TITLE: Portable Ultrasound for Patients with Non-Urgent Conditions: Clinical and Cost-Effectiveness

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the comparative clinical effectiveness of portable versus fixed ultrasound for patients with non-urgent conditions in a rural setting?

2. What is the cost-effectiveness of portable versus fixed ultrasound for patients with non-urgent conditions in a rural setting?

KEY MESSAGE

No literature was identified regarding the comparative clinical effectiveness or cost-effectiveness of portable versus fixed ultrasound for patients with non-urgent conditions in a rural setting.

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 abbreviated list of 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 November 2, 2011. Internet links were provided, where available.

RESULTS

No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, or economic evaluations were identified regarding portable versus fixed ultrasound for patients with non-urgent conditions in a rural setting. References of potential interest are provided 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.

Economic Evaluations
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Health Technology Assessments – non-comparative


Non-Randomized Studies – non-comparative


Review Articles


Additional References