



Title Advanced Breast Biopsy Instrumentation (ABBI), May 1999

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Aim

To assess the safety and effectiveness of the service, and under what circumstances public funding should be supported for the service.

Conclusions and results

Safety: ABBI is safe.

Effectiveness: Available evidence does not suggest that ABBI is superior to conventional core biopsy diagnostic testing.

Cost-effectiveness: This was not undertaken.

Recommendations

ABBI should continue to be funded under existing arrangements as additional funding is not currently warranted. MSAC conducted a systematic review of medical literature on ABBI from 1982 until May 1998 via Medline, HealthSTAR, EmBase, Austrom, Austhealth, the Cochrane Library, Biosis, CANCERLIT, IAC Health & Wellness, Pascal, and Elsevier Biobase databases. In addition, information was sought from the Internet, international technology assessment agencies, from references quoted in retrieved articles, and from the distributor for ABBI.