TITLE: Opioids for the Management of Tramadol Withdrawal: Clinical Effectiveness

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RESEARCH QUESTION

What is the clinical effectiveness of opioids for the management of patients experiencing tramadol withdrawal symptoms?

KEY FINDINGS

No relevant literature was identified regarding the clinical effectiveness of opioids for the management of patients experiencing tramadol withdrawal symptoms.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2015, Issue 1), 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, 2005 and January 21, 2015. Internet links were provided, where available.

The summary of findings was prepared from the abstracts of the relevant information. Please note that data contained in abstracts may not always be an accurate reflection of the data contained within the full article.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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Table 1: Selection Criteria

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<th>Population</th>
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<td>Study Designs</td>
<td>Health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies</td>
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RESULTS

No relevant literature was identified regarding the clinical effectiveness of opioids for the management of patients experiencing tramadol withdrawal symptoms.

A reference of potential interest is provided in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

No relevant literature was identified regarding the clinical effectiveness of opioids for the management of patients experiencing tramadol withdrawal symptoms; therefore, no summary can be provided.
REFERENCES SUMMARIZED

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.

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