

**Literature Search**  
**ACR Appropriateness Criteria®**  
**Right Lower Quadrant Pain-Suspected Appendicitis**

Literature Search Performed on: 03/06/2017

Beginning Date: January 2012

End Date: February 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**

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- 1 Abdominal Pain/ and (right lower quadrant.mp. or Appendicitis.tw.) (1058)
- 2 Appendicitis/ (17386)
- 3 1 or 2 (17706)
- 4 limit 3 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2012 -Current") (1568)
- 5 limit 4 to case reports (395)
- 6 4 not 5 (1173)
- 7 exp Diagnostic Imaging/ (2335133)
- 8 6 and 7 (359)
- 9 8 and (exp Child/ or exp Young Adult/) (240)
- 10 8 and (Adult/ or exp Pregnancy/) (187)
- 11 9 not 10 (126)
- 12 8 not 11 (233)

**Summary**

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Source	#Unique Refs	#Retained Refs
Old bibliography	72	8
Literature Search(es)	226	54
Author Added	13	8
Supporting Docs	5	5
Total		75

References from the literature search that were not retained had a poor study design, were not relevant to the topic, or had unclear or biased results.

5 of the author added references were outside the search date range.