

Appendix 1: Search strategy

Host: Ovid

Date of search: August 2007

Years covered by search: 1950-2007

1. exp Cervix Uteri/
2. cervix.mp.
3. cervical.mp.
4. 1 or 2 or 3
5. neoplasm\$.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
6. cancer\$.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
7. carcinoma.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
8. malignan\$.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
9. metasta\$.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
10. tumour\$.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
11. tumor\$.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
12. exp Neoplasms/
13. 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12
14. 4 AND 13
15. exp RADIONUCLIDE IMAGING/ or exp MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING, CINE/ or exp IMAGING, THREE-DIMENSIONAL/ or exp DIFFUSION MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING/ or exp DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING/ or exp MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING/
16. exp Ultrasonography/ or exp ULTRASOUND, HIGH-INTENSITY FOCUSED, TRANSRECTAL/ or exp Ultrasonography, Interventional/
17. exp Tomography, X-Ray Computed/
18. exp Tomography, Emission-Computed/
19. exp Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy/ or exp Magnetic Resonance Imaging/ or exp Tomography/ or exp Radionuclide Imaging/
20. exp Lymph Node Excision/ or exp Lymph Nodes/ or exp Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy/
21. exp Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy/ or exp Lymph Nodes/
22. magnetic resonance imaging.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
23. computer tomography.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
24. positron emission tomography.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
25. sentinel node.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
26. lymphoscintigraphy.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
27. ultrasound.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
28. fine needle aspiration.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
29. exp Biopsy, Fine-Needle/
30. imaging.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
31. 25 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23 or 24 or 25 or 26 or 27 or 28 or 29 or 30
32. 14 and 31
33. exp Lymph Nodes/
34. exp Lymphatic Diseases/
35. lymph node\$.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
36. lymphadenopathy.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
37. lymphatic spread.mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance, mesh subject heading]
38. 33 or 34 or 35 or 36 or 37
37. 32 and 38

Summary: All keywords and word variants were used for the population (cervical cancer lymph nodes) and the interventions (sentinel node biopsy, magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission tomography and computed tomography). During the search we made no restriction on study design or language.

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