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**Literature Search**

**ACR Appropriateness Criteria®**

**Left Lower Quadrant Pain-Suspected Diverticulitis**

Literature Search Performed on: 06/19/2017  
Beginning Date: January 2013  
End Date: May 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/ (18051)  
2. left lower quadrant pain.mp. (91)  
3. left lower quadrant.mp. (437)  
4. 1 and (left adj1 lower adj1 quadrant).mp. (60)  
5. Diverticulitis, Colonic/ or Diverticulitis/ (5877)  
6. Diverticulitis Complications.mp. (120)  
7. fistulas of the gastrointestinal tract.mp. (23)  
8. fistulas of the genitourinary tract.mp. (1)  
10. bowel stricture.mp. (117)  
11. Abdominal Abscess/ (2642)  
12. 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 (10934)  
13. exp diagnostic imaging/ (2411263)  
14. 12 and 13 (2878)  
15. limit 14 to "all child (0 to 18 years)" (446)  
16. 14 not 15 (2432)  
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