

Table 2. Database search terms and resulting number of articles

Medline (PubMed)

Search	Criteria	Results
#1	((((((((((transit* AND manag* AND care)) OR (transit* AND care)) OR (transit* AND (coordinat* OR co-ordinat*))) OR "patient* centered*") OR (care AND coordinat*)) OR "Continuity of Patient Care"[Mesh:NoExp]) OR "Patient Handoff"[Mesh]) OR "Ambulatory Care"[Mesh]) OR (("Patient Care Planning"[Mesh:NoExp]) OR "Advance Care Planning"[Mesh:NoExp]) OR "Case Management"[Mesh])) AND ("United States"[Mesh] AND ("2004/01/01"[PDat] : "2014/12/31"[PDat]) AND English[lang] AND adult[MeSH])	4821
#2	("Patient Discharge"[Mesh] OR ("Patient Readmission"[Mesh] OR ("Outpatients"[Mesh] OR ("Emergency Service, Hospital"[Mesh]))) AND ("United States"[Mesh] AND ("2004/01/01"[PDat] : "2014/12/31"[PDat]) AND English[lang] AND adult[MeSH]))	5172
#3	Search #1 AND #2	596
#4	Search #1 AND #2 and NOT: Editorial, Letter, Practice Guideline	588

Analogous search terms were used to search other literature databases and yielded the following results:

Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL): 340

The Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials Database: 122

Clinicaltrials.gov

Search	Results
("Adult" OR "Senior") [AGE-GROUP] Exclude Unknown Interventional United States AND Studies case management OR care transition + Condition post-hospital discharge	147 11 <hr/> 158
Remaining after inspection (abstract review and by search limits) for relevance to Outcome: readmission, admission, outpatient visit, hospitalization, efficacy	44