

APPENDIX 1 – SEARCH STRATEGY FOR MEDLINE OVID

1. Patient Selection/
2. ((participat\$ or recruit\$ or enrol\$) adj4 trial?).tw.
3. 1 or 2
4. Informed Consent/
5. informed consent.tw.
6. 4 or 5
7. exp Clinical Trial as Topic/
8. Research Subjects/
9. (trial? or study or studies or research).tw.
10. 7 or 8 or 9
11. 3 or (6 and 10)
12. Research Support, NIH, Extramural.pt.
13. Research Support, NIH, Intramural.pt.
14. Research Support, Non US Gov't.pt.
15. Research Support, US Gov't, Non PHS.pt.
16. Research Support, US Gov't, PHS.pt.
17. recruitment.ab. /freq=2
18. participation.ab. /freq=2
19. research.tw.
20. or/12-19
21. randomized controlled trial.pt.
22. controlled clinical trial.pt.
23. random\$.ab.
24. 21 or 22 or 23
25. humans.sh.
26. 24 and 25
27. comment.pt.
28. editorial.pt.
29. 26 not (27 or 28)
30. 11 and 20 and 29
31. 2001\$.ed.
32. 2002\$.ed.
33. 2003\$.ed.
34. 2004\$.ed.
35. 2005\$.ed.
36. 2006\$.ed.
37. 2007\$.ed.
38. 2008\$.ed,ep,yr.
39. 2009\$.ed,ep,yr.
40. 2010\$.ed,ep,yr.
41. or/31-40
42. 30 and 41