

SUPPLEMENTARY 1: SEARCH STRATEGY

PubMed (January 1950 to December. 30 2016)

1. "Ablation Techniques"[Mesh]
2. "Catheter Ablation "[Mesh]
3. 1 OR 2
4. "Thyroid Nodule"[Mesh]
5. 3 AND 4
6. "Radiofrequency ablation" OR "RFA" OR "RF ablation"
OR "Radiofrequency treatment" OR "radio-frequency
ablation" OR "radiofrequency catheter ablation" OR
"radiofrequency thermal ablation" OR "RTA"
7. Thyroid
8. 6 AND 7
9. 5 OR 8

Results: 326

Embase (1980-present)

1. 'radiofrequency ablation':ab, ti
2. 'rfa':ab, ti
3. 'rf ablation':ab, ti
4. 'radiofrequency thermal ablation':ab, ti
5. 'rta':ab, ti
6. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5
7. thyroid: ab, ti
8. 6 AND 7

Results: 379

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1. Radiofrequency [Title, Abstract, Keywords]
2. Ablation [Title, Abstract, Keywords]
3. Thyroid [Title, Abstract, Keywords]
4. 1 AND 2 AND 3

Results: 17