TITLE: Nabilone for the Treatment of Nausea, Vomiting, or Anorexia: Clinical Effectiveness and Safety

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the clinical effectiveness of nabilone for the treatment of nausea and vomiting in adults and adolescents?

2. What is the clinical evidence on the safety of nabilone for the treatment of nausea and vomiting in adults and adolescents?

3. What is the clinical effectiveness of nabilone for the treatment of anorexia in adults and adolescents?

4. What is the clinical evidence on the safety of nabilone for the treatment of anorexia in adults and adolescents?

KEY MESSAGE

Two systematic reviews were identified regarding nabilone for the treatment of nausea or vomiting. No literature was identified regarding nabilone for the treatment of anorexia.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including MEDLINE, EMBASE, PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2012, Issue 6), 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. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2002 and June 25, 2012. 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 randomized controlled trials and non-randomized studies.

Two systematic reviews were identified regarding nabilone for the treatment of nausea, vomiting, or anorexia. No relevant health technology assessments, randomized controlled trials, or non-randomized studies were identified. Additional references of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

Health Technology Assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses


Randomized Controlled Trials
No literature identified.

Non-Randomized Studies
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Review Articles


Additional References

Adults


Adolescents
