Title: Amino-Levulinic Acid Treatment for Actinic Keratosis: Guidelines and Clinical and Cost-Effectiveness

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Research question:

1. What is the clinical effectiveness and number needed to treat for amino-levulinic acid treatment with intense pulse lighting for patients with actinic keratosis to prevent the development of squamous cell carcinoma?

2. What is the cost-effectiveness of amino-levulinic acid treatment with intense pulse lighting for patients with actinic keratosis?

3. What are the guidelines for amino-levulinic acid treatment with intense pulse lighting for actinic keratosis?

Methods:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 4, 2007) 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 X and the present, and are limited to English language publications only. Filters were applied to limit the retrieval to systematic reviews, meta-analyses, health technology assessments, practice guidelines, randomized controlled trials and economic studies. Internet links are provided, where available.

Results:

Health technology assessments

No literature identified

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Systematic reviews and meta-analyses

No literature identified

Economic analyses and cost information


Randomized controlled trials

No literature identified

Guidelines and recommendations


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Appendix – Further information:

Observational studies


Review articles
