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Literature Search
ACR Appropriateness Criteria®
Occupational Lung Diseases

Literature Search Performed on: 02/09/2018
Beginning Date: January 2008
End Date: January 2018
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  Occupational Diseases/ and Lung Diseases/ (1649)
2  Lung Diseases/ and Occupational Exposure/ (559)
3  Asbestosis/ or Silicosis/ or Berylliosis/ or Anthracosis/ or Pneumoconiosis/ (17084)
4  Pleural Diseases/ and Asbestos/ (399)
5  Rounded atelectasis.mp. (137)
6  B reader.mp. (33)
7  (2 or 3) and 6 (22)
8  Occupational Exposure/ and Dust/ (2829)
9  (Progressive massive fibrosis or Mixed dust pneumoconiosis or Pleural plaques).mp. (935)
10  Mesothelioma/ or (tunica vaginalis.mp. or Peritoneal Neoplasms/) (25219)
11  (Silicotic nodule or Silicoproteinosis).mp. (55)
12  1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 (22)
13  (Progressive massive fibrosis or Mixed dust pneumoconiosis or Pleural plaques).mp. (935)
14  12 and 13 (21633)
15  exp diagnostic imaging/ (2399072)
16  14 and 15 (2399072)
17  Bronchiolitis Obliterans/ or Anthracosilicosis/ (3060)
18  (Asbestosis/ or Silicosis/) and carcinoma/ (55)
19  (Silicotic nodule or Silicoproteinosis).mp. (55)
20  17 hypersensitivity pneumonitis/ or constrictive bronchiolitis/ or Chronic Beryllium Disease/ or Anthracofibrosis/ or Deployment/ (5298)
21  1 and (15 or 16 or 17) (48)
22  14 or 18 (3992)
23  19 10 hypersensitivity pneumonitis.mp. (2174)
24  13 and 21 (397)
25  22 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2008 -Current") (138)
26  20 or 23 (336)
27  25 limit 24 to "all adult (19 plus years)" (241)
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