TITLE: Aspiration for the Treatment of Pre-patellar and Olecranon Bursitis: Clinical Evidence and Safety

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the clinical evidence for the effectiveness of aspiration as a treatment for pre-patellar and olecranon bursitis in adult patients?

2. What is the clinical evidence for the harms associated with aspiration as a treatment for pre-patellar and olecranon bursitis in adult patients?

KEY MESSAGE

No relevant literature was found regarding the effectiveness of aspiration as a treatment for pre-patellar and olecranon bursitis in adult patients.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2012 issue 9), 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 limited to English language documents, with no publication date limits. 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.
RESULTS

No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, or non-randomized studies were identified regarding the effectiveness or harms of aspiration as a treatment for pre-patellar and olecranon bursitis in adult patients. Related references of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

No relevant literature was found regarding the effectiveness of aspiration as a treatment for pre-patellar and olecranon bursitis in adult patients; 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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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Guidelines and Recommendations


Technique


Review Articles


Additional References
