# Treatment of abnormal uterine bleeding (AUB)

A clinical guidance for treatment of idiopathic bleeding in premenopausal women in the Belgian healthcare system

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# **O**BJECTIVE

To provide a practical guideline concerning an EBM treatment of AUB in premenopausal women without identified pathology.

### **METHODOLOGY**

- Analysis of current national guidelines.
- Literature study for international guidelines.
- NICE, NVOG, RCOG and ACOG guidelines were selected. The NICE and NVOG guideline were included based on extent, study design and reliability.
- Evaluation of the guidelines with ADAPTE and AGREE-tools: both guidelines are reliable and applicable to our healthcare
- Development of GRADE evidence tables.
- Panel discussion.
- Development of recommendations.

# **PICO**

Patient: premenopausal women with idiopathic AUB:

- Non-structural causes of PALM-COEIN
  - Myoma < 30 mm
  - Adenomyosis

# Ovulatory

### Intervention vs. comparisation:

- Tranexamic acid vs. progestogen
- Tranexamic acid vs. LNG IUD
- 3. LNG IUD vs. COC
- 4. LNG IUD vs. progestogen
- 5. LNG IUD vs. ablation
- 6. LNG IUD vs. hysterectomy
- 7. 1<sup>st</sup> vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> generation ablation
- 8. Ablation vs. hysterectomy
- 9. Embolisation vs. hysterectomy

### Outcomes:

- Health related quality of life
- Patient satisfaction
- Adverse effects

PICO	Recommendation	Quality of evidence
Tranexamic acid vs. progesteron	Weak recommendation for either	$\oplus \oplus \bigcirc \bigcirc$
Tranexamic acid vs. LNG IUD	Weak recommendation for LNG IUD	$\oplus$
LNG IUD vs. COC	Weak recommendation for LNG IUD	$\oplus \oplus \bigcirc \bigcirc$
LNG IUD vs. progesteron	Weak recommendation for either	$\oplus$
LNG IUD vs. ablation	Strong recommendation for LNG IUD	$\oplus \oplus \bigcirc \bigcirc$
LNG IUD vs. hysterectomy	Strong recommendation for LNG IUD	$\oplus \oplus \bigcirc \bigcirc$
1st vs 2nd generation ablation	Weak recommendation for 2nd generation ablation	$\oplus \oplus \bigcirc \bigcirc$
1st gen ablation vs. hysterectomy	Weak recommendation for 1st generation ablation	$\oplus \oplus \bigcirc \bigcirc$
Embolisation vs. hysterectomy	Weak recommendation for embolisation	$\oplus \oplus \bigcirc \bigcirc$

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