

Appendix 1: Search strategy for Medline

- 1 exp Surgical Procedures, Operative/ (2739671)
- 2 Pain Management/ (24865)
- 3 Pain Measurement/ (71213)
- 4 Pain, Postoperative/ (31716)
- 5 Patient Discharge/ (22957)
- 6 patient readmission/ (11063)
- 7 postoperative period/ (40838)
- 8 2 or 3 or 4 (112812)
- 9 5 or 6 or 7 (72801)
- 10 1 and 8 and 9 (1356)
- 11 limit 10 to english language (1176)
- 12 limit 11 to humans (1148)
- 13 postoperative.hw. (432000)
- 14 12 and 13 (1119)
- 15 1 and 5 and 7 and 8 (13)