Rapid Response Report: Summary of Abstracts

TITLE: Prioritizing Patients Undergoing Non-Urgent, Medically Necessary Cosmetic Surgical Procedures: Clinical Evidence and Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the clinical evidence regarding the use of guidelines or screening tools to prioritize non-urgent, medically necessary cosmetic surgical procedures?

2. What are the evidence-based guidelines, checklists, or screening tools for the prioritization of non-urgent, medically necessary cosmetic surgical procedures?

KEY MESSAGE

No relevant health technology assessment reports, systematic review, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, or evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the use of guidelines or screening tools to prioritize non-urgent, medically necessary cosmetic surgical procedures.

METHODS

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.

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2013, Issue 2), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, 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. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2008 and February 6, 2013. Internet links were provided, where available.

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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 randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, and evidence-based guidelines.

No relevant health technology assessment reports, systematic review, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, or evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the use of guidelines or screening tools to prioritize non-urgent, medically necessary cosmetic surgical procedures. Additional references of potential interest, including clinical practice guidelines on the commissioning and provision of aesthetic surgery and specialist plastic surgery in the United Kingdom, are provided in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

No relevant literature was found regarding the use of guidelines or screening tools to prioritize non-urgent, medically necessary cosmetic surgical procedures, therefore no summary can be provided.
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:

Clinical Practice Guidelines – Methodologies of Unknown Rigour


Non-Randomized Studies – Other Triage Systems


Additional References
