

Stroke (update) search strategy C

This literature search strategy was used for the following reviews;

- Brain imaging after TIA

The literature searches for this review are detailed below and complied with the methodology outlined in Developing NICE guidelines: the manual 2014, updated 2017

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/pmg20/resources/developing-nice-guidelines-the-manual-pdf-72286708700869>

For more detailed information, please see the Methodology Review.

A.1 Clinical search literature search strategy

Searches were constructed using a PICO framework where population (P) terms were combined with Intervention (I) and in some cases Comparison (C) terms. Outcomes (O) are rarely used in search strategies for interventions as these concepts may not be well described in title, abstract or indexes and therefore difficult to retrieve. Search filters were applied to the search where appropriate.

Table 1: Database date parameters and filters used

Database	Dates searched	Search filter used
Medline (OVID)	1946 – 19 February 2018	Exclusions Randomised controlled trials Systematic review studies Diagnostic tests studies
Embase (OVID)	1974 – 19 February 2018	Exclusions Randomised controlled trials Systematic review studies Diagnostic tests studies
The Cochrane Library (Wiley)	Cochrane Reviews to 2018 Issue 2 of 12 CENTRAL to 2018 Issue 1 of 12 DARE, and NHSEED to 2015 Issue 2 of 4 HTA to 2016 Issue 2 of 4	None

Medline (Ovid) search terms

1.	((mini or minor or mild or acute) adj2 (stroke or strokes)).ti,ab.
2.	exp Brain Ischemia/
3.	((brain or brainstem or cerebr* or cerebell* or vertebrobasil* or verte brobasil* or hemisphere* or intracran* or intracerebral or infratentorial or supratentorial or mca*1 or anterior circulation or carotid or crescendo or transient or lacunar) adj3 isch?emi*).ti,ab.
4.	Ischemic Attack, Transient/
5.	(isch?emi* adj2 attack*).ti,ab.
6.	TIA*.ti,ab.
7.	or/1-6
8.	letter/
9.	editorial/

10.	news/
11.	exp historical article/
12.	Anecdotes as Topic/
13.	comment/
14.	case report/
15.	(letter or comment*).ti.
16.	or/8-15
17.	randomized controlled trial/ or random*.ti,ab.
18.	16 not 17
19.	animals/ not humans/
20.	exp Animals, Laboratory/
21.	exp Animal Experimentation/
22.	exp Models, Animal/
23.	exp Rodentia/
24.	(rat or rats or mouse or mice).ti.
25.	or/18-24
26.	7 not 25
27.	limit 26 to English language
28.	(exp child/ or exp pediatrics/ or exp infant/) not (exp adolescent/ or exp adult/ or exp middle age/ or exp aged/)
29.	27 not 28
30.	exp tomography/
31.	tomograph*.ti,ab.
32.	(NCCT or CT or UHCT).ti,ab.
33.	((CAT or body) adj2 scan*).ti,ab.
34.	or/30-33
35.	Magnetic Resonance Imaging/
36.	((magnetic or nuclear) adj2 resonance adj3 imag*).ti,ab.
37.	(MRI or NMR or NMRI or fMRI or MR or DWI).ti,ab.
38.	Diffusion Magnetic Resonance Imaging/
39.	((diffusion-weighted or T2-weighted) adj2 imag*).ti,ab.
40.	or/35-39
41.	29 and 34 and 40
42.	Meta-Analysis/
43.	Meta-Analysis as Topic/
44.	(meta analy* or metanaly* or metaanaly* or meta regression).ti,ab.
45.	((systematic* or evidence*) adj2 (review* or overview*)).ti,ab.
46.	(reference list* or bibliograph* or hand search* or manual search* or relevant journals).ab.
47.	(search strategy or search criteria or systematic search or study selection or data extraction).ab.
48.	(search* adj4 literature).ab.
49.	(medline or pubmed or cochrane or embase or psychlit or psyclit or psychinfo or psycinfo or cinahl or science citation index or bids or cancerlit).ab.
50.	cochrane.jw.
51.	((multiple treatment* or indirect or mixed) adj2 comparison*).ti,ab.
52.	or/42-51

53.	randomized controlled trial.pt.
54.	controlled clinical trial.pt.
55.	randomi#ed.ab.
56.	placebo.ab.
57.	randomly.ab.
58.	clinical trials as topic.sh.
59.	trial.ti.
60.	or/53-59
61.	exp "sensitivity and specificity"/
62.	(sensitivity or specificity).ti,ab.
63.	((pre test or pretest or post test) adj probability).ti,ab.
64.	(predictive value* or PPV or NPV).ti,ab.
65.	likelihood ratio*.ti,ab.
66.	likelihood function/
67.	((area under adj4 curve) or AUC).ti,ab.
68.	(receive* operat* characteristic* or receive* operat* curve* or ROC curve*).ti,ab.
69.	(diagnos* adj3 (performance* or accurac* or utilit* or value* or efficien* or effectiveness)).ti,ab.
70.	gold standard.ab.
71.	or/61-70
72.	41 and (52 or 60 or 71)
73.	93 or 72

Embase (Ovid) search terms

1.	((mini or minor or mild or acute) adj2 (stroke or strokes)).ti,ab.
2.	*brain ischemia/ or *hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy/
3.	((brain or brainstem or cerebr* or cerebell* or vertebrobasil* or verte brobasil* or hemisphere* or intracran* or intracerebral or infratentorial or supratentorial or mca*1 or anterior circulation or carotid or crescendo or transient or lacunar) adj3 isch?emi*).ti,ab.
4.	*Transient ischemic attack/
5.	(isch?emi* adj2 attack*).ti,ab.
6.	TIA*.ti,ab.
7.	or/1-6
8.	letter.pt. or letter/
9.	note.pt.
10.	editorial.pt.
11.	case report/ or case study/
12.	(letter or comment*).ti.
13.	or/8-12
14.	randomized controlled trial/ or random*.ti,ab.
15.	13 not 14
16.	animal/ not human/
17.	nonhuman/
18.	exp Animal Experiment/
19.	exp Experimental Animal/
20.	animal model/

21.	exp Rodent/
22.	(rat or rats or mouse or mice).ti.
23.	or/15-22
24.	7 not 23
25.	limit 24 to English language
26.	(exp child/ or exp pediatrics/) not (exp adult/ or exp adolescent/)
27.	25 not 26
28.	exp x-ray computed tomography/
29.	tomograph*.ti,ab.
30.	(NCCT or CT or UHCT).ti,ab.
31.	((CAT or body) adj2 scan*).ti,ab.
32.	or/28-31
33.	nuclear magnetic resonance imaging/
34.	((magnetic or nuclear) adj2 resonance adj3 imag*).ti,ab.
35.	(MRI or NMR or NMRI or fMRI or MR or DWI).ti,ab.
36.	diffusion weighted imaging/
37.	((diffusion-weighted or T2-weighted) adj2 imag*).ti,ab.
38.	or/33-37
39.	27 and 32 and 38
40.	systematic review/
41.	Meta-Analysis/
42.	(meta analy* or metanaly* or metaanaly* or meta regression).ti,ab.
43.	((systematic* or evidence*) adj2 (review* or overview*)).ti,ab.
44.	(reference list* or bibliograph* or hand search* or manual search* or relevant journals).ab.
45.	(search strategy or search criteria or systematic search or study selection or data extraction).ab.
46.	(search* adj4 literature).ab.
47.	(medline or pubmed or cochrane or embase or psychlit or psyclit or psychinfo or psycinfo or cinahl or science citation index or bids or cancerlit).ab.
48.	cochrane.jw.
49.	((multiple treatment* or indirect or mixed) adj2 comparison*).ti,ab.
50.	or/40-49
51.	random*.ti,ab.
52.	factorial*.ti,ab.
53.	(crossover* or cross over*).ti,ab.
54.	((doubl* or singl*) adj blind*).ti,ab.
55.	(assign* or allocat* or volunteer* or placebo*).ti,ab.
56.	crossover procedure/
57.	single blind procedure/
58.	randomized controlled trial/
59.	double blind procedure/
60.	or/51-59
61.	exp "sensitivity and specificity"/
62.	(sensitivity or specificity).ti,ab.
63.	((pre test or pretest or post test) adj probability).ti,ab.

64.	(predictive value* or PPV or NPV).ti,ab.
65.	likelihood ratio*.ti,ab.
66.	((area under adj4 curve) or AUC).ti,ab.
67.	(receive* operat* characteristic* or receive* operat* curve* or ROC curve*).ti,ab.
68.	(diagnos* adj3 (performance* or accurac* or utilit* or value* or efficien* or effectiveness)).ti,ab.
69.	diagnostic accuracy/
70.	diagnostic test accuracy study/
71.	gold standard.ab.
72.	or/61-71
73.	39 and (50 or 60 or 72)

Cochrane Library (Wiley) search terms

#1.	(mini or minor or mild or acute) near/2 (stroke or strokes):ti,ab
#2.	MeSH descriptor: [Brain Ischemia] explode all trees
#3.	((brain or brainstem or cerebr* or cerebell* or vertebrobasil* or verte brobasil* or hemisphere* or intracran* or intracerebral or infratentorial or supratentorial or mca*1 or anterior circulation or carotid or crescendo or transient or lacunar) near/3 isch?emi*):ti,ab
#4.	MeSH descriptor: [Ischemic Attack, Transient] explode all trees
#5.	(isch?emi* near/2 attack*):ti,ab
#6.	TIA*:ti,ab
#7.	(or #1-#6)
#8.	MeSH descriptor: [Tomography, X-Ray Computed] explode all trees
#9.	tomograph*:ti,ab
#10.	(NCCT or CT or UHCT):ti,ab
#11.	((CAT or body) near/2 scan*):ti,ab
#12.	(or #8-#11)
#13.	MeSH descriptor: [Magnetic Resonance Imaging] this term only
#14.	((magnetic or nuclear) near/2 resonance near/3 imag*):ti,ab
#15.	(MRI or NMR or NMRI or fMRI or MR or DWI):ti,ab
#16.	MeSH descriptor: [Diffusion Magnetic Resonance Imaging] this term only
#17.	((diffusion-weighted or T2-weighted) near/2 imag*):ti,ab
#18.	(or #13-#17)
#19.	#7 and #12 and #18

A.2 Health Economics literature search strategy

Health economic evidence was identified by conducting a broad search relating to the stroke population in NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHS EED – this ceased to be updated after March 2015) and the Health Technology Assessment database (HTA) with no date restrictions. NHS EED and HTA databases are hosted by the Centre for Research and Dissemination (CRD). Additional searches were run on Medline and Embase for health economics studies.

Table 2: Database date parameters and filters used

Database	Dates searched	Search filter used
Medline	01 January 2007 – 06 August 2018	Exclusions

Database	Dates searched	Search filter used
		Health economics studies
Embase	01 January 2007 – 06 August 2018	Exclusions Health economics studies
Centre for Research and Dissemination (CRD)	HTA - 01 January 2007 – 10 November 2017 NHSEED - 01 January 2007 – March 2015	None

Medline (Ovid) search terms

1.	exp Stroke/
2.	(stroke or strokes).ti,ab.
3.	((cerebro* or cerebral*) adj2 (accident* or apoplexy)).ti,ab.
4.	(CVA or poststroke or poststrokes).ti,ab.
5.	exp Intracranial Hemorrhages/
6.	(brain adj2 (attack*1 or hemorrhag* or haemorrhag* or bleed* or infarct*)).ti,ab.
7.	((intracerebral or intracranial or cerebral* or cerebro* or cerebrum or cerebellum or subarachnoid* or choroidal or basal ganglia or subdural) adj3 (hemorrhag* or haemorrhag* or bleed*)).ti,ab.
8.	exp Brain infarction/
9.	exp Carotid Artery Thrombosis/
10.	((brain or brainstem or cerebr* or cerebell* or vertebrobasil* or verte brobasil* or hemisphere* or intracran* or intracerebral or infratentorial or supratentorial or mca*1 or anterior circulation or carotid or transient or lacunar) adj3 (infarct* or thrombo* or emboli* or occlus* or hypoxi*)).ti,ab.
11.	exp Brain Ischemia/
12.	((brain or brainstem or cerebr* or cerebell* or vertebrobasil* or verte brobasil* or hemisphere* or intracran* or intracerebral or infratentorial or supratentorial or mca*1 or anterior circulation or carotid or crescendo or transient or lacunar) adj3 isch?emi*).ti,ab.
13.	Ischemic Attack, Transient/
14.	(isch?emi* adj2 attack*).ti,ab.
15.	TIA.ti,ab.
16.	or/1-15
17.	letter/
18.	editorial/
19.	news/
20.	exp historical article/
21.	Anecdotes as Topic/
22.	comment/
23.	case report/
24.	(letter or comment*).ti.
25.	or/17-24
26.	randomized controlled trial/ or random*.ti,ab.
27.	25 not 26
28.	animals/ not humans/

29.	exp Animals, Laboratory/
30.	exp Animal Experimentation/
31.	exp Models, Animal/
32.	exp Rodentia/
33.	(rat or rats or mouse or mice).ti.
34.	or/27-33
35.	16 not 34
36.	limit 35 to English language
37.	(exp child/ or exp pediatrics/ or exp infant/) not (exp adolescent/ or exp adult/ or exp middle age/ or exp aged/)
38.	36 not 37
39.	economics/
40.	value of life/
41.	exp "costs and cost analysis"/
42.	exp Economics, Hospital/
43.	exp Economics, medical/
44.	Economics, nursing/
45.	economics, pharmaceutical/
46.	exp "Fees and Charges"/
47.	exp budgets/
48.	budget*.ti,ab.
49.	cost*.ti.
50.	(economic* or pharmaco?economic*).ti.
51.	(price* or pricing*).ti,ab.
52.	(cost* adj2 (effectiv* or utilit* or benefit* or minimi* or unit* or estimat* or variable*)).ab.
53.	(financ* or fee or fees).ti,ab.
54.	(value adj2 (money or monetary)).ti,ab.
55.	or/39-54
56.	38 and 55

Embase (Ovid) search terms

1.	*cerebrovascular accident/ or cardioembolic stroke/ or exp experimental stroke/ or lacunar stroke/
2.	(stroke or strokes).ti,ab.
3.	((cerebro* or cerebral*) adj2 (accident* or apoplexy)).ti,ab.
4.	(CVA or poststroke or poststrokes).ti,ab.
5.	*brain hemorrhage/ or *brain ventricle hemorrhage/ or *cerebellum hemorrhage/ or *subarachnoid hemorrhage/
6.	(brain adj2 (attack*1 or hemorrhag* or haemorrhag* or bleed* or infarct*)).ti,ab.
7.	((intracerebral or intracranial or cerebral* or cerebro* or cerebrum or cerebellum or subarachnoid* or choroidal or basal ganglia or subdural) adj3 (hemorrhag* or haemorrhag* or bleed*)).ti,ab.
8.	*brain infarction/ or *brain infarction size/ or *brain stem infarction/ or *cerebellum infarction/
9.	*Carotid Artery Thrombosis/
10.	((brain or brainstem or cerebr* or cerebell* or vertebrobasil* or verte brobasil* or hemisphere* or intracran* or intracerebral or infratentorial or supratentorial or mca*1 or

	anterior circulation or carotid or transient or lacunar) adj3 (infarct* or thrombo* or emboli* or occlus* or hypoxi*).ti,ab.
11.	*brain ischemia/ or *hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy/
12.	((brain or brainstem or cerebr* or cerebell* or vertebrobasil* or verte brobasil* or hemisphere* or intracran* or intracerebral or infratentorial or supratentorial or mca*1 or anterior circulation or carotid or crescendo or transient or lacunar) adj3 isch?emi*).ti,ab.
13.	*Transient ischemic attack/
14.	(isch?emi* adj2 attack*).ti,ab.
15.	TIA.ti,ab.
16.	or/1-15
17.	letter.pt. or letter/
18.	note.pt.
19.	editorial.pt.
20.	case report/ or case study/
21.	(letter or comment*).ti.
22.	or/17-21
23.	randomized controlled trial/ or random*.ti,ab.
24.	22 not 23
25.	animal/ not human/
26.	nonhuman/
27.	exp Animal Experiment/
28.	exp Experimental Animal/
29.	animal model/
30.	exp Rodent/
31.	(rat or rats or mouse or mice).ti.
32.	or/24-31
33.	16 not 32
34.	(exp child/ or exp pediatrics/) not (exp adult/ or exp adolescent/)
35.	33 not 34
36.	health economics/
37.	exp economic evaluation/
38.	exp health care cost/
39.	exp fee/
40.	budget/
41.	funding/
42.	budget*.ti,ab.
43.	cost*.ti.
44.	(economic* or pharmaco?economic*).ti.
45.	(price* or pricing*).ti,ab.
46.	(cost* adj2 (effectiv* or utilit* or benefit* or minimi* or unit* or estimat* or variable*).ab.
47.	(finance* or fee or fees).ti,ab.

48.	(value adj2 (money or monetary)).ti,ab.
49.	or/36-48
50.	35 and 49

NHS EED and HTA (CRD) search terms

#1.	MeSH DESCRIPTOR Stroke EXPLODE 1 2
#2.	((stroke or strokes))
#3.	((cerebro* or cerebral*) adj2 (accident* or apoplexy))
#4.	((CVA or poststroke or poststrokes))
#5.	MeSH DESCRIPTOR Intracranial Hemorrhages EXPLODE ALL TREES
#6.	((brain adj2 (attack*1 or hemorrhag* or haemorrhag* or bleed* or infarct*)))
#7.	((intracerebral or intracranial or cerebral* or cerebro* or cerebrum or cerebellum or subarachnoid* or choroidal or basal ganglia or subdural) adj3 (hemorrhag* or haemorrhag* or bleed*))
#8.	MeSH DESCRIPTOR Brain Infarction EXPLODE ALL TREES
#9.	MeSH DESCRIPTOR Carotid Artery Thrombosis EXPLODE ALL TREES
#10.	((brain or brainstem or cerebr* or cerebell* or vertebrobasil* or verte brobasil* or hemisphere* or intracran* or intracerebral or infratentorial or supratentorial or mca*1 or anterior circulation or carotid or transient or lacunar) adj3 (infarct* or thrombo* or emboli* or occlus* or hypoxi*))
#11.	MeSH DESCRIPTOR Brain Ischemia EXPLODE ALL TREES
#12.	((brain or brainstem or cerebr* or cerebell* or vertebrobasil* or verte brobasil* or hemisphere* or intracran* or intracerebral or infratentorial or supratentorial or mca*1 or anterior circulation or carotid or crescendo or transient or lacunar) adj3 isch?emi*))
#13.	MeSH DESCRIPTOR Ischemic Attack, Transient EXPLODE ALL TREES
#14.	((isch?emi* adj2 attack*))
#15.	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 OR #12 OR #13 OR #14