

Additional File 1: Search strategy used in MEDLINE

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Condition

MESH terms: Shoulder pain/ or Shoulder Impingement Syndrome or Rotator Cuff/ or exp Bursitis

Text words: ((shoulder\$ or rotator cuff) adj5 (bursitis or frozen or impinge\$ or instab\$ or tendin\$ or tendon\$ or sublux\$ or pain\$)).mp

Adhesive capsulitis.mp

Rotator cuff.mp

Treatment

MESH terms: exp Rehabilitation/ or exp Physical Therapy Modalities/ or exp Musculoskeletal Manipulations/ or exp Ultrasonography interventional/ or exp Acupuncture therapies/

Text words: (rehabilitat\$ or physiotherap\$ or physical therap\$ or manual therap\$ or exercis\$ or ultrasound\$ or ultrasonograph\$ or TNS or TENS or electrotherap\$ or inject\$ or mobili\$ or acupunctur\$ or hydrotherap\$) mp. [mp=title, original title, abstract, name of substance word, subject heading word]

Publication Type

MESH terms: exp cohort studies/ or epidemiologic studies/ or longitudinal studies/ or follow up studies/ or prospective studies/ or clinical trial/

Text words: (prognos\$ or predict\$ or cours\$ or cohort\$ or follow up\$ or prospective or longitudinal\$ or random\$)

Text words: (single or double) adj (blind or placebo); (clinical\$) adj (stud\$ or trial\$)