

S1 Appendix: Search strategy in the applied databases

PubMed:

((cost-benefit analysis[MeSH Terms]) OR (((((((((((((((economic evaluation) OR health economic) OR economic* AND analysis) OR cost effect*) OR cost-effect*) OR cost-benefit*) OR cost-utilit*) OR cost utilit*) OR cost consequence* AND analysis) OR cost-consequence* AND analysis) OR cost minimization analysis) OR cost-minimization analysis) OR economic* AND aspect*) OR health care cost*) OR cost analysis))) AND (((((((patella) OR knee) OR knee joint)) AND ((Pain) OR Arthralgia))) OR (((patellofemoral pain syndrome) OR ("knee pain"[All Fields] OR "knee ache"[All Fields] OR "knee injury*" [All Fields] OR "anterior cruciate ligament"[MeSH Terms] OR "anterior cruciate ligament injury*" [All Fields] OR "knee fracture*" [All Fields] OR "menisci, tibial"[MeSH Terms] OR "medial meniscus"[All Fields] OR "lateral meniscus injury*" [All Fields])))

Embase:

#3 #1 AND #2

#2 'knee pain'/de OR 'knee injury' OR arthralgia OR 'anterior cruciate ligament' OR 'anterior cruciate ligament injury' OR 'knee meniscus' OR 'knee meniscus rupture'

#1 'economic evaluation'/de OR 'cost effectiveness analysis':lnk OR 'cost utility analysis' OR 'cost benefit analysis' OR 'health economics' OR 'economic aspect' OR 'cost consequence analysis' OR 'cost minimization analysis' OR 'health care cost'

NHS EED:

Search results [16 hits] Selected records [0 hits]

Any field	<input type="text" value="knee pain"/>	AND
Any field	<input type="text" value="economic evaluation"/>	OR
Author	<input type="text"/>	
Record date	<input type="text"/> to <input type="text"/>	
Publication year	<input type="text"/> to <input type="text"/>	

Cochrane:

#1	MeSH descriptor: [Knee] explode all trees
#2	knee pain
#3	patellofemoral pain syndrome
#4	anterior cruciate ligament injury
#5	knee fracture
#6	meniscus tibial
#7	#1 or #2 or #3 or #4 or #5 or #6
#8	MeSH descriptor: [Cost-Benefit Analysis] explode all trees
#9	economic evaluation
#10	cost-effectiveness analysis
#11	cost-utility analysis
#12	cost-minimization analysis
#13	cost-consequence analysis
#14	cost analysis
#15	#8 or #9 or #10 or #11 or #12 or #13 or #14
#16	#7 and #15