**Literature Search and Data Sources**

In a short paragraph, please succinctly describe your search strategy, the key word(s) used, the date(s) of the search, and the data sources you accessed in identifying the highest quality evidence on your topic. By "data sources," we mean sources such as Cochrane, Clinical Evidence, and the National Guidelines Clearinghouse. Do not list the actual references you found in each source; simply include them in your bibliography.

We strongly recommend that you search the following evidence-based sources of information:

* [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Evidence Reports(www.ahrq.gov)](http://www.ahrq.gov/)
* [Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews(www.cochrane.org)](http://www.cochrane.org/)
* [Clinical Evidence(www.clinicalevidence.com)](http://www.clinicalevidence.com/) (subscription required, but generally available to U.S. physicians who receive *Clinical Evidence* in the mail)
* [Evidence-based guidelines from the National Guidelines Clearinghouse(www.guideline.gov)](http://www.guideline.gov/)
* [Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)(www.icsi.org)](http://www.icsi.org/)
* [United States Preventive Services Task Force(www.ahrq.gov)](http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstfix.htm)

Links to 20 sources are provided below:

**Free Access**

* [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Clinical Guidelines and Evidence Report(www.ahrq.gov)](http://www.ahrq.gov/)
* [Bandolier(www.medicine.ox.ac.uk)](http://www.medicine.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/)
* [Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care(canadiantaskforce.ca)](http://canadiantaskforce.ca/)
* [Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews(www.cochrane.org)](http://www.cochrane.org/) -- abstracts only
* [Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects(www.crd.york.ac.uk)](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/)
* [Effective Health Care(www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov)](http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/)
* [Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement(www.icsi.org)](http://www.icsi.org/)
* [National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine(nccam.nih.gov)](http://nccam.nih.gov/)
* [National Guideline Clearinghouse(www.guideline.gov)](http://www.guideline.gov/)
* [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force(www.ahrq.gov)](http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstfix.htm)

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* [Clinical Evidence(clinicalevidence.bmj.com)](http://clinicalevidence.bmj.com/ceweb/index.jsp) -- BMJ Publishing
* [Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews(www.cochrane.org)](http://www.cochrane.org/)  -- complete reviews
* [DynaMed(www.ebscohost.com)](http://www.ebscohost.com/dynamed/)
* [EBM Online / Evidence-Based Medicine(ebm.bmj.com)](http://ebm.bmj.com/)
* [Essential Evidence Plus(www.essentialevidenceplus.com)](http://www.essentialevidenceplus.com/)
* [Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database(www.naturaldatabase.com)](http://www.naturaldatabase.com/%28S%28mqjs5t55m0wwyhn3oty5cinp%29%29/home.aspx?cs=&s=ND)
* [Natural Standard(www.naturalstandard.com)](http://www.naturalstandard.com/)
* [PEPID(www.pepid.com)](http://www.pepid.com/)
* [Physicians' Information and Education Resource(pier.acponline.org)](http://pier.acponline.org/index.html) (American College of Physicians' PIER)
* [UptoDate(www.uptodate.com)](http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html)

To ensure adequate searching on your topic, we strongly recommend that a minimum of 4 of the above sources be used, in addition to a PubMed search using the [Clinical Query function(www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/pubmedutils/clinical). This is done by using the provided link, or by going to the PubMed home page, and selecting "Clinical queries" from the lower center of the screen.

Sample Data Sources paragraph:  
Data Sources: A PubMed search was completed in Clinical Queries using the key terms pacifier, dummy, and soother. The search included meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, clinical trials, and reviews. Also searched were the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality evidence reports, Bandolier, Clinical Evidence, the Cochrane database, Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects, the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement, the National Guideline Clearinghouse database, the Trip database, and UpToDate. Search date: November 18, 2009.