Literature Search
ACR Appropriateness Criteria®
Female Infertility

Literature Search Performed on: 12/26/2017
Beginning Date: January 2011
End Date: November 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  Infertility, Female/bl, di, dg, et, pa [Blood, Diagnosis, Diagnostic Imaging, Etiology, Pathology] (14362)
2  Reproductive Medicine/mt [Methods] (252)
3   1 and 2 (12)
4  Fallopian Tube Patency Tests/ (727)
5  Fallopian Tubes/dg [Diagnostic Imaging] (455)
6   1 and 4 and 5 (65)
7  Endometriosis/co and Endometriosis/dg [Complications,Diagnostic Imaging] (176)
8   1 and 7 (32)
9   4 and 5 (100)
10  Endometriosis/dg [Diagnostic Imaging] (1095)
11  "Sensitivity and Specificity"/ (348036)
12  10 and 11 (152)
13  Polycystic Ovary Syndrome/bl, di, pa [Blood, Pathology] (5515)
14  Ovary/pa [Pathology] (7017)
15  13 and 14 (474)
16   limit 3 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2011 -Current") (5)
17   limit 6 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2011 -Current") (12)
18   limit 8 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2011 -Current") (5)
19   limit 9 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2011 -Current") (21)
20   limit 12 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2011 -Current") (57)
21   limit 15 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2011 -Current") (77)
22   16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 (164)
23   remove duplicates from 22 (156)

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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.