

Documents retrieved through search strategy
(Retain digitized materials with abstracts available)



Selection Step 1:
Title appraisal (One reviewer)
Retain: all titles referencing medical devices



Selection Step 2:
Title appraisal (Second independent reviewer)
Random 10% check of titles per each source searched



Selection Step 3:
Abstract appraisal (One reviewer)
See Figure 2 for selection algorithm



Selection Step 4:
Abstract appraisal (Second independent reviewer)
Random 10% check of abstracts per each source searched



Selection Step 5
(Optional: to be used when abstracts prove ambiguous)
Full-text appraisal: Use criteria for abstract review



All remaining documents eligible for inclusion in review
and undergoing data extraction provided full text
documents are digitized and freely available