Prioritization Tools for Physiotherapy: Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines
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Research Questions

1. What is the clinical effectiveness of prioritization tools for the delivery of physiotherapy in the general practice setting?

2. What are the evidence-based guidelines for the use of prioritization tools for the delivery of physiotherapy in the general practice setting?

Key Findings

No relevant literature was identified regarding prioritization tools for the delivery of physiotherapy in the general practice setting. In addition, no evidence-based guidelines were identified.

Methods

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, 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. A focused search of “physiotherapy” terms was conducted, with main concepts appearing in title or major subject heading, and methodological filters were applied to limit retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, and guidelines. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2009 and October 29, 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>Patients in the general practice setting requiring physiotherapy</th>
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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, non-randomized studies, and evidence-based guidelines.

No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, or evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding prioritization tools for the delivery of physiotherapy in the general practice setting.

References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

Overall Summary of Findings

No relevant literature was identified regarding prioritization tools for the delivery of physiotherapy in the general practice setting; 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

Guidelines and Recommendations
No literature identified
Appendix — Further Information

Previous CADTH Reports


Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses – Prioritization Tools Not Specified


Non-Randomized Studies

Alternative Comparator


Qualitative Studies


Clinical Practice Guidelines – Methodology Unspecified


Review Articles

Additional References


