TITLE: The Use of a Reception Desk Barrier in the Psychiatry Unit: Clinical Evidence and Safety

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the comparative safety of the use of a reception desk barrier versus no barrier in the psychiatry unit for medical personnel?

2. What is the clinical evidence regarding the effect of a reception desk barrier in the psychiatry unit on the well-being of patients in the unit?

KEY MESSAGE

No evidence regarding the safety of the use of a reception desk barrier in the psychiatry unit for medical personnel and the clinical evidence of its effect on the well-being of patients was identified.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2011, Issue 10), 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 methodological 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, 2001 and September 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 randomized controlled trials and non-randomized studies.

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No health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials or non-randomized studies regarding the safety of the use of a reception desk barrier in the psychiatry unit for medical personnel and the clinical evidence of its effect on the well-being of patients were identified. Additional information of interest may be found in the appendix.

**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.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Review Articles


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