

Databases:

- Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Ovid MEDLINE(R) 1946 to Present
- EMBASE 1974-Present
- Cochrane (Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials/CENTRAL) 1898-Present
- BIOSIS Previews Archive (1926-1968) and BIOSIS Previews (1968-Present)
- CINAHL 1940-Present

Filters (if available in database):

- All adults (≥ 18 years)
- Humans

#1 – random

#2 – randomly

#3 – randomised

#4 – randomized

#5 – randomised controlled trial

#6 – randomized controlled trial

#7 – controlled clinical trial

#8 - #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7

#9 – epidural

#10 – peridural

#11 – extradural

#12 - #9 OR #10 OR #11

#13 – analgesia

#14 – anaesthesia

#15 – anesthesia

#16 - #13 OR #14 OR #15

#17 – postoperative

#18 – postoperatively

#19 – surgery

#20 – operative intervention

#21 – surgical procedure

#22 – surgical intervention

#23 – surgical process

#21 - #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22
OR #23

#24 – labor

#25 – labour

#26 – obstetric

#27 – cesarean section

#28 – caesarean section

#29 – C-section

#30 – Caesar

#31 – cesar

#32 – surgical birth

#33 – abdominal delivery

#34 – surgical delivery

#35 - #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR
#29 OR #30 OR #31 OR #32 OR #33 OR #34

#36 - #8 AND #12 AND #16 AND #21 NOT #35

Supplemental table A. Search strategy. Systematic searches were performed in PubMed (Medline), Central (Cochrane), EMBASE, BIOSIS Previews and CINAHL. Combination of terms were adapted according to requirements of each database.