Records identified through database searching (n=2907)

Additional records identified in other sources (n=16)

Total number records (n=2923)

Records screened (n=2782)

Records excluded (n=2731)

Duplicates (n=141)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n=51)

Full-text articles excluded (n=39)
  • Comparison updated guidelines (n=1)
  • Computer support (n=9)
  • Describes development method (n=1)
  • Describes update method or tool (n=15)
  • Evaluates evidence sources (n=1)
  • Evaluates health information technology (n=1)
  • Methodological handbook or report (n=6)
  • Narrative review (n=4)
  • Systematic review update (n=1)

Included articles (n=12)

Studies included*
  (n=8)
  • Shekelle 2001 [3]‡; Eccles 2002 [17]‡
  • Bosquet 2003 [9]‡
  • Nunes 2009 [15]§
  • Eccles 2002 [10]
  • Newton 2006 [14]§
  • Parmelli 2010 [16]
  • Johnston 2003 [8]‡; Brouwers 2001 [13]‡

*Ordered by type of strategy and chronology; #Main publication for the study; ‡Only abstract available; §Information provided by the author.