

Search methods for prognostic factor systematic reviews: a methodologic investigation

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APPENDIX A

Focused Ovid MEDLINE search strategy used in Hayden et al.'s Cochrane review on the association between recovery expectations and disability outcomes in adults with low back pain

1. dorsalgia.ti,ab.
2. exp Back Pain/
3. back pain.ti,ab.
4. backache.ti,ab.
5. back ache.ti,ab.
6. lumb* pain.ti,ab.
7. coccyx.ti,ab.
8. coccydynia.ti,ab.
9. sciatica.ti,ab.
10. exp sciatic neuropathy/
11. sciatic neuropathy.ti,ab.
12. spondylosis.ti,ab.
13. lumbago.ti,ab.
14. back disorder\$.ti,ab.
15. back injur\$.ti,ab.
16. or/1-15
17. expectancy.tw.
18. expectation*.tw.
19. exp Attitude to Health/
20. Health Knowledge, Attitudes, Practice/
21. self efficacy/
22. self efficacy.tw.
23. illness belief*.tw.
24. ((disab* or self* or injur*) adj3 percept*).tw.
25. expectation*.tw.
26. (outcome adj3 expect*).tw.
27. (questionnaire* adj3 (belief* or hope* or perceive* or expect* or desire* or percept* or likelihood or likely or anticipat* or want* or certainty or self-efficacy)).tw.
28. (recovery* adj3 (belief* or hope* or perceive* or expect* or desire* or percept* or likelehood or likely or anticipat* or want* or certainty or self-efficacy)).tw.
29. (measure* adj3 (belief* or hope* or perceive* or expect* or desire* or percept* or likelihood or likely or anticipat* or want* or certainty or self-efficacy)).tw.



30. or/17-29
31. Cohort Studies/
32. incidence.tw.
33. Mortality/
34. Follow-Up Studies/
35. prognos*.tw.
36. predict*.tw.
37. course.tw.
38. Survival Analysis/
39. or/31-38
40. 16 and 30 and 3