likelihood ratio positive = sensitivity / (1 – specificity) = 66.67% / (1 – 91%) = 7.4
- Likelihood ratio negative = (1 – sensitivity) / specificity = (1 – 66.67%) / 91% = 0.37

Hence with large numbers of false positives and few false negatives, a positive FOB screen test is in itself poor at confirming cancer (PPV = 10%) and further investigations must be undertaken; it did, however, correctly identify 66.7% of all cancers (the sensitivity). However as a screening test, a negative result is very good at reassuring that a patient does not have cancer (NPV = 99.5%) and at this initial screen correctly identifies 91% of those who do not have cancer (the specificity).

Note: This template is used as a portion of the articles on sensitivity, specificity, likelihood ratios in diagnostic testing, etc. See those articles for additional citations.