

**Literature Search**  
**ACR Appropriateness Criteria®**  
**Rib Fractures**

Literature Search Performed on: 08/31/2017

Beginning Date: January 2013

End Date: July 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**

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- 1 Rib Fractures/ (2805)
- 2 exp diagnostic imaging/ (2466745)
- 3 1 and 2 (1040)
- 4 limit 3 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2013 -Current") (119)
- 5 limit 4 to case reports (44)
- 6 4 not 5 (75)
- 7 remove duplicates from 6 (71)

**Summary**

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| Source                | #Unique Refs | #Retained Refs |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Old bibliography      | 34           | 29             |
| Literature Search(es) | 71           | 6              |
| Author Added          | 5            | 1              |
| Supporting Docs       | 3            | 3              |
| Total                 |              | 39             |

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.