Database: Medline <1966 to October 2001>

Search Strategy

1. chickenpox.mp.
2. chicken pox.mp.
3. 1 or 2
4. exp acyclovir/
5. acyclovir.mp.
6. 4 or 5
7. 3 and 6
8. limit 7 to (newborn infant <birth to 1 month> or infant <1 to 23 months> or preschool child <2 to 5 years> or child <6 to 12 years> or adolescence <13 to 18 years>)
9. (child or children or infant$ or infancy or adoles$ or neonat$ or youth$ or teen$).mp.
10. 7 and 9
11. 8 or 10..........................................................310
12. limit 11 to (controlled clinical trial or meta analysis or multicenter study or randomized controlled trial)
13. (random$ or placebo$).mp.
14. exp random allocation/
15. exp randomized controlled trials/
16. or/13-15
17. 7 and 16
18. 12 or 17..........................................................38

Database: EMBASE <1988 to May 2001>

Search Strategy

1. chickenpox.mp.
2. chicken pox.mp.
3. 1 or 2
4. aciclovir.mp.
5. acyclovir.mp.
6. 4 or 5
7. 3 and 6
8. limit 7 to (infant <to one year> or child <unspecified age> or preschool child <1 to 6 years> or school child <7 to 12 years> or adolescent <13 to 17 years>)
9. (child or children or neonat$ or infant$ or infancy or adoles$ or youth$ or teen$).mp.
10. 7 and 9
11. 8 or 10..........................................................313
12. controlled study/
13. randomized controlled trial/
14. multicenter study/
15. major clinical study/
16. meta analysis.mp.
17. metaanalysis.mp.
18. (random$ or placebo$).mp.
19. or/12-18
20. 11 and 19..........................................................83
Database: CENTRAL <2002, Issue 2>

Search Strategy

(acyclovir OR aciclovir) AND (chickenpox OR chicken pox OR varicel*)........68

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(acyclovir OR aciclovir) AND (chickenpox OR chicken pox OR varicel*)........75