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**Literature Search**

ACR Appropriateness Criteria®

Osteomyelitis or Septic Arthritis-Child (Excluding Axial Skeleton)

Literature Search Performed on: 01/07/2020
Beginning Date: January 2010
End Date: December 2019
Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL <1946 to January 06, 2020>

**Search Strategy**

1. exp Diagnostic Imaging/ (2589499)
2. Osteomyelitis/ (20168)
3. Arthritis, Infectious/ (10613)
4. septic arthritis.mp. (5519)
5. septic arthrosis.mp. (4)
6. aspiration.mp. (82394)
7. hardware.mp. (21298)
8. 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 (31537)
9. 6 or 7 (103647)
10. 8 and 9 (730)
11. 1 and (8 or 10) (7669)
12. limit 11 to (guideline or meta analysis or practice guideline) (14)
13. limit 11 to "all child (0 to 18 years)" (3015)
14. 12 or 13 (3026)
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