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Aim

The aim of this technology review was to review evidence on the safety and efficacy/effectiveness particularly on the benefits of symptoms checkers website to the user.

Conclusions and results

There was no retrievable published evidence on the safety and cost efficacy/effectiveness for symptoms checker. Based on the review, the safety and efficacy/effectiveness of the website cannot be determined.

Recommendations

Based on the above review, there was no retrievable evidence from the electronic databases on the safety and efficacy/effectiveness of the symptoms checker websites. Hence, it is not recommended to be use in Ministry of Health Facilities.

Methods

Electronic databases were searched from inception: Medline including MEDLINE including In-Process and Other Non-Indexed Citation (OVID); PubMed; EBM Reviews, Cochrane database of systematic; EBM Reviews – Health Technology Assessment; NHS economic evaluation database. Search were also run in horizon scanning database – National Horizon Scanning Centre, Australia and New Zealand Horizon Scanning Network, National Horizon Scanning Birmingham, EuroScan, FDA; MHRA. In addition to the database searches, articles were identified from reviewing the bibliographies of retrieved articles and were identified from reviewing the bibliographies of retrieved articles and hand searching of journals.

A combination of both controlled vocabulary, such as the National Library of Medicine's MeSH (Medical Subject Heading), and keywords free text. The search strategies used in MEDLINE were adapted for use in other databases.

The search was limited by including search filters for 'human studies'.

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