Appendix 1

Search strategy CFS/ME Case Definitions

Total search hits: 2259 after the last update
Search hits after duplet removal: 1660 after the last update

AMED, EMBASE, MEDLINE, PsycINFO
Searched 25. November 2013
Total search hits: 1736
All the sources were search in Ovid simultaneously
Ovid AMED from 1985; 171 hits
Ovid EMBASE from 1980; 926 hits
Ovid MEDLINE In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Ovid MEDLINE from 1946; 381 hits
Ovid PsycINFO from 1887; 258 hits

1. Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic/
2. (chronic fatigue* or fatigue syndrome* or infectious mononucleos* or postviral fatigue syndrome* or myalgic encephalo* or CFIDS or CFS* or (chronic adj4 mononucleos*) or post infectious encephalo* or PVFS).tw.
3. 1 or 2
4. "diagnostic techniques and procedures"/
5. guideline/ or practice guideline/
6. (diagnostic procedure* or diagnostic technique* or diagnostic criteria or diagnostic definition or clinical definition or consensus definition or consensus criteria or case definition or clinical Guideline or clinical recommendation or clinical assessment or diagnostics).tw.
7. 4 or 5 or 6
8. 3 and 7
9. 8 use prmz
10. chronic fatigue syndrome/
11. (chronic fatigue* or fatigue syndrome* or infectious mononucleos* or postviral fatigue syndrome* or myalgic encephalo* or CFIDS or CFS* or (chronic adj4 mononucleos*) or post infectious encephalo* or PVFS).tw.
12. 10 or 11
13. diagnostic procedure/ or diagnostic test/ or physical examination/
14. (diagnostic procedure* or diagnostic technique* or diagnostic criteria or diagnostic definition or clinical definition or consensus definition or consensus criteria or case definition or clinical Guideline or clinical recommendation or clinical assessment or diagnostics).tw.
15. 13 or 14
16. 12 and 15
17. 16 use emez
18. fatigue syndrome chronic/
19. (chronic fatigue* or fatigue syndrome* or infectious mononucleos* or postviral fatigue syndrome* or myalgic encephalo* or CFIDS or CFS* or (chronic adj4 mononucleos*) or post infectious encephalo* or PVFS).tw.
20. 18 or 19
21. "diagnostic techniques and procedures"/ or patient assessment/ or physical examination/
22. (diagnostic procedure* or diagnostic technique* or diagnostic criteria or diagnostic definition or clinical definition or consensus definition or consensus criteria or case definition or clinical Guideline or clinical recommendation or clinical assessment or diagnostics).tw.
23. 21 or 22
24. 20 and 23
25. 24 use amed
26. exp Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/
27. (chronic fatigue* or fatigue syndrome* or infectious mononucleos* or postviral fatigue syndrome* or myalgic encephalo* or CFIDS or CFS* or (chronic adj4 mononucleos*) or post infectious encephalo* or PVFS).tw.
28. 26 or 27
29. medical diagnosis/ or diagnosis/ or physical examination/
30. (diagnostic procedure* or diagnostic technique* or diagnostic criteria or diagnostic definition or clinical definition or consensus definition or consensus criteria or case definition or clinical Guideline or clinical recommendation or clinical assessment or diagnostics).tw.
31. 29 or 30
32. 28 and 31
33. 32 use psyf
34. 9 or 17 or 25 or 33
35. remove duplicates from 34

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#1 (chronic fatigue* or fatigue syndrome* or infectious mononucleos* or postviral fatigue syndrome* or myalgic encephalo* or CFIDS or CFS* or post infectious encephalo* or PVFS) .tw.
#2 (diagnostic procedure* or diagnostic technique* or diagnostic criteria or diagnostic definition or clinical definition or consensus definition or consensus criteria or case definition or clinical Guideline or clinical recommendation or clinical assessment or diagnostics) .tw.
#3 MeSH descriptor: [Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic] explode all trees
#4 #1 or #3
#5 #2 and #4
CINAHL
Total search hits: 27

S6  S3 and S4 Limiters - Exclude MEDLINE records
S5  S3 and S4
S4  S1 or S2
S3  TI (diagnostic procedure* or diagnostic technique* or diagnostic definition or clinical definition or consensus definition or consensus criteria or case definition or clinical Guideline or clinical recommendation or clinical assessment or diagnostics) OR AB (diagnostic procedure* or diagnostic technique* or diagnostic criteria or diagnostic definition or clinical definition or consensus definition or consensus criteria or case definition or clinical Guideline or clinical recommendation or clinical assessment or diagnostics)
S2  TI (chronic fatigue* or fatigue syndrome* or infectious mononucleos* or postviral fatigue syndrome* or myalgic encephalo* or CFIDS or CFS* or post infectious encephalo* or PVFS ) OR AB ( chronic fatigue* or fatigue syndrome* or infectious mononucleos* or postviral fatigue syndrome* or myalgic encephalo* or CFIDS or CFS* or post infectious encephalo* or PVFS)
S1  (MH "Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic")

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Search phrases and words: chronic fatigue syndrome and diagnos*