Nosodes for the Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Illness: Clinical Effectiveness
Research Questions
1. What is the clinical effectiveness of nosodes for the prevention of vaccine preventable illnesses?
2. What is the clinical evidence regarding the safety of nosodes?

Key Findings
No relevant literature was identified regarding the effectiveness and safety of nosodes.

Methods
A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including Ovid Medline, PubMed (for non-Medline records), the Cochrane Library, University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. Methodological filters were applied to limit retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, and non-randomized studies. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2008 and October 18, 2018. Internet links were provided, where available.

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

Table 1: Selection Criteria

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<th>Population</th>
<th>Any individual using a nosode as a substitute to prevent an illness for which there is a known and proven vaccine</th>
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| Comparator                      | Q1. Licensed vaccines  
Q2. No comparator                                                        |
| Outcomes                        | Q1. Effectiveness for preventing illnesses for which there are known efficacious vaccines;  
   Safety related to nosodes taken for prevention of vaccine preventable illness  
Q2. Harms and adverse events – regarding the ingestion/use of the product itself |
| Study Designs                   | Health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-  
   randomized studies                                                         |
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.

No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, or non-randomized studies were identified regarding the effectiveness and safety of nosodes.

References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

Health Technology Assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic Reviews/Meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Randomized Controlled Trials
No literature identified.

Non-Randomized Studies
No literature identified.
Appendix — Further Information

Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses

*Illnesses Not Necessarily Treated with Preventative Vaccines*


*Non-Randomized Studies*


Review Articles

   PubMed: PM20674838