

**Literature Search**  
**ACR Appropriateness Criteria®**  
**Abnormal Uterine Bleeding**

Literature Search Performed on: 06/04/2018

Beginning Date: January 2013

End Date: May 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**

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- 1 Vaginal Bleeding/ (9110)
- 2 dysfunctional vaginal bleeding\*.mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms] (3)
- 3 abnormal vaginal bleeding\*.tw. (540)
- 4 Menometrorrhagia.tw. (312)
- 5 Menorrhagia.tw. (3067)
- 6 Metrorrhagia.tw. (948)
- 7 dysfunctional uterine bleeding.tw. (825)
- 8 irregular menstrual cycle.tw. (81)
- 9 irregular menstrual bleeding.tw. (65)
- 10 irregular vaginal bleeding.tw. (206)
- 11 postmenopausal bleeding\*.tw. (962)
- 12 uterine bleeding.tw. (3950)
- 13 abnormal uterine bleeding\*.tw. (1836)
- 14 endometrial neoplasms.tw. (115)
- 15 uterine hemorrhage/ (9110)
- 16 endometrial polyps.tw. (1042)
- 17 leiomyoma/dg or leiomyoma.tw. (9868)
- 18 leiomyosarcoma/dg or leiomyosarcoma.tw. (8566)
- 19 carcinosarcoma.tw. (3368)
- 20 endometrial stromal sarcoma.tw. (901)
- 21 endometriosis.tw. (20445)
- 22 adenomyosis.tw. (2342)
- 23 premenopausal bleeding.mp. (22)
- 24 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23 (58640)
- 25 exp diagnostic imaging/ (2433605)
- 26 exp Ultrasonography/ (396904)
- 27 exp Magnetic Resonance Imaging/ (393329)
- 28 exp Elastography/ (6480)
- 29 24 and (25 or 26 or 27 or 28) (9864)
- 30 limit 29 to case reports (4703)
- 31 29 not 30 (5161)
- 32 limit 31 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2013 -Current") (807)
- 33 limit 32 to review (139)
- 34 32 not 33 (668)
- 35 remove duplicates from 34 (653)
- 36 Pregnancy/ (819348)
- 37 35 and 36 (112)
- 38 35 not 37 (541)

**Summary**

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| <b>Source</b>         | <b>#Unique Refs</b> | <b>#Retained Refs</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Old bibliography      | 62                  | 12                    |
| Literature Search(es) | 541                 | 33                    |
| Author Added          | 16                  | 11                    |
| Supporting Docs       | 13                  | 5                     |
| Total                 |                     | 61                    |

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.