TITLE: Calibration of Tools to Adjust Halo Traction: Clinical Evidence and Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the evidence regarding the type of tool that should be used to adjust halo traction in patients requiring head and neck stabilization?

2. What is the evidence regarding the calibration of tools used to adjust halo traction in patients requiring head and neck stabilization?

3. What are the guidelines regarding the type and need for calibration of tools used to adjust halo traction in patients requiring head and neck stabilization?

KEY MESSAGE

No health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, or guidelines were identified regarding tools for adjusting halo traction in patients requiring head and neck stabilization.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2011, Issue 1), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD), Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2001 and February 8, 2011. Internet links were provided, where available.

The summary of findings was prepared from the abstracts of the relevant information. Please note that data contained in abstracts may not always be an accurate reflection of the data contained within the full article.
RESULTS

No health technology assessments, systematic, reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, or guidelines were identified regarding tools for adjusting halo traction in patients requiring head and neck stabilization. Articles of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

No health technology assessments, systematic, reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, or guidelines were identified regarding tools for adjusting halo traction in patients requiring head and neck stabilization. A summary of findings, therefore, cannot be presented.
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.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Non-randomized studies (non-patient studies)


Additional references