conducted in Spain and published between January, 2003 and April, 2009 were identi-
fied. A combination of terms was applied to systematically review electronic and grey 
literature sources. Three Spanish journals were hand searched. Methodological quality 
was assessed applying the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) 10 criteria 
checklist used by the Netherlands and other countries to recommend guide-
lines for appraising economic evaluations. RESULTS: After applying the inclusion 
and exclusion criteria, a total of 48 papers and 1 Health Technologies Evaluation 
Agency (HTEAs) report were included. Key findings: 1) 69.3% of papers referred 
to therapeutic interventions; 30.4% to preventive strategies; 2) no assessments of diag-
nostic procedures were identified; 3) 10.4% dealt with medical devices; 4) Markov 
modelling was frequently applied (58.7%); 5) the NRT perspective was commonly 
adopted (56.3%); 6) costs and effects were usually discounted (71.7%); 7) probabil-
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