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Research Compares Hysteroscopic Tubal Sterilization and Conventional Tubal Ligation

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 and its research partner completed a review of the clinical- and cost-effectiveness of hysteroscopic tubal sterilization compared to conventional tubal ligation. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Review Examines Effectiveness of Electrical Stimulation for Drug-Resistant Epilepsy

Electrical stimulation with either vagus nerve stimulation (VNS) or deep brain stimulation (DBS) may be an option for children and adults with epilepsy who do not respond to drug therapy and are not candidates for surgery. HQO conducted an evidence-based analysis of the effectiveness of VNS and DBS in reducing the frequency of seizures and decreasing hospitalization and emergency department visits for adults and children.

[Click here](#) to access the research and OHTAC recommendations.

Ontario Study Highlights Benefits of Laser for Treating Enlarged Prostate

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Open for Comment

The following draft research reports and OHTAC recommendations are posted for public comment for 21 days:

- The Appropriate Use of Neuroimaging in the Diagnostic Workup of Dementia
- Frequency of Testing for Dyslipidemia

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