

## Appendix 2 (as supplied by the authors): Search Strategy for RCD Studies

Search	Most Recent Queries
#50	Search #43 AND #47 AND #48
#49	Search #43 AND #47
#48	Search death*[tiab] OR dead*[tiab] OR die[tiab] OR died[tiab] OR dying[tiab] OR mortal*[tiab] OR fatal*[tiab] OR surviv*[tiab]
#47	Search #45 OR #46
#46	Search propensity[All fields]
#45	Search "Propensity Score"[mh]
#44	Search #38 AND #43
#43	Search #39 OR #40 OR #41 OR #42
#42	Search database*[tiab] OR "health care databases"[All fields] OR "healthcare databases"[All fields] OR "health care database"[All fields] OR "healthcare database"[All fields] OR "healthcare data"[All fields] OR "health care data"[All fields] OR "national database"[All fields]
#41	Search "Registries"[mh] OR register*[All fields] OR registr*[All fields]
#40	Search record*[All fields] OR electronic*[All fields] OR "Personal Health"[All fields] OR EMR[All fields] OR EHR[All fields] OR PHR[All fields] OR "Electronic Health Records"[mh] OR "Health Records, Personal"[mh] OR "Medical Record Linkage"[mh] OR "Medical Records Systems, Computerized"[mh]
#39	Search Administrative[All fields] OR claim*[All fields] OR "Insurance, Health, Reimbursement"[mh] OR reimbursement[All fields] OR utilization[All fields] OR utilisation[All fields] OR "Drug Utilization Review"[mh] OR Prescription*[All fields] OR Insurance[mh] OR Insur*[All fields] OR medicare[All fields] OR medicare[mh] OR medicaid[All fields] OR medicaid[mh] OR routine*[All fields] OR certificat*[All fields]
#38	Search #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 OR #12 OR #13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30 OR #31 OR #32 OR #33 OR #34 OR #35 OR #36 OR #37
#37	Search "national database"[All fields]
#36	Search "health care data"[All fields]
#35	Search "healthcare data"[All fields]
#34	Search "healthcare database"[All fields]
#33	Search "health care database"[All fields]
#32	Search "healthcare databases"[All fields]
#31	Search "health care databases"[All fields]
#30	Search database*[tiab]
#29	Search registr*[All fields]
#28	Search register*[All fields]
#27	Search "Registries"[mh]
#26	Search "Medical Records Systems, Computerized"[mh]
#25	Search "Medical Record Linkage"[mh]
#24	Search "Health Records, Personal"[mh]
#23	Search "Electronic Health Records"[mh]
#22	Search PHR[All fields]
#21	Search EHR[All fields]
#20	Search EMR[All fields]
#19	Search "Personal Health"[All fields]

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- #18 Search electronic\*[All fields]
  - #17 Search record\*[All fields]
  - #16 Search certificat\*[All fields]
  - #15 Search routine\*[All fields]
  - #14 Search medicaid[mh]
  - #13 Search medicaid[All fields]
  - #12 Search medicare[mh]
  - #11 Search medicare[All fields]
  - #10 Search Insur\*[All fields]
  - #9 Search Insurance[mh]
  - #8 Search Prescription\*[All fields]
  - #7 Search "Drug Utilization Review"[mh]
  - #6 Search utilisation[All fields]
  - #5 Search utilization[All fields]
  - #4 Search reimbursement[All fields]
  - #3 Search "Insurance, Health, Reimbursement"[mh]
  - #2 Search claim\*[All fields]
  - #1 Search Administrative[All fields]
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