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HISTORY

Protocol first published: Issue 1, 2000

Review first published: Issue 2, 2002

7 August 2008	Amended	Converted to new review format.
3 August 2005	New search has been performed	<p>We re-ran the electronic searches in March 2005 and found no new studies that could be included.</p> <p>There were three studies that were retrospective reviews of practice (Athanas- siadi 2003; Baranwal 2003; Yilmaz 2002) and four that were comparisons of treatments (Anstadt 2003; Balci 2002; Hilliard 2003; Petrakis 2004) but were also retrospective descriptions. Cohen (Cohen 2003) compared chest drain plus antibiotics with primary thoracoscopic drainage but was excluded as it was not a contemporaneous study. Gates (Gates 2004) undertook a systematic review of empyema treatment in children but a meta-analysis could not be done as the studies were retrospective institutional series with inherent bias and varying outcome measures.</p>