

## Appendix 1: search protocols

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### MEDLINE (OVID)

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## PsycINFO

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## Web of Science (all databases)

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#### Emcare

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