Hidradenitis suppurativa

Our Cochrane review Rev#81 Interventions for hidradenitis suppurativa is a published protocol (pubd issue 9, 2012)

The final priority setting meeting took place in December 2013 and the top 10 was agreed to be:

1. What is the most effective and safe group of oral treatments in treating Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS)? (e.g. antibiotics, hormonal treatments, retinoids, immunosuppressants, metformin, steroids)?

2. What is the best management of an acute flare

3. What is the impact of HS and the treatments on people with HS (physical, psychological, financial, social, quality of life)?

4. How effective are biologics (etanercept, adalimumab, infliximab, ustekinumab) in treating HS

5. Does early diagnosis and aggressive treatment influence the course of HS?

6. What is the best surgical procedure to perform in treating HS e.g. incision & drainage, local excision, wide excision?

7. Which factors are useful in determining the prognosis (disease progression) of HS?

8. What is the best method of wound care after surgery or for active disease?(e.g. Skin grafts, secondary intention, dressings)

9. To what extent is HS caused by genetic factors?

10. What is the best management of pain associated with HS?