



Appendix 1

Search Strategy

Electronic Databases

MEDLINE/PUBMED: from 1966 to January 2011. Articles found: 589

#1 "enteric feed*" OR "enteral feed*" OR "enteral nutrition"

#2 "nasogastric" OR "INTUBATION, GASTROINTESTINAL"

#3 "Intermittent" OR "Bolus" - 123,323

#4 #1 OR #2 - 22,648

#5 #4 AND #3 - 589

EMBASE: from 1974 to January 2011. Articles found: 788

#1 "enteral feeding"/exp

#2 "enteral nutrition"/exp

#3 "enteric feeding"/exp

#4 "nasogastric ADJ2 (feed* OR nutri* OR tube)"/exp

#5 "intermittent"/exp

#6 "bolus"/exp

#7 #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 - 24,362

#8 #5 OR #6 - 167,411

#9 #7 AND #8 - 789

Combined = 1377 with duplicates