TITLE: Management of Acute and Chronic Pain in the Emergency Department: Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTION:

What are the guidelines for the management of acute and chronic pain in the emergency department?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment (HTA) resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 4, 2008), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI, EuroScan, international HTA agencies, and a focused Internet search. Results include articles published between 2004 and March 2009 and are limited to English language publications only. Filters were applied to limit the retrieval to HTAs, systematic reviews, meta-analyses and guidelines. Internet links are provided, where available.

RESULTS:

HTIS reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, HTA reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by evidence-based guidelines.

One evidence-based guideline was identified pertaining to the management of acute and chronic pain in the emergency room. No relevant HTAs, systematic reviews or meta-analyses were identified. Additional information that may be of interest has been included in the appendix.

Health technology assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified.
Guidelines and recommendations


See section 9.9 Acute pain management in emergency departments

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Guidelines for pain management outside of the emergency department


Systematic reviews and meta-analyses


Observational studies


Review articles

Additional references