TITLE: Intraoperative Assessment of Coronary Artery Bypass Grafts: Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTION

What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding the intraoperative assessment of the integrity and patency of coronary artery bypass grafts?

KEY MESSAGE

No evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the intraoperative assessment of the integrity and patency of coronary artery bypass grafts.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2011, Issue 6), 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, 2006 and June 29, 2011. Internet links were provided, where available.

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.

No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, or evidence-based guidelines were identified. Additional articles that may be of interest can be found in the appendix.
Health technology assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Guidelines and recommendations
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Randomized controlled trials


Non-randomized studies


Review articles


Additional references