TITLE: Number of Births to Maintain Competence for Obstetrical Services: Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTION:

What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding the annual number of births required by an obstetrical service to maintain competence or expertise?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 3, 2010), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI (Health Devices Gold), EuroScan, international health technology agencies, and a focused Internet search. The search was limited to English language articles published between 2005 and April 2010. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. Internet links were provided, where available.

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 evidence-based guidelines.

No health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, or evidence-based guidelines regarding the annual number of births required by an obstetrical service to maintain competence or experience were identified. Additional references of potential interest are included in the appendix.
Health technology assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Guidelines and recommendations
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Guidelines and recommendations


Guidelines and recommendations – published prior to 2005


Observational studies


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