TITLE: Diagnostic Methods for Neuropathic Pain: Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding the diagnostic methods for neuropathic pain in adults in primary care?

2. What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding the diagnostic methods for neuropathic pain in adults in specialty care?

KEY FINDINGS

Two evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the diagnostic methods for neuropathic pain in adults in primary and specialty care.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2015, Issue 04), 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 and guidelines. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2010 and April 8, 2015. 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>Adult populations with neuropathic pain symptoms in primary or specialty care settings</th>
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<td>Intervention</td>
<td>Diagnostic tests for neuropathic pain</td>
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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 evidence-based guidelines.

Two evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the diagnostic methods for neuropathic pain in adults in primary and specialty care. No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, or meta-analyses were identified.

Additional references of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

Health Technology Assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Guidelines and Recommendations


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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Non-Randomized Studies


Guidelines and Recommendations – Unclear Methodology


Review Articles
