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**Literature Search**

ACR Appropriateness Criteria®

**Inflammatory Back Pain: Known or Suspected Axial Spondyloarthropathy**

Literature Search Performed on: 02/21/2020

Beginning Date: January 2019

End Date: January 2020

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL <1946 to February 20, 2020>

**Search Strategy**

1. exp Diagnostic Imaging/ and (Spondylitis, Ankylosing/ or Sacroiliitis/ or Spondylarthropathies/ or Spondylarthritis/)
   (4020)
2. Disease Progression/ and 1 (242)
3. limit 2 to (abstracts and english language and yr="2019 -Current") (10)
4. remove duplicates from 3 (10)

**Notes**

* = focus (limits search to those documents in which the subject heading is considered the major point of the article)

Literature Search Performed on: 11/01/2019

Beginning Date: January 2016

End Date: October 2019

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL <1946 to October 31, 2019>

**Search Strategy**

1. Spondylitis, Ankylosing/dg or Sacroiliitis/dg or Spondylarthropathies/dg or Spondylarthritis/dg (2115)
2. back pain/ and (Spondylitis, Ankylosing/di or Spondylarthritis/di or Sacroiliitis/di or Spondylarthropathies/di or Arthritis, Rheumatoid/di or Arthritis, Psoriatic/di or Arthritis, Reactive/di) (222)
3. spine/ and (Spondylitis, Ankylosing/di or Spondylarthritis/di or Sacroiliitis/di or Spondylarthropathies/di or Arthritis, Rheumatoid/di or Arthritis, Psoriatic/di or Arthritis, Reactive/di) (241)
4. Sacroiliac Joint/ and (Spondylitis, Ankylosing/di or Spondylarthritis/di or Sacroiliitis/di or Spondylarthropathies/di or Arthritis, Rheumatoid/di or Arthritis, Psoriatic/di or Arthritis, Reactive/di) (426)
5. exp Diagnostic Imaging/ and (Spondylitis, Ankylosing/ or Sacroiliitis/ or Spondylarthropathies/ or Spondylarthritis/)
   (3950)
6. (spondyloarthritis and ASAS).tw. (454)
7. (spondyloarthritis and EMBARK).tw. (6)
8. (spondyloarthritis and guidelines).tw. (87)
9. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 (4672)
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