TITLE: Prioritization Tools for Audiology Services: Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1. What is the clinical effectiveness of prioritization tools for the delivery of audiology services in the general practice setting?

2. What are the evidence-based guidelines for the use of prioritization tools for the delivery of audiology services in the general practice setting?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, Cinahl, the Cochrane Library (Issue 5, 2010), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI (Health Devices Gold), EuroScan, international health technology agencies, and a focused Internet search. The search was limited to English language articles published between January 1, 2000 and June 11, 2010. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. Internet links were provided, where available.

RESULTS:

No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, or evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the use of prioritization tools for the delivery of audiology services in the general practice setting. Additional articles of potential interest can be found in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

No relevant articles were identified, therefore, no summary pertaining to the clinical effectiveness of, or evidence-based guidelines for, prioritization tools for the delivery of audiology services in the general practice setting can be presented.
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


Additional references