

Appendix 2: Sample MEDLINE Search Strategy

1. exp aged
2. Aging
3. (Late life OR elder* OR aged OR old age OR geriatric OR seniors) ti/ab
4. ((old OR older OR aging OR aged OR senior OR elder*) N3 (person OR persons OR people OR adult* OR subject* OR patient* OR consumer* OR male OR males OR female* OR men OR women)) ti/ab
5. (1. OR 2. OR 3. OR 4.)
6. 'Patient Discharge' ti/ab
7. 'Progressive Patient Care' ti/ab
8. home care services OR home care services, hospital-based OR home nursing ti/ab
9. (early supported discharge OR ESD) ti/ab
10. ((early OR earlier OR prompt OR accelerate* OR acute OR subacute OR supported) N5 discharg*) ti/ab
11. (reduce* N5 (duration OR length) N5 (stay OR hospital)) ti/ab
12. (reduce* N5 (hospital OR inpatient OR in-patient) N5 (stay OR care)) ti/ab
13. 'short-term ward' ti/ab
14. ((organi?ed OR multidisciplinary) N5 discharge N5 team*) ti/ab
15. ((early OR earlier OR prompt OR accelerate\$ OR supported) N5 return* N2 home*) ti/ab
16. (hospital* N3 home*) ti/ab
17. 'hospital rehabilitation unit*' ti/ab
18. (rehabilitation N3 home*) ti/ab
19. (intensive N2 home N5 (rehabilitation OR support*)) ti/ab
20. (mobile N2 team*) ti/ab
21. 'organi?ed home care' ti/ab

22. ((post-discharge OR home rehabilitation) N5 (support* OR care)) ti/ab
23. ((early OR earlier OR acute OR subacute OR post-discharge) N5 (community OR domiciliary OR primary care OR home OR home-based) N5 (rehabilitation OR support* OR care)) ti/ab
24. OR/6-23
25. 5 AND 24
26. randomi?ed controlled trials ti/ab
27. random allocation ti/ab
28. controlled clinical trials ti/ab
29. control groups ti/ab
30. clinical trials ti/ab
31. double-blind ti/ab
32. single-blind ti/ab
33. research design ti/ab
34. program evaluation ti/ab
35. randomi?ed controlled trial pt.
36. controlled clinical trial pt.
37. clinical trial pt.
38. random* ti/ab
39. (controlled N5 (trial* OR stud*)) ti/ab
40. (clinical* N5 trial*) ti/ab
41. ((control OR treatment OR experiment* OR intervention) N5 (group* OR subject* OR patient*)) ti/ab
42. (quasi-random* OR quasi random* OR pseudo-random* OR pseudo random*) ti/ab

43. ((control OR experiment* OR conservative) N5 (treatment OR therapy OR procedure OR manage*)) ti/ab
44. ((singl* OR doubl* OR tripl* OR trebl*) N5 (blind* OR mask*)) ti/ab
45. (assign* OR allocate*) ti/ab
46. controls ti/ab
47. trial ti/ab
48. OR/26-47
49. 25 AND 48

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