

Appendix IV: Overview of literature search for systematic reviews or randomized controlled trials on the effectiveness of septoplasty

Database	Search terms	Hits
PubMed	(SEPTOPLASTY[Title/Abstract]) OR (septal surgery[Title/Abstract])) AND ((clinical[Title/Abstract] AND trial[Title/Abstract]) OR clinical trials[MeSH Terms] OR clinical trial[Publication Type] OR random*[Title/Abstract] OR random allocation[MeSH Terms] OR therapeutic use[MeSH Subheading])	255
Cochrane Library	Septoplasty	1
Current Controlled Trials	Septoplasty	18
ClinicalTrials.gov	Septoplasty	7
DARE, NHS EED, and HTA databases	Septoplasty	6
Total number of hits		287
Exclusion criteria	- Duplicates - Other interventions studied (no septoplasty versus watchful waiting) - Descriptive reviews (instead of systematic reviews) - No trial	4 91 3 189
Total number of excluded studies		287
Total number of included studies		0