
e-Appendix 1: Details of search strategy of MEDLINE for studies published from 1966 through April 2005 on the frequency, type and clinical importance of medication history errors*

Search no.	Search history	Result
1	Medical history taking/	11 657
2	Medication errors/	5 127
3	Physicians/	36 669
4	Pharmacists/	5 758
5	Prescriptions, drug/	13 297
6	Medication systems, hospital/org [Organization & Administration]	509
7	Pharmaceutical preparations/	26 160
8	Pharmacy service, hospital/	7 428
9	Medical records/st [Standards]	2 931
10	1 and 2	21
11	1 and 3	104
12	1 and 4	25
13	1 and 5	61
14	1 and 6	1
15	1 and 7	44
16	1 and 8	29
17	2 and 6	126
18	7 and 9	5
19	10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18	374
20	Limit 19 to english-language articles	343

*All search terms were subject headings unless otherwise stated.