

Appendix – Search String Example, PubMed

byDateRange: 01/01/1980-30/06/2014;
((((((((((((((((emergency medical services
[mesh: EXP Emergency Health Services; Emergency Services, Medical; Emergicentres;
Medical Services, Emergency; Prehospital Emergency Care; Services, Emergency
Medical])
OR emergency care* [tiab])
OR prehospital* [tiab])
OR pre#hospital* [tiab])
OR pre*hospital* [tiab])
OR EMS [tiab]) OR emerg* serv* [tiab])
OR ambulances
[mesh: EXP Emergency Mobile Units; Mobile Emergency Units])
OR ambulance* [tiab])
OR 999 [tiab])
OR *111 [tiab])
OR 911 [tiab])
OR paramedic* [tiab])
OR emerg* med* tech* [tiab])
OR EMT [tiab])
OR emergency treatment
[mesh: EXP Emergency Therapy; Therapy, Emergency]) OR emergency* [tiab])
OR emergencies [mesh])
AND
((((((((((((((((primary health care
[mesh: EXP Primary Care; Primary Healthcare])
OR primary care* [tiab])
OR primary *care [tiab])
OR family medicine* [tiab])
OR family practice* [tiab])
OR after hours care
[mesh: EXP After Hours Care; Out Of Hours Medical Care])
OR OOH [tiab])
OR out of hours* [tiab])
OR out#of#hours [tiab])
OR primary care sensitive [tiab])

OR primary care problem [tiab])
OR general practice
[mesh: EXP General Practitioners]))
OR (((((((social care* [tiab])
OR non*serious* [tiab])
OR non*emergenc* [tiab])
OR non*urgent [tiab])
OR minor* [tiab])
OR routine* [tiab])
OR avoid* [tiab])
OR inappropriate* [tiab])
OR unnecessary* [tiab])
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