Title: Transcutaneous Electrical Stimulation for Chronic Pain: Clinical Effectiveness

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Research question:

What is the clinical effectiveness of transcutaneous electrical stimulation for management of chronic pain in adults?

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 2002 and the present, and are limited to English language publications only. Filters were applied to limit the retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, and observational studies. Internet links are provided, where available.

Results:

No literature specifically discussing the Codetron for the use of chronic pain was identified. However, literature was found on the use of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) for chronic pain.

Health technology assessments

None found
Systematic reviews and meta-analyses


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CRD structured abstract available: http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb/ShowRecord.asp?View=Full&ID=12002000730 (accessed 2007 Dec 3).

Randomized controlled trials


**Observational studies**


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Appendix – Further information

Review articles


Additional references