

CARESEARCH INFORMATION SHEET NO. 02:

PALLIATIVE CARE FILTER (OVIDSP MEDLINE VERSION)

Explanatory Notes

This version of the palliative care filter was designed solely for use on the OvidSP version of Medline. It is provided for those users who may prefer the OvidSP interface and have access to same.

It is noted that using OvidSP Medline will mean that a large body of literature that is available on PubMed (and not on Medline) will be missed. As this literature is likely to be published in Open Access journals, the most recently published, or as yet unindexed, users should consider supplementing a search of OvidSP Medline with a PubMed search.

Use this search strategy to create one large subset of indexed records likely to be relevant to palliative care. Search set 31 (below) represents the final subset of palliative care records.

You can use the results of this filter to restrict the results of your own topic search to palliative care articles. If you undertake a 1-line search (e.g. vomiting/ as search set 32), then search set 33 can be represented as 31 and 32, providing you with articles about vomiting AND palliative care.

It is not possible to automatically run this search from CareSearch. We suggest you type it in once and save it permanently using a name like *CareSearch Palliative Care Filter* using the OvidSP software's instructions. In future you can then run this saved search readily without having to re-type the search statements.

This search strategy includes the palliative care filter (see search set 13 below) as reported in the published research [1], combined with a list of palliative care specialty journals (see search set 30 below), for reasons documented elsewhere. [2]. In order for a journal to be included it had to be English, with a specialty palliative care focus, and indexed on Medline. Note that BMC Palliative Care is not included in this search because it is not indexed on Medline.

References

1. Sladek R, Tieman J, Fazekas BS, Abernathy AP, Currow DC. [Development of a subject search filter to find information relevant to palliative care in the general medical literature](#). J Med Libr Assoc. 2006 Oct;94(4):394-401.
2. Sladek R, Tieman J. [Applying evidence in the real world: a case study in library and information practice](#). Health Info Libr J. 2008 Dec;25(4):295-301.

Search Set No.	OvidSP Medline Search Term/Phrase
1	exp advance care planning/
2	exp attitude to death/
3	exp bereavement/
4	death/
5	hospices/
6	life support care/
7	palliative care/
8	exp terminal care/
9	terminally ill/
10	palliat\$.af.
11	hospice\$.af.
12	terminal care.af.
13	or/1-12
14	journal of palliative care.jn.
15	journal of palliative medicine.jn.
16	hospice journal physical psychosocial & pastoral care of the dying.jn.
17	supportive care in cancer.jn.
18	palliative medicine.jn.
19	palliative & supportive care.jn.
20	journal of supportive oncology.jn.
21	journal of social work in end of life & palliative care.jn.
22	journal of pain & symptom management.jn.
23	journal of pain & palliative care pharmacotherapy.jn.
24	international journal of palliative nursing.jn.
25	death studies.jn.
26	death education.jn.
27	american journal of hospice care.jn.
28	american journal of hospice & palliative medicine.jn.
29	omega journal of death & dying.jn.
30	or/14-29
31	13 or 30