MEDLINE SEARCH
1965-2012 n=5317

Title or abstract MS incidence-related n=350

Full text perused for trends and post-1985 incidence n=122

Excluded due to:
- Not EEA n=29
- Not post-1985 n=6
- Not age- and sex-specific n=70
- Age- and sex-specific incidence by time of diagnosis n=4
- Mainly covering pre-1985 incidence period n=2
- No diagnostic criteria (administration) n=1
- Data incomplete or deemed inappropriate n=6
Total excluded n=120

Recovered after data completion:
- Population denominators n=5
- Case and population data n=4

Documents provided by authors n=6

Excluded due to:
- Not EEA n=29
- Not post-1985 n=6
- <10 years n=0
- No trends or repeated data n=55
- Incidence data by time of diagnosis n=8
- No diagnostic criteria (administration) n=1
Total excluded n=99

Data extracted for results analysis n=23

Data extracted for results analysis n=11