

#### Appendix 1: Terms used to search PubMed for eligible studies

- Pertussis vaccine
- Aprotinin AND (death OR mortality)
- (Aprotinin OR tranexamic acid OR epsilon-aminocaproic acid) AND myocardial infarction
- (Anti-leukotriene agents OR montelukast OR zafirlukast) AND (death OR mortality)
- (Anticholinergic OR darifenacin OR emepronium bromide OR carrageenate OR oxybutynin chloride OR propiverine OR propantheline OR tolterodine OR trospium chloride) AND (dry mouth OR xerostomia)
- (Heparin OR anticoagulant OR aspirin OR (aspirin AND dipyridamole) OR thromboxane synthase inhibitor) AND (bleed\* OR haemorrhage OR hemorrhage)
- Isoniazid AND hepatitis
- Magnesium AND (tendon reflexes OR respiratory depression OR respiratory failure)
- (Folate OR folic acid OR multivitamins) AND (miscarriage OR ectopic pregnancy OR stillbirth OR multiple gestation)
- (Platelet glycoprotein IIb/IIIa blockers OR platelet glycoprotein IIb/IIIa antagonists OR platelet glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitors) AND (bleed\* OR haemorrhage OR hemorrhage)
- Misoprostol AND (shiver\* OR pyrexia OR fever)
- Rofecoxib
- (Ticlopidine OR clopidogrel) AND (neutropenia OR thrombocytopenia OR hemorrhage OR haemorrhage OR skin rash OR diarrhoea OR diarrhea OR indigestion OR nausea OR vomiting OR bleed\*)
- (Oxytocic drugs OR oxytocin OR syntometrin OR ergometrine OR third stage of labour OR third stage of labor) AND (diastolic blood pressure OR hypertension)
- Amniocentesis AND (neonatal respiratory distress syndrome OR spontaneous miscarriage)
- Carotid endarterectomy AND stroke AND complication
- Electronic fetal heart rate monitoring AND (labor OR labour) AND (cesarean section OR operative delivery)
- Laparoscopic surgery AND inguinal hernia AND (infection OR wound OR injury)
- Laparoscopic surgery AND appendicitis AND (wound OR infection)
- Position AND (labor OR labour) AND (bleed\* OR hemorrhage OR haemorrhage OR perineal tear)

Note: See reference 10 (Papanikolaou et al. *Am J Med* 2004;17:582-9) for a full list of the 66 harms.