

Literature Search

ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Myelopathy

Literature Search Performed on: 12/20/2013

Beginning date: January 2010

End date: November 2013

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

Search Strategy:

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- 1 myelopathy.mp. or *Spinal Cord Diseases/ (15189)
 - 2 exp diagnostic imaging/ (1727421)
 - 3 1 and 2 (4711)
 - 4 limit 3 to "all adult (19 plus years)" (3530)
 - 5 limit 3 to (guideline or meta analysis or practice guideline) (6)
 - 6 4 or 5 (3535)
 - 7 limit 6 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2010 -Current") (376)
 - 8 limit 7 to case reports (177)
 - 9 7 not 8 (199)
 - 10 remove duplicates from 9 (177)

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

Of the 76 citations in the original bibliography, 23 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® Myelopathy* topic was finalized. Using the search strategy described above, 177 articles were found. Thirty-one articles were added to the bibliography. One hundred forty-six 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 22 citations from bibliographies, websites, or books that were not found in the new literature search.

Two citations are supporting documents that were added by staff.