

- Guidelines identified through websites of international respiratory societies: n=3
- Process flow diagrams identified through Map of Medicine (MOM) and BMJ Best Practice: n=2
- Reviews identified through electronic database searching: n=2939
 - Medline: n=739*
 - Embase: n=2031*
 - Cochrane: n=169*

Screening on title and abstract/short description



Records excluded because not meeting the inclusion criteria: n=2851

Full text articles independently assessed for eligibility by two reviewers (CL & KV):
Guidelines: n=3
Process flow diagram: n=2
Electronic records: n=88

Full text articles excluded because not meeting the inclusion criteria: n=51

- No exacerbation: n=20
- No guideline: n=7
- No or limited in-text references: n=9
- Very limited description: n=4
- Duplicates: n=11

Selected for development of the clinical content:
Guidelines: n=3
Process flow diagram: n=2
Electronic records: n=37