Literature Search

ACR Appropriateness Criteria®
Follow-up of Malignant or Aggressive Musculoskeletal Tumors

Literature Search Performed on: 12/20/2013
Beginning Date: January 2010
End Date: November 2013

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) without Revisions <1996 to July Week 3 2013>

Search Strategy:
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1. Bone Neoplasms/ (23316)  
2. Soft Tissue Neoplasms/ (8132)  
3. Neoplasm Recurrence, Local/ (49202)  
4. exp Neoplasm Metastasis/ (75892)  
5. 3 or 4 (116964)  
6. 1 or 2 (30311)  
7. 5 and 6 (4227)  
8. exp Diagnostic Imaging/ (962747)  
9. 7 and 8 (880)  
10. limit 9 to "all adult (19 plus years)" (599)  
11. limit 9 to (guideline or meta analysis or practice guideline) (3)  
12. 10 or 11 (601)  
13. limit 12 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2010 -Current") (95)  
14. limit 13 to case reports (38)  
15. 13 not 14 (57)

Notes:
exp = explode (retrieves results using the selected term and all of its more specific terms)

Literature Search Summary

Of the 55 citations in the original bibliography, 15 were retained in the final document. Articles were removed from the original bibliography if they were more than 10 years old and did not contribute to the evidence or they were no longer cited in the revised narrative text.

A new literature search was conducted in December 2013 to identify additional evidence published since the ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Follow-up of Malignant or Aggressive Musculoskeletal Tumors topic was finalized. Using the search strategy described above, 57 articles were found. Seven articles were added to the bibliography. Fifty articles were not used due to either poor study design, the articles were not relevant or generalizable to the topic, the results were unclear, misinterpreted, or biased, or the articles were already cited in the original bibliography.

The author added 61 citations from bibliographies, websites, or books that were not found in the new literature search.