



**Title** Placement of Artificial Bowel Sphincters in the Management of Fecal Incontinence, December 1999

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## **Aim**

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

## **Conclusions and results**

*Safety:* Could not be assessed due to insufficient data.

*Effectiveness:* Has not been demonstrated due to a lack of rigorous studies.

*Cost-effectiveness:* Could not be assessed.

## **Recommendations**

Public funding should not be supported at this time.

## **Method**

MSAC conducted a systematic review of the biomedical literature from 1966 to August 1999 by accessing biomedical electronic databases, the Internet, and international health technology agency websites. The manufacturer was consulted and reference lists of retrieved studies were searched.