SEARCH FILTERS
OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES
1 COHORT STUDIES

Copy the text (the search string) and add it to your search in the databases.

Candidate search terms for MEDLINE:

1. Case-control studies/
2. Cohort studies/
3. Comparative studies/
4. Follow-up studies/
5. Prospective studies/
6. Retrospective studies/
7. Time factors/
8. Treatment outcome/
9. Case reports.pt
10. Clinical trial.pt
11. Evaluation studies.pt
12. baseline
13. case control$
14. case series
15. cases
16. chang$
17. cohort
18. compare$ or compara$
19. consecutive$
20. evaluat$
21. follow$
22. non compara$ or noncompara$
23. non random$ or nonrandom$
24. observational
25. post operat$ or postoperat$
26. pre operat$ or preoperat$
27. prospective$
28. retrospective$
29. reviewed
30. case control
31. cohort
32. compare$ or compara$
33. follow$
34. prospective$
35. retrospective$
36. postoperat$ or post operat$
37. preoperat$ or pre operat$

2 FILTERS DEVELOPED BY SIGN
The observational studies search filters used by SIGN has been developed in-house to retrieve studies most likely to meet SIGN’s methodological criteria.

**EMBASE:**

1. Clinical study/
2. Case control study
3. Family study/
4. Longitudinal study/
5. Retrospective study/
6. Prospective study/
7. Randomized controlled trials/
8. 6 not 7
9. Cohort analysis/
10. (Cohort adj (study or studies)).mp.
11. (Case control adj (study or studies)).tw.
12. (follow up adj (study or studies)).tw.
13. (observational adj (study or studies)).tw.
14. (epidemiologic$ adj (study or studies)).tw.
15. (cross sectional adj (study or studies)).tw.
16. Or/1-5,8-15

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**CINAHL:**

1. Prospective studies/
2. Exp case control studies/
3. Correlational studies/
4. Nonconcurrent prospective studies/
5. Cross sectional studies/
6. (cohort adj (study or studies)).tw.
7. (observational adj (study or studies)).tw.
8. or/1-7

3 COHORT STUDY STRATEGY

EMBASE:

1. exp cohort analysis/
2. exp longitudinal study/
3. exp prospective study/
4. exp follow up/
5. cohort$.tw.
6. or/1-5

MEDLINE:

1. exp cohort studies/
2. cohort$.tw.
3. controlled clinical trial.pt.
4. epidemiologic methods/
5. limit 4 to yr=1971-1988
6. or/1-3,5

4 COHORT AND CASE-CONTROL STRATEGY

EMBASE:

1. exp cohort analysis/
2. exp longitudinal study/
3. exp prospective study/
4. exp follow up/
5. cohort$.tw.
6. exp case control study/
7. (case$ and control$).tw.
8. or/1-7

MEDLINE:

1. exp cohort studies/
2. cohort$.tw.
3. controlled clinical trial.pt.
4. epidemiologic methods/
5. limit 4 to yr=1966-1989
6. exp case-control studies/
7. (case$ and control$).tw.
5 COHORT, CASE-CONTROL, AND CASE SERIES STRATEGY

EMBASE:

1. exp cohort analysis/
2. exp longitudinal study/
3. exp prospective study/
4. exp follow up/
5. cohort$.tw.
6. exp case control study/
7. (case$ and control$).tw.
8. exp case study/
10. or/1-9

MEDLINE:

1. exp cohort studies/
2. cohort$.tw.
3. controlled clinical trial.pt.
4. epidemiologic methods/
5. limit 4 to yr=1966-1989
6. exp case-control studies/
7. (case$ and control$).tw.
8. (case$ and series).tw.
9. or/1-3,5-8

6 COHORT, CASE-CONTROL, CASE SERIES AND CASE-STUDY STRATEGY

EMBASE:

1. exp cohort analysis/
2. exp longitudinal study/
3. exp prospective study/
4. exp follow up/
5. cohort$.tw.
6. exp case control study/
7. (case$ and control$).tw.
8. exp case study/
10. case report/
13. or/1-12

MEDLINE:

1. exp cohort studies/
2. cohort$.tw.
3. controlled clinical trial.pt.
4. epidemiologic methods/
5. limit 4 to yr=1966-1989
6. exp case-control studies/
7. (case$ and control$).tw.
8. (case$ and series).tw.
9. case reports.pt.
12. or/1-3,5-11

7 LITERATURE

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