Breakout Session III Advancing the Culture of EBP: Developing and Refining Your Project Plan

Sample Search Strategy Table

Acupuncture as an Alternative Therapy in Decreasing Chronic Low Back Pain in Adults

| Database | Cochrane library | CINAHL Plus with full text | PubMed (Medline) |
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| Search Terms | Title, Abstract or Keywords: "Chronic low back pain" AND "Acupuncture" | Title, Abstract, or Keywords: "Chronic back pain" OR "low back pain" AND "Acupuncture" | Title, Abstract, or Keywords: "Chronic back pain" AND "Acupuncture" |
| Limiters | Date range: 2007- 2012 | Research article, Peer reviewed, 2008 -2012 | Published in the last 5 years. |
| Expanders | | Also search within full text of article | |
| Citations resulted | 0 | 137 | 108 |
| Citations duplicate | | | |
| or not relevant | 0 | 107 | 83 |
| Citation abstracts | 0 | 30 | 25 |
| reviewed | | | |
| Full articles | 0 | 15 | 10 |
| reviewed | | | |
| Citations utilized | 0 | 2* | 3* |

^{*}These are the citations that would appear in the Summary Table of Evidence, and the ones upon which your recommendations for improvement are based.