

CARESEARCH INFORMATION SHEET NO. 12:

PALLIATIVE CARE FILTER SEARCH SYNTAX

This technical note is not for the faint hearted! It is a transparent record of the URL syntax used to represent the palliative care filter in CareSearch PubMed Topic Searches.

This search will retrieve a very large number of records that will be relevant to palliative care. This can be used to restrict a particular topic of broader interest to the palliative care literature, as CareSearch has done in its [Palliative Care PubMed Searches](#). For instructions on how to do this with other topics you are interested in, see [Create Your Own Palliative Care PubMed Search](#). If you already know how to do this, you may wish to [run the palliative care filter](#) now.

Technically this search uses Concepts 2, 4 and 5 as described in [Technical Notes](#), where Concept 2 retrieves references from Medline, and Concept 4 NOT Concept 5 retrieves articles from PubMed. A colour key provides a reference point for the different components of the search.

Colour Key

- Pink** = The phrase that PubMed provides to initiate a real time PubMed search
 - Red** = The palliative care filter developed through published research (Concept 2)
 - Orange** = Modified palliative care filter (Concept 4)
 - Purple** = Exclusion of Medline records (Concept 5)
 - Light Blue** = Restrict to English (Additional Concept)
- Note that all key Boolean operators are in black to highlight the separation of key concepts.

The Search

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http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?cmd=search&db=pubmed&term=(advance+care+planning[mh]+OR+attitude+to+death[mh]+OR+bereavement[mh]+OR+terminal+care[mh]+OR+hospices[mh]+OR+life+support+care[mh]+OR+palliative+care[mh]+OR+terminally+ill[mh]+OR+death[mh:noexp]+OR+palliat*[tw]+OR+hospice*[tw]+OR+terminal+care[tw]+OR+1049-9091[is]+OR+1472-684X[is]+OR+1357-6321[is]+OR+1536-0539[is]+OR+0825-8597[is]+OR+1557-7740[is]+OR+1552-4264[is]+OR+1478-9523[is]+OR+1477-030X[is]+OR+0749-1565[is]+OR+0742-969X[is]+OR+1544-6794[is]+OR+0941-4355[is]+OR+1873-6513[is]+OR+0145-7624[is]+OR+1091-7683[is]+OR+0030-2228[is])+OR+((advance+care+plan*[tw]+OR+attitude+to+death[tw]+OR+bereavement[tw]+OR+terminal+care[tw]+OR+life+supportive+care[tw]+OR+terminally+ill[tw]+OR+palliat*[tw]+OR+hospice*[tw]+OR+1049-9091[is]+OR+1472-684X[is]+OR+1357-6321[is]+OR+1536-0539[is]+OR+0825-8597[is]+OR+1557-7740[is]+OR+1552-4264[is]+OR+1478-9523[is]+OR+1477-030X[is]+OR+0749-1565[is]+OR+0742-969X[is]+OR+1544-6794[is]+OR+0941-4355[is]+OR+1873-6513[is]+OR+0145-7624[is]+OR+1091-7683[is]+OR+0030-2228[is])+NOT+Medline[sb])+AND+English[la]
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