Literature Search
ACR Appropriateness Criteria®
Right Lower Quadrant Pain-Suspected Appendicitis

Literature Search Performed on: 03/06/2017
Beginning Date: January 2012
End Date: February 2017
Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, Ovid MEDLINE(R) Daily and Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to Present>

Search Strategy
1  Abdominal Pain/ and (right lower quadrant.mp. or Appendicitis.tw.) (1058)
2  Appendicitis/ (17386)
3  1 or 2 (17706)
4  limit 3 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2012 -Current") (1568)
5  limit 4 to case reports (395)
6  4 not 5 (1173)
7  exp Diagnostic Imaging/ (2335133)
8  6 and 7 (359)
9  8 and (exp Child/ or exp Young Adult/) (240)
10 8 and (Adult/ or exp Pregnancy/) (187)
11  9 not 10 (126)
12  8 not 11 (233)

Summary
Of the 72 citations in the original bibliography, 8 were retained in the final document.
A literature search was conducted in March 2017 to identify additional evidence published since the ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Right Lower Quadrant Pain-Suspected Appendicitis topic was finalized. Using the search strategy described above, 226 articles were found. 54 articles were added to the bibliography. The remaining 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 or biased. The author added 8 citations from bibliographies, websites, or books that were not found in the literature searches. 5 citations are supporting documents were added by staff.