

Appendix I: Search strategy

MEDLINE (PubMed)

Search conducted April 28, 2021.

Search	Query	Records retrieved
#1	Search: ((((((((((cognitive impairments) OR (cognitive deficits)) OR ("Cognitive Dysfunction"[Mesh])) OR (cognitive function)) OR (cognitive defect)) OR (cognitive disorders)) OR ("Cognition Disorders"[Mesh])) OR (postintensive care unit syndrome)) OR (post intensive care unit syndrome)) OR (post-intensive care unit syndrome)) OR (post icu syndrome)) OR (pics)) OR (postintensive care syndrome)	462,479
#2	Search: ((((((((((patients experience) OR (psychology)) OR (psychology[Title/Abstract])) OR (perceived)) OR (perception)) OR (thoughts))) OR (opinion)) OR (stress, psychological)) OR (patient satisfaction)) OR ("Patient Satisfaction"[Mesh])	3,205,456
#3	Search: ((((((((((icu) OR (icu[Title/Abstract])) OR (intensive care units)) OR ("Intensive Care Units"[Mesh])) OR (intensive care unit*)) OR (critical ill)) OR (critical illness)) OR ("Critical Illness"[Mesh])	353,659
#3	#1 AND #2 AND #3	2,867
	Limited to language (English and Scandinavian), adults + 18 years	