TITLE: Florastor for C. difficile Prevention: Clinical- and Cost-Effectiveness

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1. What is the clinical-effectiveness of Florastor for prevention of C. difficile infection in geriatric patients on antibiotics?

2. What is the cost-effectiveness of Florastor for prevention of C. difficile infection in geriatric patients on antibiotics?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 4, 2008), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI, EuroScan, international health technology agencies, and a focused Internet search. The search was limited to English language articles published between 2004 and April 2009. 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 randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, observational studies, and economic evaluations.

No systematic reviews or meta-analyses, health technology assessments, randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, observational studies, or economic evaluations were identified regarding Florastor for C. difficile prevention in geriatric patients. Additional articles of interest may be found in the appendix.
Health technology assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Randomized controlled trials
No literature identified.

Controlled clinical trials
No literature identified.

Observational studies
No literature identified.

Economic evaluations
No literature identified.

Guidelines and recommendations
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses


Review articles


Published comments:


Additional references