Medline review 1998-2009 total yield 20,303 – all titles +/- abstracts read

Cochrane database 1998-2009 total yield of Cochrane reviews 16, other reviews 50 all titles, 66 +/- abstracts read, (clinical trials 588, Technology assessments 29, economic evaluations 398) not included

20,251 removed – lack of relevance

47 removed – lack of relevance

8 removed – duplicates

5 removed – (4 withdrawn, 1 unobtainable)

31 systematic reviews removed - the link between research evidence and practice is not sufficiently explicit

6 systematic reviews removed – unclear information about the evidence base of some individual studies within these systematic reviews

5 systematic reviews removed – A significant number of studies encouraging the uptake of drugs based on cost effectiveness are included in these systematic reviews

3 reviews removed – Over-view of reviews rather than a systematic review.

39 systematic reviews from Medline review included 19 systematic reviews from Cochrane database included. All these studies read and judged for relevance and quality. Total 58

45 systematic reviews removed

Final number for review 13