TITLE:  Pre-Admission Pre-Surgical Clinics: Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTION:

What are the evidence-based guidelines for patient attendance of pre-admission pre-surgical clinics?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 8, 2010) University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, EBSCOhost CINAHL, ECRI (Health Devices Gold), EuroScan, international health technology agencies, and a focused Internet search. The search was limited to English language articles published between January 01, 2005 and August 24, 2010. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. 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:

HTIS 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, non-randomized studies, and evidence-based guidelines.

One evidence-based guideline was identified pertaining to patient attendance of pre-admission pre-surgical clinics. No relevant health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, or meta-analyses were identified. Additional information that may be of interest, including

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randomized and non-randomized studies examining preoperative patient education, is included in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

Limited information was identified regarding guidelines for patient attendance of pre-admission pre-surgical clinics. The Canadian Guidelines to Practice Anesthesia state the following indications for pre-admission assessment: significant medical co-morbidities, the nature of the diagnostic or therapeutic procedure, and patient request. The guidelines also recommend that nursing and other health care personnel should be available for consultation at preoperative assessment clinics and that laboratory tests should only be ordered when indicated.
REFERENCES SUMMARIZED:

Health technology assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Guidelines and recommendations

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Randomized controlled trials


Non-randomized studies


Additional references


