TITLE: Diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Adults: Evidence-based Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTION

What are the guidelines and criteria for the diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in adults?

KEY MESSAGE

Limited information, including two evidence-based guidelines, was identified regarding the diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in adults.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2011, Issue 2), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI (Health Devices Gold), Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. No filters were applied to limit retrieval by study type. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2006 and February 14, 2011. Internet links were provided, where available.

RESULTS

Rapid Response reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by evidence-based guidelines.

Two evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Adults. No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, or meta-analyses were identified. Additional articles of potential interest can be found in the appendix.
Health technology assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Guidelines and recommendations

   Note: Adults mentioned throughout the document

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Non-randomized studies


Guidance documents and position statements


Review articles


Additional references


