TITLE: Chiropractic Care for Children: Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1. What are the benefits and harms of providing chiropractic care to children under the age of six years?

2. What are the guidelines regarding the provision of chiropractic services to children under the age of six years?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 5, 2010), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI (Health Devices Gold), EuroScan, international health technology agencies, and a focused Internet search. A focused search (main concepts appeared in title or major subject headings) was also conducted in CINAHL. The search was limited to English language articles published between January 1 2005 and May 19 2010. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. Internet links were provided, where available.

RESULTS:

HTIS reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, observational studies, and evidence-based guidelines.

Six systematic reviews, one randomized controlled trial, and six observational studies were identified that addressed the use of chiropractic care in children. No health technology assessments or controlled clinical trials were identified. One evidence-based guideline was identified. Additional references that may be of interest are located in the appendix.
Health technology assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses


Randomized controlled trials


Observational studies


**Guidelines and recommendations**


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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Case studies


Position statements


**Review articles**


**Protocol**