

**Additional File 2 - MEDLINE Search Strategy**

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1. (critical adj care).tw.
2. (critical\$ adj ill\$).tw.
3. (intensive adj care).mp.
4. ICU?.tw.
5. (cardiovascular adj unit?).tw.
6. (coronary adj care).tw.
7. CCU?.tw.
8. (step-down adj unit?).tw.
9. (burn adj unit?).tw.
10. "high dependency unit?".tw.
11. (neurosurgical adj unit?).tw.
12. (observation adj unit?).tw.
13. exp Intensive Care Units/
14. exp Critical Care/
15. Critical Illness/
16. or/1-15
17. (discharg\$ adj1 plan\$).tw.
18. (discharg\$ adj1 process\$).tw.
19. (discharg\$ adj1 protocol?).tw.
20. (discharg\$ adj1 method\$).tw.
21. (discharg\$ adj1 transition\$).tw.
22. "discharg\$ of patient?".tw.
23. (patient\$ adj1 transition\$).tw.
24. (patient\$ adj1 discharg\$).tw.
25. (patient\$ adj1 transfer\$).tw.
26. (transfer\$ adj1 process\$).tw.
27. (transfer\$ adj1 plan\$).tw.
28. (transfer\$ adj3 ward\$).tw.
29. "transfer\$ of patient?".tw.
30. Patient Discharge/
31. Patient Transfer/
32. or/17-31
33. 16 and 32
34. Animals/ not (Animals/ and Humans/)

35. 33 not 34
36. limit 35 to yr="2013 -Current"
37. (critical adj care).tw.
38. (critical\$ adj ill\$).tw.
39. (intensive adj care).mp.
40. ICU?.tw.
1. 41 (cardiovascular adj unit?).tw.
41. (coronary adj care).tw.
42. CCU?.tw.
43. (step-down adj unit?).tw.
44. (burn adj unit?).tw.
45. "high dependency unit?".tw.
46. (neurosurgical adj unit?).tw.
47. (observation adj unit?).tw.
48. exp Intensive Care Units/
49. exp Critical Care/
50. Critical Illness/
51. or/37-51
52. (discharg\$ adj1 plan\$).tw.
53. (discharg\$ adj1 process\$).tw.
54. (discharg\$ adj1 protocol?).tw.
55. (discharg\$ adj1 method\$).tw.
56. (discharg\$ adj1 transition\$).tw.
57. "discharg\$ of patient?".tw.
58. (patient\$ adj1 transition\$).tw.
59. (patient\$ adj1 discharg\$).tw.
60. (patient\$ adj1 transfer\$).tw.
61. (transfer\$ adj1 process\$).tw.
62. (transfer\$ adj1 plan\$).tw.
63. (transfer\$ adj3 ward\$).tw.
64. "transfer\$ of patient?".tw.
65. Patient Discharge/
66. Patient Transfer/
67. or/53-67
68. 52 and 68
69. Animals/ not (Animals/ and Humans/)
70. 69 not 70
71. limit 71 to yr="2013 -Current"