

## Literature Search

### ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Cerebrovascular Disease

Literature Search Performed on: 1/15/2016

Beginning date: January 1985

End date: December 2015

Database: Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, Ovid MEDLINE(R)  
Daily and Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to Present>

Search Strategy:

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- 1 exp Central Nervous System Vascular Malformations/ (10681)
  - 2 Brain Ischemia/ (41698)
  - 3 Stroke/ (75323)
  - 4 Subarachnoid Hemorrhage/ (18361)
  - 5 exp Intracranial Arteriovenous Malformations/ (7804)
  - 6 Intracranial Aneurysm/ (24106)
  - 7 Carotid Stenosis/ (13431)
  - 8 Cerebral Hemorrhage/ (29576)
  - 9 Vasospasm, Intracranial/ (2726)
  - 10 Vasculitis, Central Nervous System/ (907)
  - 11 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 (180713)
  - 12 exp Diagnostic Imaging/ (1930438)
  - 13 11 and 12 (51633)
  - 14 limit 13 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="1985 - 2015") (32464)
  - 15 limit 14 to case reports (10042)
  - 16 14 not 15 (22422)

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### Literature Search Summary

Of the 131 citations in the original bibliography, 27 were retained in the final document.

A literature search was conducted in January 2016 to identify evidence published since the *ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Cerebrovascular Disease* topic was finalized. Using the search strategy described above, 22,422 articles were found. Seventy-six articles were added to the bibliography. Seventeen articles were not used as they were duplicates already cited in the original 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 41 citations from bibliographies, websites, or books that were not found in the literature search.

Two citations are supporting documents that were added by staff.