

Appendix 1. Search terms

Searches were conducted on each database on 25th May 2016

MEDLINE search terms

1. exp Craniocerebral Trauma/
2. exp Stroke/
3. exp Anoxia/
4. exp Hypoxia, Brain/
5. ((brain or head or intracran* or cerebr* or cerebellar or brainstem or vertebrobasilar) adj3 (injur* or infarc* or isch?em* or thrombo* or apoplexy or emboli* or h?emorrhag* or h?ematoma* or aneurysm* or anoxi* or hypoxi*)).ab,ti.
6. (encephaliti* or mening*).ab,ti.
7. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6
8. rehabilitation.fs.
9. exp Rehabilitation/
10. exp Rehabilitation Centers/
11. "rehabilitat*".ab,ti.
12. 8 or 9 or 10 or 11
13. 7 and 12
14. exp guideline/
15. Guideline\$.ti
16. (guideline or practice guideline).pt
17. Or/14-16
18. 13 and 17

EMBASE search terms

1. exp Head Injury/
2. exp CEREBROVASCULAR ACCIDENT/
3. exp ANOXIA/
4. exp STROKE/
5. ((brain or head or intracran* or cerebr* or cerebellar or brainstem or vertebrobasilar) adj3 (injur* or infarc* or isch?em* or thrombo* or apoplexy or emboli* or h?emorrhag* or h?ematoma* or aneurysm* or anoxi* or hypoxi*)).ab,ti.
6. (encephaliti* or mening*).ab,ti.
7. or/1-6
8. exp Rehabilitation/
9. "Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine".ec.
10. exp Rehabilitation Care/
11. exp REHABILITATION CENTER/
12. rehabilitat*.ab,ti.
13. rh.fs.
14. or/8-13
15. 7 and 14
16. practice guideline.ti
17. Guideline\$.ti
18. 16 or 17
19. 15 and 18

Guideline organizations:

1. Guidelines International Network
2. National Guideline Clearinghouse

3. Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)
4. National Collaborating Centre for Chronic Conditions

Professional rehabilitation society websites:

1. Australian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine
2. International society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine
3. British society of Rehabilitation medicine
4. Asia-Oceanian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation
5. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine
6. American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
7. American Society for Neurorehabilitation
8. Canadian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
9. Quebec Physiatrist Association
10. European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine
11. Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation
12. Scottish Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine
13. Society for Research in Rehabilitation
14. Hong Kong Association of Rehabilitation Medicine
15. Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation
16. The New Zealand Rehabilitation Association (NZRA)

Grey Literature: Reference Lists

The reference list of all included full text papers were screened for relevant guidelines that met the inclusion criteria.