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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the evidence that magazines, books, or toys in the common areas of health care settings pose a risk for transmission of infectious agents?

2. What are the evidence based guidelines regarding the availability of magazines, books, or toys in common areas of health care settings and the transmission of infectious agents?

KEY FINDINGS

No relevant literature was identified regarding whether magazines, books, or toys in common areas of health care settings pose a risk for transmission of infectious agents.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including Medline, The Cochrane Library (2014, Issue 11), 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 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, 2010 and November 13, 2014. 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

One reviewer screened citations and selected studies based on the inclusion criteria presented in Table 1.

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Table 1: Selection Criteria

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<th>Population</th>
<th>Adults and children in common areas of healthcare settings</th>
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<td>Intervention</td>
<td>Having available: books, magazines, toys, puzzles, etc.</td>
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<td>Comparator</td>
<td>No books, magazines, toys, puzzles, etc.</td>
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<td>Outcomes</td>
<td>Q1: Transmission of infectious agents</td>
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<td>Q2: Guidelines</td>
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<td>Study Designs</td>
<td>Health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews,</td>
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RESULTS

No relevant health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, or evidence based guidelines were identified regarding whether magazines, books, or toys in common areas of health care settings pose a risk for transmission of infectious agents.

References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

No relevant literature or evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding whether magazines, books, or toys in the common areas of health care settings pose a risk for transmission of infection agents; 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:

Non-Randomized Studies – Detection of Infectious Agents


Position Statements


Clinical Practice Guidelines

