TITLE: Parent Advisors in Pediatric Rehabilitation: Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the evidence for the clinical effectiveness of parent advisors for families with a child undergoing physical rehabilitation?

2. What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding the implementation of parent advisors for families with a child undergoing physical rehabilitation?

KEY FINDINGS

No literature was identified regarding the use of parent advisors in pediatric rehabilitation. References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including Medline, PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2014, Issue 12), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2003 and December 16, 2014. Internet links were provided, where available.

SELECTION CRITERIA

One reviewer screened citations and selected studies based on the inclusion criteria presented in Table 1.
Table 1: Selection Criteria

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<th>Population</th>
<th>Parents with children undergoing physical rehabilitation</th>
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<td>Intervention</td>
<td>Parent advisors (professional, paid advisors within the rehabilitation centre)</td>
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<td>Comparator</td>
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| Outcomes         | Q1: Benefits resulting from patient and family engagement (promoting family-centred care); patient and family satisfaction  
                  | Q2: Guidelines on the implementation of parent advisors |
| Study Designs     | Health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, evidence-based guidelines |

RESULTS

No literature was identified regarding the use of parent advisors in pediatric rehabilitation. References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

Health Technology Assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Randomized Controlled Trials
No literature identified.

Non-Randomized Studies
No literature identified.

Guidelines and Recommendations
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Non-randomized Studies – Other Settings


Practice Guidelines and Recommendations


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