

Appendix A: List of search terms used for systematic review

Search terms for Embase (via Ovid): 1988 to 14th May 2015

1. prevalence.ab,ti.
2. occurrence.ab,ti.
3. burden.ab,ti.
4. prevalence/
5. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4
6. (chronic adj5 pain).ab,ti.
7. fibromyalgia.ab,ti.
8. (chronic adj5 (headache or migraine)).ab,ti.
9. Chronic Pain/
10. Fibromyalgia/
11. neuropathic pain.ab,ti.
12. Neuropathic pain /
13. 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12
14. United Kingdom.ab,ti.
15. Great Britain.ab,ti.
16. British.ab,ti.
17. (England or Ireland or Scotland or Wales or London).ab,ti.
18. (English or Irish or Scottish or Welsh).ab,ti.
19. (NHS or National Health Service).ab,ti.
20. (general practice or general practitioner or primary care or community).ab,ti.
21. exp United Kingdom/
22. 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21
23. 5 and 13 and 22

1381 records found (of which 40 were duplicates)

Search terms for Medline (via Ovid): 1948 to 14th May 2015

1. prevalence.ab,ti.
2. occurrence.ab,ti.
3. burden.ab,ti.
4. Prevalence/
5. (chronic adj5 pain).ab,ti.
6. fibromyalgia.ab,ti.
7. (chronic adj5 (headache or migraine)).ab,ti.
8. exp Chronic Pain/
9. exp Fibromyalgia/
10. exp Neuralgia/
11. neuropathic pain.ab,ti.
12. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4
13. 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11
14. United Kingdom.ab,ti.
15. Great Britain.ab,ti.
16. British.ab,ti.
17. (England or Ireland or Scotland or Wales or London).ab,ti.
18. (English or Irish or Scottish or Welsh).ab,ti.
19. (NHS or National Health Service).ab,ti.
20. (general practice or general practitioner or primary care or community).ab,ti.
21. exp Great Britain/
22. 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21
23. 12 and 13 and 22

891 records found (of which 40 were duplicates)

When combined = 2192 references of which a further 466 were duplicates