

Appendix 2 (as supplied by the authors): Search Strategy for RCD Studies

| Search | Most Recent Queries |
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| #50 | Search #43 AND #47 AND #48 |
| #49 | Search #43 AND #47 |
| #48 | Search death*[tiab] OR dead*[tiab] OR die[tiab] OR died[tiab] OR dying[tiab] OR mortal*[tiab] OR fatal*[tiab] OR surviv*[tiab] |
| #47 | Search #45 OR #46 |
| #46 | Search propensity[All fields] |
| #45 | Search "Propensity Score"[mh] |
| #44 | Search #38 AND #43 |
| #43 | Search #39 OR #40 OR #41 OR #42 |
| #42 | Search database*[tiab] OR "health care databases"[All fields] OR "healthcare databases"[All fields] OR "health care database"[All fields] OR "healthcare database"[All fields] OR "healthcare data"[All fields] OR "health care data"[All fields] OR "national database"[All fields] |
| #41 | Search "Registries"[mh] OR register*[All fields] OR registr*[All fields] |
| #40 | Search record*[All fields] OR electronic*[All fields] OR "Personal Health"[All fields] OR EMR[All fields] OR EHR[All fields] OR PHR[All fields] OR "Electronic Health Records"[mh] OR "Health Records, Personal"[mh] OR "Medical Record Linkage"[mh] OR "Medical Records Systems, Computerized"[mh] |
| #39 | Search Administrative[All fields] OR claim*[All fields] OR "Insurance, Health, Reimbursement"[mh] OR reimbursement[All fields] OR utilization[All fields] OR utilisation[All fields] OR "Drug Utilization Review"[mh] OR Prescription*[All fields] OR Insurance[mh] OR Insur*[All fields] OR medicare[All fields] OR medicare[mh] OR medicaid[All fields] OR medicaid[mh] OR routine*[All fields] OR certificat*[All fields] |
| #38 | Search #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 OR #12 OR #13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30 OR #31 OR #32 OR #33 OR #34 OR #35 OR #36 OR #37 |
| #37 | Search "national database"[All fields] |
| #36 | Search "health care data"[All fields] |
| #35 | Search "healthcare data"[All fields] |
| #34 | Search "healthcare database"[All fields] |
| #33 | Search "health care database"[All fields] |
| #32 | Search "healthcare databases"[All fields] |
| #31 | Search "health care databases"[All fields] |
| #30 | Search database*[tiab] |
| #29 | Search registr*[All fields] |
| #28 | Search register*[All fields] |
| #27 | Search "Registries"[mh] |
| #26 | Search "Medical Records Systems, Computerized"[mh] |
| #25 | Search "Medical Record Linkage"[mh] |
| #24 | Search "Health Records, Personal"[mh] |
| #23 | Search "Electronic Health Records"[mh] |
| #22 | Search PHR[All fields] |
| #21 | Search EHR[All fields] |
| #20 | Search EMR[All fields] |
| #19 | Search "Personal Health"[All fields] |

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| #18 | Search electronic*[All fields] |
| #17 | Search record*[All fields] |
| #16 | Search certificat*[All fields] |
| #15 | Search routine*[All fields] |
| #14 | Search medicaid[mh] |
| #13 | Search medicaid[All fields] |
| #12 | Search medicare[mh] |
| #11 | Search medicare[All fields] |
| #10 | Search Insur*[All fields] |
| #9 | Search Insurance[mh] |
| #8 | Search Prescription*[All fields] |
| #7 | Search "Drug Utilization Review"[mh] |
| #6 | Search utilisation[All fields] |
| #5 | Search utilization[All fields] |
| #4 | Search reimbursement[All fields] |
| #3 | Search "Insurance, Health, Reimbursement"[mh] |
| #2 | Search claim*[All fields] |
| #1 | Search Administrative[All fields] |

Search: Date: 23 Nov 2011; MEDLINE; Interface: PubMed