TITLE:  Cone Beam Volumetric Tomography for Patients with Dental or Maxillofacial Abnormalities: Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1. What is the clinical effectiveness and safety of cone beam volumetric tomography for patients with dental and/or maxillofacial abnormalities in hospital and outpatient settings?

2. What are the guidelines for use of cone beam volumetric tomography in hospital and outpatient settings?

METHODS:

We contacted ECRI’s hotline service to request information on cone beam volumetric tomography for dental or maxillofacial abnormalities. References and abstracts from the systematic review and observational studies identified by ECRI are included below.

Supplemental searches for reports from Canadian health technology assessment agencies were performed, along with European sources including National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) and the NIHR Health Technology Assessment programme.

RESULTS:

ECRI provided the following documents, which are a guide to the available evidence on the topic with context about the evidence provided by ECRI. They are based solely on a review of the article abstracts, not an analysis of full published articles.

Hotline response:

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References and abstracts from the systematic review and observational studies identified by ECRI are included below. One systematic review and 42 observational studies were identified. Two Canadian guidelines for the use of cone bean volumetric tomography were located in the supplemental search. No health technology assessments, randomized controlled trials, or controlled clinical trials were identified in the search. Some additional information contained in the ECRI report including recent narrative reviews on the topic are included in the appendix.

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**Health technology assessments**
No literature identified

**Systematic reviews and meta-analyses**


**Randomized controlled trials**
No literature identified

**Controlled clinical trials**
No literature identified

**Observational studies**


**Guidelines and recommendations**


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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Review articles


Position Statement:


Additional references


*Note: product descriptions, news and additional information are available for several products.*
