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**Literature Search**

**ACR Appropriateness Criteria®**

**Palpable Breast Masses**

**Literature Search Performed on:** 07/31/2020  
**Beginning Date:** January 2016  
**End Date:** June 2020  
**Database:** Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL <1946 to July 28, 2020>

### Search Strategy

1. breast cancer.mp. or *Breast Neoplasms/ (341785)
2. (palpable breast mass or palpable breast masses).mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms] (344)
3. breast mass*.mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms] (3284)
4. *Biopsy, Fine-Needle/ (3866)
5. exp Diagnostic Imaging/ (2637764)
6. Palpation/ or PALPABLE.mp. (24875)
7. 1 or 2 or 3 (342750)
8. 6 and 7 (4765)
9. 4 or 5 (2639922)
10. 8 and 9 (2614)
11. limit 10 to "all child (0 to 18 years)" (174)
12. 10 not 11 (2440)
13. limit 12 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2016 -Current") (169)
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