

Appendix 1: Search Strategies

Search of Indexed Publications

OvidSP was used to search the databases Embase (1974 to 2014 July 3), Health and Psychosocial Instruments (1985 to July 2014), Ovid MEDLINE (1946 to Present [July 3]) and EBM Reviews (All EBM Reviews – Cochrane DSR, ACP Journal Club, DARE< CCTR, CMR, HTA, and NHSEED). Two searches were performed.

Search 1: 2398 results

1. Search for “organ donation”
2. Search for “tissue donation”
3. Search for “organ transplantation”
4. Search for “ethics”
5. Combine 1 and 4.
6. Combine 2 and 4.
7. Combine 3 and 4.
8. 5, 6, or 7
9. Remove duplicates from 8.

The abstracts of articles identified in the search were reviewed. Four hundred and eighty-two full text articles that appeared to contain information relevant to the current investigation were reviewed.

Later in the preparation process, an additional search on the topic of euthanasia, assisted suicide and donation was performed on the databases listed above.

Search 2: 297 results

1. Search for “euthanasia”
2. Search for “assisted suicide”
3. Combine 1 and 2.
4. Remove duplicates from 3.
5. Search for “donation”
6. Combine 3 and 4.
7. Limit 5 to human.

The abstracts of articles identified in the search were reviewed. Twenty-two full text articles that appeared to contain information relevant to the current investigation were reviewed.

Search of Nonindexed Publications & Websites

Publically available documents from donation physician programs in the UK, Australia, Spain and Canada were reviewed. Where clarification was required, representatives of the programs were contacted directly via electronic mail.