

Supplementary Appendix A. MEDLINE Search Strategy

No.	Search Item
1	(cva\$ or stroke\$ or poststroke\$ or post-stroke\$ or post stroke\$ or transient isch?emic attack\$ or TIA\$ or ministroke\$ or ministroke\$ or mini stroke\$).mp.
2	(cerebrovascular\$ or cerebral vascular).tw.
3	(cerebral or cerebellar or brain\$ or vertebrobasilar) adj5 (infarct\$ or isch?emi\$ or thrombo\$ or apoplexy or emboli\$).tw
4	(cerebral or intracerebral or intracranial or brain\$ or cerebellar or subarachnoid) adj5 (accident\$ or h?emorrhag\$).tw
5	1 or 2 or 3 or 4
6	Need.mp.
7	Needs.mp.
8	6 or 7
9	Support person.mp.
10	Wife.mp.
11	Wives.mp.
12	Husband*.mp.
13	Close relative*.mp.
14	Next of kin*.mp.
15	Significant other*.mp.
16	Relative*.mp.
17	Caregiver*.mp.
18	Carer*.mp.
19	Famil*.mp.
20	9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19
21	5 and 8 and 20
22	limit 21 to (english language and humans)