

Supplementary Material 1: Example of search strategy developed for use in Embase and modified according to database queried.

1. Exp ethics/
2. Ethic*.mp.
3. Exp morality/
4. Moral*.mp.
5. Exp social responsibility
6. Medical ethic*.mp.
7. 1 or 1 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6
8. Exp surgery/
9. Surger*.mp.
10. Exp surgeon/
11. Surgeon*.mp.
12. Surgical*.mp.
13. Operati*.mp.
14. 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13
15. 7 and 14
16. Exp developing country/
17. Exp global health/
18. Global health.mp.
19. Exp international cooperation/
20. Lmic*.mp.
21. Developing countr*.mp.
22. Global surg*.mp.
23. (low and middle income countr*).mp.
24. 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23
25. 15 and 24