Records identified through database searching (n = 12)

Records screened (n = 12)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 11)

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n = 8)

Records excluded (n = 1)
Specialist care congress report; no abstract/full text available

Full-text articles excluded, (n=3)
Exclusion reasons:
Not in the topic (primary care physicians as subject of clinical trial; report on certain research project conducted in primary care)
Reader’s comment to other article

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 research'/exp

#3: #1 AND 2

#4: 'eastern europe'/exp

#5: #3 AND #4