Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, Ovid MEDLINE(R) Daily and Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to Present> Search Strategy:

1 Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic/ or clinical trial/ (612951)
2 (randomi?ed adj2 trial*).tw. (237525)
3 (RCT or RCTs).tw,kw. (30640)
4 Random Allocation/ (89780)
5 randomi?ation.tw,kw. (28833)
6 (random adj2 (allocation or assignment)).tw,kw. (3736)
7 or/1-6 (853400)
8 Therapeutic Equipoise/ (154)
9 equipoise.tw,kw. (973)
10 Uncertainty/ or (uncertain* or disagreement).tw,kw. (141374)
11 Decision Making/ or Clinical Decision-Making/ (80415)
12 fallib*.tw,kw. (525)
13 epistemology.tw,kw. (4936)
14 Knowledge/ (9309)
15 Evidence-Based Medicine/ (63781)
16 or/8-15 (291177)
17 Ethics, Medical/ (45500)
18 Ethics/ or Ethics, Clinical/ (12477)
19 (ethics or ethical).tw,kw. (95342)
20 exp Ethics Committees/ (8759)
21 Human Experimentation/es [Ethics] (1868)
22 or/17-21 (130953)
23 7 and 16 and 22 (691)
24 limit 23 to (english or french) (643)
25 limit 24 to yr="1948 -Current" (643)

Database: Embase Classic+Embase <1947 to 2017 February 09> Search Strategy:

1 "randomized controlled trial (topic)"/ (131486)
2 (randomi?ed adj2 trial*).tw. (302237)
3 (RCT or RCTs).tw. (45572)
4 *Random Allocation/ (1970)
5 randomi?ation.tw. (40993)
6 (random adj2 (allocation or assignment)).tw. (4390)
7 or/1-6 (418042)
8 equipoise/ (1055)
9 equipoise.tw.kw. (1407)
10 Uncertainty/ or (uncertain* or disagreement).tw. (182435)
11 Decision Making/ (219372)
12 fallib*.tw.kw. (661)
13 epistemology/ or epistem*.tw. (5728)
14 Evidence-Based Medicine/ (95577)
15 Knowledge/ (28225)
16 or/8-15 (514266)
17 *ethics/ or *medical ethics/ or *research ethics/ (72379)
18 (ethics or ethical).tw. (127221)
19 17 or 18 (157413)
20 7 and 16 and 19 (761)
21 limit 20 to (english or french) (722)
22 limit 21 to yr="1948 -Current" (721)
'uncertainty|disagreement|equipoise|epistem*|fallib*|knowledge|"decision making" & RCT|RCTs|randomized|randomised|random & ethics|ethical' = 107 references

Philosopher's index

(randomized OR randomised OR RCT OR RCTs OR random) AND (equipoise OR uncertainty OR disagreement OR epistem* OR fallib* OR "decision making" OR knowledge) AND (ethics OR ethical) = 58 references

Cochrane

#1 MeSH descriptor: [Therapeutic Equipoise] explode all trees 9
#2 equipoise:ti,ab,kw 248
#3 MeSH descriptor: [Uncertainty] explode all trees 140
#4 (uncertain* or disagreement):ti,ab,kw 7427
#5 fallib*:ti,ab,kw 7
#6 MeSH descriptor: [Knowledge] explode all trees 146
#7 epistem*:ti,ab,kw 51
#8 MeSH descriptor: [Decision Making] explode all trees 3598
#9 MeSH descriptor: [Evidence-Based Medicine] this term only 2110
#10 #1 or #2 or #3 or #4 or #5 or #6 or #7 or #8 or #9 13203
#11 (ethics or ethical):ti,ab,kw 6128
#12 MeSH descriptor: [Ethics, Research] explode all trees 46
#13 MeSH descriptor: [Ethics] explode all trees 549
#14 #11 or #12 or #13 6398
#15 MeSH descriptor: [Clinical Trials as Topic] this term only 34592
#16 MeSH descriptor: [Random Allocation] explode all trees 20570
#17 MeSH descriptor: [Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic] explode all trees 22372
#18 (randomi?ed near/2 trial):ab (Word variations have been searched) 108235
#19 randomi?ation:ab 24900
Web of Science

# 13  652  #11 AND #10 AND #4
Refined by: LANGUAGES: ( ENGLISH OR FRENCH )
Timespan=1948-2017

# 12  669  #11 AND #10 AND #4  Edit

# 11 159,625 TS=(ethics or ethical)  Edit

# 10 227,335 #9 OR #8 OR #7 OR #6 OR #5  Edit

# 9  69,630 TS=(knowledge SAME (trial* or random*)) or TS= (knowledge NEAR/6 (trial* or random or RCT))  Edit

# 8  1,456  TS=fallback  Edit

# 7  37,119  TS=epistem*  Edit

# 6  121,152 TS=(uncertain* SAME (trial* or treatment*)) or TS=(disagreement SAME (trial* or treatment*)) or TI=uncertain* or TS=((uncertain* or disagreement) NEAR/6 (trial* or randomi?ed))  Edit

# 5  1,135  TS=equipoise  Edit

# 4  504,524 #3 OR #2 OR #1  Edit

# 3  31,497  TS=randomi?ation  Edit

# 2  443,189 TS=(randomi?ed NEAR/2 trial*)  Edit

# 1  338,317  TS=randomized controlled trials  Edit

Project Muse
(ethics) or (ethical) in content, and all of the terms (equipoise) or (uncertain*) or (disagreement) or (knowledge) in content, and all of the terms (randomi?ed) or (randomi?ation) or (rct) or (rcts) - limited to journal articles = 5 references

(ethics) or (ethical) in content, and all of the terms (fallible) or (fallibility) or (epistemic) or (epistemology) in content, and all of the terms (randomi?ed) or (randomi?ation) or (rct) or (rcts) in content – limited to journal articles = 1 reference

(ethics) or (ethical) in content, and all of the terms (fallible) or (fallibility) or (epistemic) or (epistemology) in content, and all of the terms clinical trial in content – limited to journal articles = 1 references

(ethics) or (ethical) in content, and all of the terms (uncertain*) or (disagreement) or (knowledge) in content, and all of the terms clinical trial in content – limited to journal articles = 38 references

Total = 45 references

JSTOR

Topic: Randomized Controlled Trials and (ethics or ethical) and (equipoise or uncertain* or disagreement or knowledge or fallib* or epistem* or decision making) = 98 references

Topic: Random Allocation and (ethics or ethical) and (equipoise or uncertain* or fallib* or epistem*)= 126 references

Total = 224 references