

Purpose and procedure

The general purpose of *Evidence-Based Nursing* is to select from the health-related literature those articles reporting studies and reviews that warrant immediate attention by nurses attempting to keep pace with important advances in their profession. These articles are summarised in “value added” abstracts and commented on by nurses. The specific purposes of *Evidence-Based Nursing* are

- ▶ to identify, using predefined criteria, the best quantitative and qualitative original and review articles on the meaning, cause, course, assessment, prevention, treatment, or economics of health problems managed by nurses and on quality improvement
- ▶ to summarise this literature in the form of “structured abstracts” that describe the question, methods, results, and evidence-based conclusions of studies in a reproducible and accurate fashion
- ▶ to provide brief, highly expert comment on the context of each article, its methods, and the clinical applications that its findings warrant
- ▶ to disseminate the summaries in a timely fashion to nurses

The RCN Publishing Company Limited and the BMJ Publishing Group publish *Evidence-Based Nursing* under the editorship of Dr Donna Ciliska at McMaster University in Canada, Dr Andrew Jull at the University of Auckland in New Zealand, and Dr Carl Thompson at the University of York in the UK. The Health Information Research Unit (HIRU) of the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McMaster University hosts the editorial office for the production of the abstracts and commissioning of commentaries. Dr Brian Haynes acts as coordinating editor to ensure that methods and procedures are consistent with other evidence-based journals prepared by HIRU.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION AND REVIEW OF ARTICLES FOR ABSTRACTING

All articles in a journal issue are considered for abstracting if they meet the following basic and category-specific criteria:

Basic criteria

- ▶ original or review articles
- ▶ in English
- ▶ quantitative and qualitative studies
- ▶ about topics that are important to the clinical practice of nurses in any setting
- ▶ analysis of data consistent with the study question

Category-specific criteria (quantitative studies)

Studies of prevention or treatment must also include:

- ▶ random allocation of participants to comparison groups
- ▶ follow-up (end-point assessment) of $\geq 80\%$ of those entering the investigation
- ▶ outcome measures of known or probable clinical importance

Studies of assessment (screening or diagnosis) must also include:

- ▶ a spectrum of participants, some (but not all) of whom have the condition of interest
- ▶ an objective diagnostic (gold) standard (eg, central venous pressure) or current clinical standard for diagnosis (eg,

sphygmomanometer reading for hypertension), preferably with documentation of reproducible criteria for subjectively interpreted diagnostic standard (ie, report of statistically significant measure of agreement beyond chance among observers)

- ▶ interpretation of the diagnostic standard without knowledge of test result
- ▶ interpretation of the test without knowledge of diagnostic standard result

Studies of prognosis must also include:

- ▶ an inception cohort (first onset or assembled at a uniform point in the development of a condition or disease) of individuals, all initially free of the outcome of interest
- ▶ follow-up of $\geq 80\%$ of participants until a major study endpoint occurs or the study ends

Studies of causation must also include:

- ▶ observations of the relation between modifiable exposures and putative clinical outcomes
- ▶ prospective data collection with clearly identified comparison group(s) for those at risk of, or having, the outcome of interest (ie, randomised controlled trials, quasi-randomised controlled trials, non-randomised controlled trials, cohort studies with case by case matching or statistical adjustment to create comparable groups, or nested case-control studies)
- ▶ blinding (masking) of observers of outcome to exposure; criterion assumed to be met if outcome is objective (eg, all-cause mortality)

Studies of quality improvement or continuing education must also include:

- ▶ random allocation of participants or units to comparison groups
- ▶ follow-up of $\geq 80\%$ of participants
- ▶ outcome measures of known or probable clinical importance

Studies of the economics of healthcare interventions must include:

- ▶ an economic question comparing alternative courses of action
- ▶ comparison of alternative diagnostic or therapeutic services or quality improvement activities on the basis of both the outcomes produced (effectiveness) and resources consumed (costs)
- ▶ evidence of effectiveness from a study (or studies) of real (not hypothetical) patients, which meet(s) the criteria for treatment, assessment, quality improvement, or a systematic review article
- ▶ results presented in terms of the incremental or additional costs and outcomes of one intervention over another
- ▶ a sensitivity analysis if there is uncertainty in the estimates or imprecision in the measurement

Clinical prediction guides must also include:

- ▶ generation of the guide in ≥ 1 set of patients (training or derivation set)

- ▶ validation of the guide in an independent set of patients (test or validation set)

Systematic review articles must also include:

- ▶ a clear statement of the clinical topic being reviewed
- ▶ a clear description of the sources and methods for identifying articles
- ▶ specification of the inclusion and exclusion criteria for selecting articles for detailed review
- ▶ ≥1 article in the review that meets the above noted criteria for treatment, assessment, prognosis, causation, quality improvement, economics, or clinical prediction guides

Qualitative studies

- ▶ content reflects the phenomenon of interest from the perspective of people experiencing it
- ▶ data collection methods are appropriate for qualitative data
- ▶ analyses are appropriate for qualitative data

These criteria are subject to modification if, for example, it becomes feasible to apply higher standards that increase the validity and applicability of studies for clinical practice. The objective of *Evidence-Based Nursing* is to abstract only the very

best literature, consistent with a reasonable number of articles “making it through the filter.”

Articles meeting the criteria set out above are abstracted according to the procedure for more informative abstracts,¹ with the following modifications: abstracts are approximately 400 words in length; and each abstract is reviewed by an expert in the content area covered by the article. This expert writes a commentary in which she or he compares the study findings to previous research findings, identifies any important methodological problems that affect interpretation of the study results, and offers recommendations for clinical application. The author of the original article is given an opportunity to review the abstract and commentary before publication.

On a quarterly basis, we will publish to the *Evidence-Based Nursing* website (www.evidencebasednursing.com) a selected list of articles that passed all criteria but were not abstracted because, in the judgment of the editors, their findings were less applicable to general nursing practice, the topic was of interest to only a select group of nurse specialists, or the topic was recently addressed in another abstract.

1. **Haynes RB**, Mulrow CD, Huth EJ, et al. More informative abstracts revisited. *Ann Intern Med* 1990;**113**:69–76.

Journals currently reviewed*

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| Acad Emerg Med | Aust J Physiother | Heart Lung | J Trauma |
| Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand | Birth | Int J Clin Pract | J Vasc Surg |
| Acta Orthop | BJOG | Int J Nurs Stud | JAMA |
| Age Ageing | BMJ | Int J Obes | Kidney Int |
| Aliment Pharmacol Ther | Br J Gen Pract | J Adv Nurs | Lancet |
| Am J Cardiol | Br J Psychiatry | J Allerg Clin Immunol | Lancet Neurol |
| Am J Clin Nutr | Br J Surg | J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry | Lancet Oncology |
| Am J Epidemiol | Can J Gastroenterol | J Am Acad Dermatol | Mayo Clin Proc |
| Am J Gastroenterol | Can J Nurs Res | J Am Coll Cardiol | Med Care |
| Am J Kidney Dis | Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) | J Am Coll Surg | Med J Aust |
| Am J Med | | J Am Diet Assoc | Midwifery |
| Am J Obstet Gynecol | | J Am Geriatr Soc | N Engl J Med |
| Am J Occup Ther | Cancer Nurs | J Am Soc Nephrol | Neurology |
| Am J Psychiatry | Cephalalgia | J Arthroplasty | Nurs Res |
| Am J Public Health | Chest | J Bone Joint Surg Am | Nutr J |
| Am J Respir Crit Care Med | Circulation | J Bone Joint Surg Br | Obesity |
| Am J Sports Med | Clin Chem | J Child Psychol Psychiatry | Obesity Surgery |
| Ann Allerg Asthma Immunol | Clin J Am Soc Nephrol | J Clin Epidemiol | Obstet Gynecol |
| Ann Emerg Med | Clin Orthop Rel Res | J Clin Nurs | Oncol Nurs Forum |
| Ann Fam Med | Clin Rehab | J Clin Oncol | Pain |
| Ann Intern Med | CMAJ | J Clin Psychopharmacol | Patient Educ Couns |
| Ann Neurol | Cochrane Database Syst Rev | J Consult Clin Psychol | Pediatrics |
| Ann Rheum Dis | Crit Care Med | J Fam Pract | Pharmacotherapy |
| Ann Surg | Diabet Med | J Gen Intern Med | Phys Ther |
| ANS Adv Nurs Sci | Diabetes Care | J Hand Surg [Am] | Prev Med |
| Appl Nurs Res | Diabetes Obes Metab | J Hand Surg [Br] | Psychosom Med |
| Arch Dermatol | Eur Heart J | J Infect Dis | Qual Health Res |
| Arch Dis Child | Evid Rep Technol Assess (Summ) | J Manipulative Physiol Ther | Radiology |
| Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed | Fam Pract | J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry | Res Nurs Health |
| Arch Gen Psychiatry | Foot Ankle | J Neurosurg | Rheumatology |
| Arch Intern Med | Gastroenterol | J Nurs Scholarsh | Soc Sci Med |
| Arch Neurol | Gut | J Orthop Trauma | Spine |
| Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med | Headache | J Pediatr | Spine J |
| Arch Phys Med Rehabil | Health Educ Behav | J Pediatric Orthop | Stroke |
| Arch Surg | Health Psychol | J Rheumatol | Thorax |
| Arthritis Rheum | Health Technol Assess | J Shoulder Elbow Surg | West J Nurs Res |
| Arthritis Rhem: Arthritis Care Res | Heart | | |

*This list is subject to modification based on the relative performance of each journal according to the set criteria.

OTHER ARTICLES NOTED (24 August to 5 October 2007)

A list of the journals that are reviewed and the criteria for selecting articles from these journals for inclusion in *Evidence-Based Nursing* are included in each issue. The following articles passed all criteria but were not abstracted because, in the judgment of the editors, their findings were less widely applicable to nursing practice, the topic was of interest to only a select group of nurse specialists, or the topic was recently addressed in another abstract.

Articles in all categories (except for Qualitative) were rated for clinical relevance and newsworthiness by practising nurses; mean scores are displayed. To view a sample rating form, go to: <http://hiru.mcmaster.ca/more/RatingFormSampleNsg.htm>

Treatment

Afilalo J, Majdan AA, Eisenberg MJ. Intensive statin therapy in acute coronary syndromes and stable coronary heart disease: a comparative meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials. *Heart* 2007; **93**:914–21.

Cardiology ★★★★★☆ General/Internal Medicine ★★★★★☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17277349

Aguilar M, Hart R, Pearce L. Oral anticoagulants versus antiplatelet therapy for preventing stroke in patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation and no history of stroke or transient ischemic attacks. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD006186.

Cardiology ★★★★★☆ Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★★

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636831

Ainsworth S, Clerihew L, McGuire W. Percutaneous central venous catheters versus peripheral cannulae for delivery of parenteral nutrition in neonates. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD004219.

Neonatal Intensive Care ★★★★★☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636749

Akl E, Karmath G, Yosuco V, *et al.* Anticoagulation for thrombosis prophylaxis in cancer patients with central venous catheters. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD006468.

Critical Care/Intensive Care ★★★★★☆ Oncology ★★★★★☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636845

Akl E, van Doormaal F, Barba M, *et al.* Parenteral anticoagulation for prolonging survival in patients with cancer who have no other indication for anticoagulation. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD006652.

Vascular Nursing ★★★★★☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636846

Akobeng A, Thomas A. Enteral nutrition for maintenance of remission in Crohn's disease. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3): CD005984.
General/Internal Medicine ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636816

Altunajji S, Kukuruzovic R, Curtis N, *et al.* Antibiotics for whooping cough (pertussis). *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3): CD004404.
Paediatrics ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636756

Arjal RR, Burton JR, Villamil F, *et al.* Review article: the treatment of hepatitis C virus recurrence after liver transplantation. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 2007; **26**: 127–40.
General/Internal Medicine ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17593060

Ashburn A, Fazakarley L, Ballinger C, *et al.* A randomised controlled trial of a home based exercise programme to reduce the risk of falling among people with Parkinson's disease. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 2007; **78**: 678–84.
Elderly Care/Geriatrics/Gerontology ★★★★★☆☆ Neurology ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17119004

Astrup A, Greenway FL, Ling W, *et al.* Randomized controlled trials of the d1/d5 antagonist ecapipam for weight loss in obese subjects. *Obesity (Silver Spring)* 2007; **15**: 1717–31.
Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆☆
Special Interest Obesity - Nursing ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636090

Auchus AP, Brashear HR, Salloway S, *et al.* Galantamine treatment of vascular dementia: a randomized trial. *Neurology* 2007; **69**: 448–58.
Elderly Care/Geriatrics/Gerontology ★★★★★☆☆
General/Internal Medicine ★★★★★☆☆ Neurology ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17664404

Baker MK, Atlantis E, Fiatarone Singh MA. Multi-modal exercise programs for older adults. *Age Ageing* 2007; **36**: 375–81.
Elderly Care/Geriatrics/Gerontology ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17537741

Balk E, Tatsioni A, Lichtenstein A, *et al.* Effect of chromium supplementation on glucose metabolism and lipids: a systematic review of randomized controlled trials. *Diabetes Care* 2007; **30**: 2154–63.
Endocrinology ★★★★★☆☆ General/Internal Medicine ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17519436

Bamford J, Fortnum H, Bristow K, *et al.* Current practice, accuracy, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the school entry hearing screen. *Health Technol Assess* 2007; **11**: 1–188.

Paediatrics ★★★★★☆☆ Public Health/Community Health ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17683682

Bangalore S, Kamalakkannan G, Parkar S, *et al.* Fixed-dose combinations improve medication compliance: a meta-analysis. *Am J Med* 2007; **120**: 713–9.

Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆☆

Medicines Management ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17679131

Barrington K, Finer N. Inhaled nitric oxide for respiratory failure in preterm infants (Update). *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3): CD000509.

Neonatal Intensive Care ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636641

Bartelink H, Horiot JC, Poortmans PM, *et al.* Impact of a higher radiation dose on local control and survival in breast-conserving therapy of early breast cancer: 10-year results of the randomized boost versus no boost EORTC 22881-10882 trial. *J Clin Oncol* 2007; **25**: 3259–65.

Oncology ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17577015

Beaumont H, Augood C, Duckitt K, *et al.* Danazol for heavy menstrual bleeding. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3): CD001017.

Women's Health ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636649

Beavis J, Kerr M, Marson A. Pharmacological interventions for epilepsy in people with intellectual disabilities. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3): CD005399.

Neurology ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636795

Bennett C, Macdonald G, Dennis J, *et al.* Home-based support for disadvantaged adult mothers. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3): CD003759.

Paediatrics ★★★★★☆☆ Public Health/Community Health ★★★★★☆☆

Health Promotion/Prevention/Education/Health Behaviour ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636732

Blanco M, Nombela F, Castellanos M, *et al.* Statin treatment withdrawal in ischemic stroke: a controlled randomized study. *Neurology* 2007; **69**: 904–10.

Neurology ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17724294

Bots ML, Visseren FL, Evans GW, *et al.* Torcetrapib and carotid intima-media thickness in mixed dyslipidaemia (RADIANCE 2 study): a randomised, double-blind trial. *Lancet* 2007; **370**: 153–60.

Cardiology ★★★★★☆☆ Special Interest Obesity - Nursing ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17630038

Brophy S, Brunt H, Davies H, *et al.* Interventions for latent autoimmune diabetes (LADA) in adults. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD006165.

Endocrinology ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636829

Buckmaster AG, Arnolda G, Wright IM, *et al.* Continuous positive airway pressure therapy for infants with respiratory distress in non tertiary care centers: a randomized, controlled trial. *Pediatrics* 2007; **120**: 509–18.

Neonatal Intensive Care ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17766523

Burdett S, Stewart L, Rydzewska L. Chemotherapy and surgery versus surgery alone in non-small cell lung cancer. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD006157.

Oncology ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636828

Burkhart PV, Rayens MK, Oakley MG, *et al.* Testing an intervention to promote children's adherence to asthma self-management. *J Nurs Scholarsh* 2007; **39**: 133–40.

Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆☆

Patient Education ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17535313

Buscemi N, Vandermeer B, Friesen C, *et al.* The efficacy and safety of drug treatments for chronic insomnia in adults: a meta-analysis of RCTs. *J Gen Intern Med* 2007; **22**: 1335–50.

Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17619935

Cahill K, Ussher M. Cannabinoid type 1 receptor antagonists (rimonabant) for smoking cessation. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD005353.

Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636794

Chang C. The safety of oral antifungal treatments for superficial dermatophytosis and onychomycosis: a meta-analysis. *Am J Med* 2007; **9**: 791–8.

Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17765049

Cheuk D, Yeung W, Chung K, *et al.* Acupuncture for insomnia. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD005472.
Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆☆
Complementary and Alternative Health Care ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636800

Choi H, Palmer MH, Park J. Meta-analysis of pelvic floor muscle training: randomized controlled trials in incontinent women. *Nurs Res* 2007; **56**:226–34.
Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆☆ Women's Health ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17625461

Cohen AT, Skinner JA, Warwick D, *et al.* The use of graduated compression stockings in association with fondaparinux in surgery of the hip: a multicentre, multinational, randomised, open-label, parallel-group comparative study. *J Bone Joint Surg Br* 2007; **89-B**:887–92.
Perioperative ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17673580

Constance C, Westphal S, Chung N, *et al.* Efficacy of ezetimibe/simvastatin 10/20 and 10/40 mg compared with atorvastatin 20 mg in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. *Diabetes Obes Metab* 2007; **9**:575–84.
Endocrinology ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17451425

Cook NR, Albert CM, Gaziano JM, *et al.* A randomized factorial trial of vitamins C and E and beta carotene in the secondary prevention of cardiovascular events in women: results from the Women's Antioxidant Cardiovascular Study. *Arch Intern Med* 2007; **167**:1610–8.
Cardiology ★★★★★☆☆ Women's Health ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17698683

Corneli HM, Zorc JJ, Majahan P, *et al.* A multicenter, randomized, controlled trial of dexamethasone for bronchiolitis. *N Engl J Med* 2007; **357**:331–9.
Emergency/Trauma ★★★★★☆☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17652648

Corwin HL, Gettinger A, Fabian TC, *et al.* Efficacy and safety of epoetin alfa in critically ill patients. *N Engl J Med* 2007; **357**:965–76.
Critical Care/Intensive Care ★★★★★☆☆
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17804841

de la Porte PW, Lok DJ, van Veldhuisen DJ, *et al.* Added value of a physician-and-nurse-directed heart failure clinic: results from the Deventer-Alkmaar heart failure study. *Heart* 2007; **93**:819–25.
Case Management/Managed Care ★★★★★☆☆ Patient Education ★★★★★☆☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17065182

De Schryver E, Algra A, van Gijn J. Dipyridamole for preventing stroke and other vascular events in patients with vascular disease. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD001820.

Neurology ★★★★★☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636684

Dibble SL, Luce J, Cooper BA, *et al.* Acupressure for chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting: a randomized clinical trial. *Oncol Nurs Forum* 2007; **34**: 813–20.

Complementary and Alternative Health Care ★★★★★☆ Oncology ★★★★★★

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17723973

Dipalma JA, Cleveland MV, McGowan J, *et al.* A randomized, multicenter, placebo-controlled trial of polyethylene glycol laxative for chronic treatment of chronic constipation. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2007; **102**: 1436–41.

Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17403074

Dossenbach M, Treuer T, Kryzhanovskaya L, *et al.* Olanzapine versus chlorpromazine in the treatment of schizophrenia: a pooled analysis of four 6-week, randomized, open-label studies in the Middle East and North Africa. *J Clin Psychopharmacol* 2007; **27**: 329–37.

Psychiatry/Mental Health ★★★★★☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17632215

Doyle L, Crowther C, Middleton P, *et al.* Magnesium sulphate for women at risk of preterm birth for neuroprotection of the fetus. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD004661.

Obstetric Nursing ★★★★★☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636771

Dunai A, Novak M, Chung SA, *et al.* Moderate exercise and bright light treatment in overweight and obese individuals. *Obesity (Silver Spring)* 2007; **15**: 1749–57.

Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆

Special Interest Obesity - Nursing ★★★★★☆

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=17636093

Duthie J, Wilson D, Herbison G, *et al.* Botulinum toxin injections for adults with overactive bladder syndrome. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2007; (3):CD005493.

Family/General Practice/Primary Care ★★★★★☆

Elderly Care/Geriatrics/Gerontology ★★★★★☆

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