



Comprehensive search request

Comprehensive searches are good for more complex clinical questions, questions with a wide scope or questions where you would like to gather a wide range of relevant references. This is suitable for research, publication, answering complex clinical queries, and supporting developments in services.

Requester's name*	
Email address*	
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Reason for search request* (please select only the most relevant option if possible)	<input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing professional development <input type="checkbox"/> Educational (part of study, coursework or assessed piece of work) <input type="checkbox"/> Guideline development <input type="checkbox"/> Patient care <input type="checkbox"/> Publication or presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Research purposes
Where did you hear about the literature search service?*	<input type="checkbox"/> College induction <input type="checkbox"/> College newsletter or publication (Specialty Updates, Annals etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> College website <input type="checkbox"/> I have previously used the service <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended by a friend or colleague <input type="checkbox"/> Social media <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Describe your research topic or question*	
Situation What is the population, problem, perspective, condition or context of interest?	

<p>Actions</p> <p>What type of intervention, exposure, indication etc. is being considered?</p>	
<p>Comparison</p> <p>Is a comparison intervention, experience etc. being considered?</p>	
<p>How far back do you wish to search?</p> <p>e.g. last five years</p>	
<p>Types of studies to be included</p> <p>e.g. systematic reviews, RCTs, observational studies, etc.</p>	
<p>Types of studies to be excluded</p> <p>exclusion criteria e.g. no non-English language papers, no animal/cadaveric studies, no case studies etc.</p>	
<p>Supporting information</p> <p>research question, context, suggested keywords, any additional databases you would like us to search e.g. Cochrane, grey literature etc.</p>	
<p>Requirements for results format*</p> <p>select as many as applicable</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Word document</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PDF</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reference manager (.ris) file for use with citation management software - please also specify the software you will be using:</p>
<p>Date results are required by*</p> <p>minimum turnaround time is two weeks</p>	

Disclaimer: Any results sets with over 250 references will need to be sent as a reference manager (.ris) file as they will be too large to export into a document.

Please save this editable PDF to your own device *before* you edit and e-mail to evidencesupport@rcseng.ac.uk once completed.

We will acknowledge receipt of your request within two business days and suggest a delivery date for our search results. Our search results will include links to full text articles where covered by RCS England e-journal subscriptions and accessible to you with your RCS England login.

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