

## Supplemental Information

### Search terms for Medline search

continuity[Title/Abstract] OR continuity of care[Title/Abstract]

AND

physician[Title/Abstract]) OR doctor[Title/Abstract]) OR general practitioner[Title/Abstract]) OR GP[Title/Abstract]) OR consultant[Title/Abstract]) OR specialist[Title/Abstract]) OR surgeon[Title/Abstract]) OR clinician[Title/Abstract]) OR cardiologist[Title/Abstract]) OR dermatologist[Title/Abstract]) OR gastroenterologist[Title/Abstract]) OR diabetologist[Title/Abstract]) OR geriatrician[Title/Abstract]) OR gerontologist[Title/Abstract]) OR gynecologist[Title/Abstract]) OR gynaecologist[Title/Abstract]) OR hematologist[Title/Abstract]) OR haematologist[Title/Abstract]) OR nephrologist[Title/Abstract]) OR obstetrician[Title/Abstract]) OR oncologist[Title/Abstract]) OR ophthalmologist[Title/Abstract]) OR orthopedist[Title/Abstract]) OR orthopaedist[Title/Abstract]) OR otolaryngologist[Title/Abstract]) OR pediatrician[Title/Abstract]) OR paediatrician[Title/Abstract]) OR psychiatrist[Title/Abstract]) OR pulmonologist[Title/Abstract]) OR hospitalist[Title/Abstract]) OR practitioner[Title/Abstract]) OR physicians[Title/Abstract]) OR doctors[Title/Abstract]) OR GPs[Title/Abstract]) OR Practitioners[Title/Abstract]) OR specialists[Title/Abstract]) OR consultants[Title/Abstract]) OR registrar[Title/Abstract]

AND

death[Title/Abstract]) OR mortality[Title/Abstract]) OR lethality[Title/Abstract]) OR fatality[Title/Abstract]) OR deaths[Title/Abstract]) OR fatalities[Title/Abstract]) OR fatal outcome[Title/Abstract]

### Filters

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**Supplemental Table:** Scores for the Newcastle-Ottawa elements. These are the average scores, between two assessors, for each article. Nine is the maximum score possible.

First author and year of publication	Selection	Comparability	Outcome	Total
Bentler 2014	4	2	3	9
Cerovečki 2013	4	1.5	3	8.5
Spatz 2014	4	2	3	9
van Walraven 2010	4	2	3	9
Blecker 2014	3.5	2	2.5	8
Brener 2016	4	2	3	9
Hoertel 2014	4	1.5	3	8.5
Justiniano 2017	4	2	3	9
Leleu 2013	4	2	3	9
Liao 2015	4	1.5	3	8.5
Lustman 2015	4	1.5	3	8.5
Maarsingh 2016	4	2	3	9
McAlister 2013	4	2	3	9
McAlister 2016	4	2	2	8
Pan 2017	4	1.5	3	8.5
Shin 2014	4	2	3	9
Sidhu 2014	4	1.5	3	8.5
Weir 2016	4	1.5	3	8.5
Worrall 2011	3.5	0.5	3	7
Baker 2016	3.5	2	2.5	8
Honeyford 2013	3.5	2	2.5	8
Levene 2012	4	2	3	9