

Appendix 1 (as supplied by author): Electronic search strategies

MEDLINE (OVID WEB)	EMBASE (OVID WEB)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. exp Hip Fractures/ 2. exp Surgical Procedures, Operative/ 3. 1 and 2 4. exp Death/ 5. exp Mortality/ 6. exp Fatal Outcome/ 7. 4 or 5 or 6 8. 3 and 7 9. exp Hip Fractures/su [Surgery] 10. (7 and 9) or 8 11. exp Hip Fractures/mo [Mortality] 12. 7 and 9 and 11 13. 9 and 11 14. 10 or 12 or 13 15. time\$ or delay\$ or early 16. 14 and 15 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. exp Hip Fracture/su [Surgery] 2. exp Femur Fracture/su [Surgery] 3. exp Mortality/ or exp Surgical Mortality/ or exp Survival/ or exp Survival Time/ or exp Survival Rate/ or exp Death/ or exp Fatality/ 4. (1 and 3) or (2 and 3)