Literature Search

ACR Appropriateness Criteria®
Infertility

Literature Search Performed on: 2/15/2013
Beginning Date: January 2003
End Date: January 2013

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) without Revisions <1996 to February Week 1 2013>
Search Strategy:

1 Infertility, Female/di, et [Diagnosis, Etiology] (3850)
2 Amenorrhea/di, et [Diagnosis, Etiology] (960)
3 exp Diagnostic Imaging/ (929437)
4 *Hysterosalpingography/ or hysterosalpingogram.mp. (857)
5 1 or 2 (4756)
6 3 or 4 (929501)
7 5 and 6 (533)
8 limit 7 to (guideline or meta analysis or practice guideline) (2)
9 limit 7 to "all adult (19 plus years)" (357)
10 8 or 9 (359)
11 limit 10 to case reports (132)
12 10 not 11 (227)
13 limit 12 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2003 -Current") (111)

Notes:
exp = explode (retrieves results using the selected term and all of its more specific terms)
* = focus (limits search to those documents in which the subject heading is considered the major point of the article)
.mp = multi-purpose (retrieves results that have this keyword in several fields)

Literature Search Summary

A literature search was conducted in February 2013 to identify evidence for the ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Infertility topic. Using the search strategy described above, 111 articles were found. Three articles were used in the topic. One hundred and eight articles were not used due to either poor study design, the articles were not relevant or generalizable to the topic, or the results were unclear, misinterpreted, or biased.

The author added 97 citations from bibliographies, websites, or books that were not found in the literature search.