TITLE: Homeopathy: Evidence of Clinical Effectiveness

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RESEARCH QUESTION:

1. What is the evidence for the clinical effectiveness of homeopathy for any clinical condition?

2. Are there any evidence-based guidelines for the use of homeopathy for any clinical condition?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 3, 2008), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI, EuroScan, international health technology agencies, and a focused Internet search. Results include articles published between 2003 and August 2008, and are limited to English language publications only. Filters were applied to limit the retrieval to systematic reviews/health technology assessments and clinical practice guidelines. Internet links are 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.

One health technology assessment and 22 systematic reviews and/or meta-analyses were identified. No evidence-based guidelines were identified. Additional information that may be of interest has been included in the Appendix.
Health technology assessments


Systematic reviews and meta-analyses


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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Canadian position statements


Economic analyses and cost information


Review articles


