Records identified through database searching (n = 93)

Screening

Records screened (n = 93)

Eligibility

Full-text articles excluded, (n = 15)
Exclusion reasons:
articles in languages other than English, Polish, Czech, Slovak or Slovenian; letters to editors; brief reports; not in the scope of the study—e.g. other geographical region, history of medicine)
(n= 21)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 72)

Included

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n = 57)

E-database search strategy (EMBASE inl. MEDLINE records, Embase Emtree terms used)

#1: 'family medicine'/exp OR 'general practice'/exp AND [1990-2008]/py

#2: 'medical education'/exp OR 'vocational education'/exp OR 'postgraduate education'/exp

#3: #1 AND 2

#4: 'eastern europe'/exp

#5: #3 AND #4