TITLE: Solutions for Hysteroscopy: Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTION:

What are the guidelines for which solution should be used for hysteroscopy to distend the endometrial cavity for diagnostic purposes?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including OVID Medline, the Cochrane Library (Issue 2, 2009), 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 evidence-based guidelines.

No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, observational studies, or evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding which solution should be used for hysteroscopy to distend the endometrial cavity for diagnostic purposes. Two randomized controlled trials comparing saline and CO₂ were identified and are located 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

Guidelines and recommendations
No literature identified

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Randomized controlled trials


Review articles
