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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* This could not be assessed due to insufficient data.

*Effectiveness* This has not been demonstrated to lack of rigorous studies.

*Cost-effectiveness* This could not be assessed.

### **Recommendations**

Public funding 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.

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