

Web Table 2 Included and Excluded Cochrane disease groups

Included Cochrane Groups (18)	Excluded Cochrane Groups (44)
Airways	Acute respiratory infection
Breast cancer	Anaesthesia
Colorectal cancer	Back
Childhood cancer	Bone, joint and muscle trauma
Ear nose and throat disorders	Campbell and Cochrane equity methods
Gynaecological cancer	Child Health
Haematological malignancies	Comparing multiple interventions methods
Heart	Complementary medicine
Hepatobiliary	Consumers and communication
Hypertension	Cystic fibrosis and genetic disorders
Lung cancer	Dementia and cognitive improvement
Metabolic and endocrine	Depressions, anxiety and neurosis
Oral health	Developmental psychosocial and learning problems
Pain, palliative and supportive care	Drugs and alcohol
Prostatic disease and urologic cancers	Effective practice and organization of care
Stroke	Epilepsy
Tobacco group	Eyes and vision
Upper gastrointestinal and pancreatic diseases	Fertility regulation
	Health care of older people
	HIV/ AIDS
	Incontinence
	Infectious diseases
	Inflammatory bowel disease and functional bowel disorders
	Injuries
	Menstrual disorders and subfertility
	Methodology
	Movement disorders
	Multiple Sclerosis
	Musculoskeletal
	Neonatal
	Neurological
	Neuromuscular disease
	Non-randomised studies methods
	Nursing care
	Occupational safety and health
	Peripheral vascular diseases
	Pregnancy and childbirth
	Primary health care
	Public health
	Renal
	Schizophrenia
	Sexually transmitted diseases
	Skin
	Wounds