

■ **Appendix. Search Strategy**

The following databases were searched in March 2004 and again in April 2006: The Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care Group (EPOC) specialized register (and the database of studies awaiting assessment); The Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL); The Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE); MEDLINE (from 1966); Embase (from 1980); and CINAHL (from 1982). We searched the Science Citation Index (SCI Search) for papers that cited studies included in the review, and we hand-searched reference lists of studies included in the review.

No ethics committee approval was required for these searches.

Search strategy (Ovid format)—adapted to run against MEDLINE, EMBASE, and CINAHL all at once.

<shared care terms>

- 1 (shared adj3 care).hw,tw. or (integrated adj3 care).hw,tw.

<chronic disease terms>

- 2 long-term care/
- 3 chronic disease/
- 4 (continuity adj3 care).tw,hw.
- 5 (long adj term).tw. or chronic.tw.
- 6 exp diabetes mellitus/
- 7 exp hypertension/
- 8 exp asthma/
- 9 exp pulmonary disease chronic obstructive/ or (chronic adj2 obstructive adj2 pulmonary).tw.
- 10 exp thyroid diseases/
- 11 exp hyperlipidemia/
- 12 exp arthritis rheumatoid/
- 13 exp mental disorders/
- 14 exp substance-related disorders or exp substance abuse/
- 15 exp hiv infections/
- 16 or/2–15

<primary care terms>

- 17 exp primary health care/
- 18 physicians family/
- 19 family practice/
- 20 exp community health services/
- 21 (primary adj2 care).tw. or (general adj pract\$).tw.
- 22 or/17–21

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<structured care / collaboration terms>

- 23 delivery of health care/
- 24 exp managed care/ or (managed adj care).tw,hw.
- 25 health services accessibility/
- 26 (shared or joint or collaborat\$ or integrat\$ or interface).tw.
- 27 interinstitutional relations/
- 28 exp interprofessional relations/
- 29 exp interdisciplinary communication/
- 30 cooperative behavior/
- 31 patient care team/
- 32 “referral and consultation”/
- 33 or/23–32

<secondary care terms>

- 34 exp hospitals/
- 35 exp hospital departments/
- 36 (secondary adj3 care).tw. or (hospital or specialist or specialty or specialties).tw.
- 37 or/34–36

<methodology terms>

- 38 randomized controlled trial.pt.
- 39 controlled clinical trial.pt.
- 40 randomized controlled trials/
- 41 random allocation/
- 42 random assignment/
- 43 comparative study/
- 44 exp evaluation studies/
- 45 intervention studies/
- 46 follow-up studies/
- 47 prospective studies/
- 48 (randomised or randomized).tw.
- 49 (random\$ adj1 (allocat\$ or assign\$)).tw.
- 50 (control\$ or prospectiv\$ or volunteer\$).tw.
- 51 experiment\$.tw.
- 52 (time adj series).tw.
- 53 ((pre adj test) or pretest or (post adj test) or posttest).tw.
- 54 or/38–53

<combinations>

- 55 1 and 54
- 56 16 and 22 and 33 and 37 and 54
- 57 55 or 56