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Research Question

What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding the use of inotropes for septic or cardiogenic shock in rural or remote settings?

Key Findings

No evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the use of inotropes for septic or cardiogenic shock in rural or remote settings.

Methods

A limited literature search was conducted by an information specialist on key resources including PubMed, the Cochrane Library, the University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, the websites of Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. The search strategy was comprised of both controlled vocabulary, such as the National Library of Medicine's MeSH (Medical Subject Headings), and keywords. The main search concepts were vasopressors or inotropes and septic or cardiogenic shock. Filters were applied to limit the retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, and meta analyses, and guidelines. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2015 and February 12, 2020. Internet links were provided, where available.

Selection Criteria

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

Table 1: Selection Criteria

Population	Patients with septic or cardiogenic shock or hemodynamic instability requiring inotropes in rural or remote settings (i.e., low resource settings)
Interventions	Inotropes or vasopressors (e.g., dopamine, norepinephrine, epinephrine, etc.), particularly for temporary stabilization or emergency measure while awaiting transfer to a higher level of care
Comparator	Not applicable
Outcomes	Recommendations regarding the use of inotropes or vasopressors for septic shock or hemodynamic instability in rural settings or low resource areas.
Study Designs	Health technology assessments, systematic reviews, evidence-based guidelines

Results

Rapid Response reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports and systematic reviews that studied evidence-based guidelines were included in the search strategy and are presented first. These are followed by evidence-based guidelines.

No evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the use of inotropes for septic or cardiogenic shock in rural or remote settings.

References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

Overall Summary of Findings

No relevant literature was identified regarding the use of inotropes for septic or cardiogenic shock in rural or remote settings. Therefore, no summary can be provided.

References Summarized

Health Technology Assessments

No literature identified.

Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses

No literature identified.

Guidelines and Recommendations

No literature identified.

Appendix — Further Information

Previous CADTH Reports

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Clinical Practice Guidelines

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