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### 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)
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