

Appendix 1: Embase Search Strategy

1. patient care/
2. *patient care/
3. hospital discharge/
4. (patient* adj3 discharg*).mp.
5. ((patient* or care*) adj3 transit*).mp.
6. (coordinat* adj3 care).mp.
7. continu* of care.mp.
8. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7
9. patient satisfaction/
10. patient satisfaction.mp.
11. hospital readmission/
12. readmi*.mp.
13. rehospitaliz*.mp.
14. re-hospitaliz*.mp.
15. re-admi*.mp.
16. mortality/ or hospital mortality/
17. length of stay.mp. or "length of stay"/
18. hospitaliz*.mp.
19. hospitalization/
20. "quality of life"/
21. 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20
22. exp heart failure/
23. heart failure.mp.
24. chronic obstructive lung disease/
25. (chronic obstructive adj1 pulmonary disease).mp.
26. (chronic obstructive adj1 lung disease).mp.
27. vulnerable patient*.mp.
28. (patient adj4 risk).mp.
29. (chronic and (disease* or condition* or illness*)).mp.
30. chronic disease/
31. 22 or 23 or 24 or 25 or 26 or 27 or 28 or 29 or 30
32. psychometry/
33. psychometr*.mp.
34. validity.mp.
35. reliability.mp.
36. 32 or 33 or 34 or 35
37. 31 or 36
38. adult/
39. adult.mp.
40. aged/

41. older adult*.mp.
42. elderly.mp.
43. middle aged.mp. or middle aged/
44. 38 or 39 or 40 or 41 or 42 or 43
45. 8 and 21 and 37 and 44
46. health survey/ or health care survey/
47. health services research.mp. or health services research/
48. health care quality/ or program evaluation/
49. health care delivery/
50. health care delivery.mp.
51. (healthcare adj2 quality).mp.
52. (health care adj2 quality).mp.
53. (quality adj2 improv*).mp.
54. "health services needs and demand".mp.
55. 46 or 47 or 48 or 49 or 50 or 51 or 52 or 53 or 54
56. 45 and 55
57. aftercare/
58. 55 or 57
59. 45 and 58
60. aftercare.mp.
61. 58 or 60
62. 45 and 61
63. limit 62 to (english language and yr="1990 -Current" and (adult <18 to 64 years> or aged <65+ years>))