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HQO Releases Clinical Handbook for Hip Fractures

As part of its work to support the government's implementation of Quality-Based Procedures, HQO has created a clinical handbook for hip fracture. The handbook was developed by HQO's Evidence Development and Standards branch working closely with an expert panel chaired by Dr. James Waddell, an orthopedic surgeon at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Over the last year, HQO has been engaging experts across the province to provide evidence about episodes of care for several health conditions, including congestive heart failure, stroke and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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Open for Comment: Draft Analyses and Recommendations for Hysteroscopic Tubal Sterilization

Hysteroscopic tubal sterilization is a minimally invasive alternative to tubal ligation for permanent sterilization in women. In contrast to the laparoscopic technique, this procedure can be performed in 10 minutes in an office setting and does not require the use of general or even local anesthesia.

HQO completed a review of the clinical effectiveness of hysteroscopic tubal sterilization compared to conventional tubal ligation. Its research partner, the Toronto Health Economic and Technology Assessment (THETA) Collaborative, conducted an economic literature review to determine the cost-effectiveness of the two procedures.

Based on the evidence, HQO's Ontario Health Technology Advisory Committee (OHTAC) is recommending that hysteroscopic sterilization be considered as an alternative to tubal ligation for female sterilization. The draft evidence-based analysis, health economic literature review and OHTAC recommendations are available for public comment for a 21-day period. [Click here](#) to find out more.