Study Title: Development of the Stroke Search Filter

Brief description of the study: CareSearch undertook the development of an objectively derived and validated stroke search filter, to connect health professionals and others to the published evidence on stroke, and in particular support allied health professionals to underpin their practice with current and high quality evidence. An expert advisory group was established with representation from neuroscience, medicine, allied health disciplines and nursing. This group provided advice on scope, concepts, terminology, information sources (key journals, report, papers and databases) and dissemination and promotion. They ratified the choice of a gold standard set of representative references, from which the search would be developed and validated. Dual peer review was undertaken to determine relevance of retrievals from draft strategies. The stroke search filter was developed in Medline and translated for PubMed. It will be published and form the basis for a set of associated expert topic searches for specific topics within the broad field of stroke, to be published on a web page for open access to the search results.

Study Methodology: (Please mark with an x which type of study methodology)

- Epidemiology
- Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement
- Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive
- Mixed Method
- Systematic Review
- Intervention: RCT
- Intervention: Comparative or cohort study
- Intervention: Case series

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): Flinders University School of Health Sciences

Has the study received ethics approval? Yes No X Not applicable

Project starting date: June 2015

Project completion date: February 2016

Multi site: Yes X No Not applicable

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**Associated publications / reports:** journal article in preparation

**Topics (Admin only)** Stroke; Evidence-based practice