

Hypertension search strategy 2

This literature search strategy was used for the following reviews;

- Initiating treatment

The literature searches for this review are detailed below and complied with the methodology outlined in Developing NICE guidelines: the manual 2014, updated 2017

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/pmg20/resources/developing-nice-guidelines-the-manual-pdf-72286708700869>

For more detailed information, please see the Methodology Review. [\[Add cross reference\]](#)

A.1 Clinical search literature search strategy

Searches were constructed using a PICO framework where population (P) terms were combined with Intervention (I) and in some cases Comparison (C) terms. Outcomes (O) are rarely used in search strategies for interventions as these concepts may not be well described in title, abstract or indexes and therefore difficult to retrieve. Search filters were applied to the search where appropriate.

Table 1: Database date parameters and filters used

Database	Dates searched	Search filter used
Medline (OVID)	1946 – 02 October 2018	Exclusions Randomised controlled trials Systematic review studies Observational studies
Embase (OVID)	1974 – 02 October 2018	Exclusions Randomised controlled trials Systematic review studies Observational studies
The Cochrane Library (Wiley)	Cochrane Reviews to Issue 8 of 12, August 2018 CENTRAL to Issue 7 of 12, July 2018 DARE and NHSEED to Issue 2 of 4, April 2015 HTA to Issue 4 of 4, October 2016	None

Medline (Ovid) search terms

1.	exp Hypertension/
2.	hypertens*.ti,ab.
3.	(elevat* adj2 blood adj pressur*).ti,ab.
4.	(high adj blood adj pressur*).ti,ab.
5.	(increase* adj2 blood pressur*).ti,ab.
6.	((systolic or diastolic or arterial) adj2 pressur*).ti,ab.
7.	or/1-6
8.	exp pregnancy/
9.	exp Hypertension, Pregnancy-Induced/ not exp Hypertension/
10.	(pre eclampsia or pre-eclampsia or preeclampsia).ti,ab.
11.	exp Hypertension, Portal/ not exp Hypertension/
12.	exp Hypertension, Pulmonary/ not exp Hypertension/
13.	exp Intracranial Hypertension/ not exp Hypertension/

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14.	exp Ocular Hypertension/ not exp Hypertension/
15.	exp Diabetes Mellitus, Type 1/ not exp Diabetes Mellitus, Type 2/
16.	or/8-15
17.	7 not 16
18.	letter/
19.	editorial/
20.	news/
21.	exp historical article/
22.	Anecdotes as Topic/
23.	comment/
24.	case report/
25.	(letter or comment*).ti.
26.	or/18-25
27.	randomized controlled trial/ or random*.ti,ab.
28.	26 not 27
29.	animals/ not humans/
30.	exp Animals, Laboratory/
31.	exp Animal Experimentation/
32.	exp Models, Animal/
33.	exp Rodentia/
34.	(rat or rats or mouse or mice).ti.
35.	or/28-34
36.	17 not 35
37.	(exp child/ or exp pediatrics/ or exp infant/) not (exp adolescent/ or exp adult/ or exp middle age/ or exp aged/)
38.	36 not 37
39.	limit 38 to English language
40.	exp antihypertensive agents/
41.	(anti-hypertens* or antihypertens* or anti hypertens*).ti,ab.
42.	40 or 41
43.	risk factors/
44.	risk assessment/
45.	((initiat* or start* or commenc* or begin*) adj4 (treatment* or medicat*)).ti,ab.
46.	(risk* adj2 (factor* or assess*)).ti,ab.
47.	(threshold* or level*).ti,ab.
48.	or/43-47
49.	39 and 42 and 48
50.	randomized controlled trial.pt.
51.	controlled clinical trial.pt.
52.	randomi#ed.ti,ab.
53.	placebo.ab.
54.	randomly.ti,ab.
55.	Clinical Trials as topic.sh.
56.	trial.ti.
57.	or/50-56
58.	Meta-Analysis/
59.	exp Meta-Analysis as Topic/

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60.	(meta analy* or metanaly* or metaanaly* or meta regression).ti,ab.
61.	((systematic* or evidence*) adj3 (review* or overview*)).ti,ab.
62.	(reference list* or bibliograph* or hand search* or manual search* or relevant journals).ab.
63.	(search strategy or search criteria or systematic search or study selection or data extraction).ab.
64.	(search* adj4 literature).ab.
65.	(medline or pubmed or cochrane or embase or psychlit or psyclit or psychinfo or psycinfo or cinahl or science citation index or bids or cancerlit).ab.
66.	cochrane.jw.
67.	((multiple treatment* or indirect or mixed) adj2 comparison*).ti,ab.
68.	or/58-67
69.	Epidemiologic studies/
70.	Observational study/
71.	exp Cohort studies/
72.	(cohort adj (study or studies or analys* or data)).ti,ab.
73.	((follow up or observational or uncontrolled or non randomi#ed or epidemiologic*) adj (study or studies or data)).ti,ab.
74.	((longitudinal or retrospective or prospective or cross sectional) and (study or studies or review or analys* or cohort* or data)).ti,ab.
75.	Controlled Before-After Studies/
76.	Historically Controlled Study/
77.	Interrupted Time Series Analysis/
78.	(before adj2 after adj2 (study or studies or data)).ti,ab.
79.	or/69-78
80.	exp case control study/
81.	case control*.ti,ab.
82.	or/80-81
83.	79 or 82
84.	Cross-sectional studies/
85.	(cross sectional and (study or studies or review or analys* or cohort* or data)).ti,ab.
86.	or/84-85
87.	79 or 86
88.	79 or 82 or 86
89.	49 and (57 or 68 or 88)

Embase (Ovid) search terms

1.	exp Hypertension/
2.	hypertens*.ti,ab.
3.	(elevat* adj2 blood adj pressur*).ti,ab.
4.	(high adj blood adj pressur*).ti,ab.
5.	(increase* adj2 blood pressur*).ti,ab.
6.	((systolic or diastolic or arterial) adj2 pressur*).ti,ab.
7.	or/1-6
8.	exp pregnancy/
9.	exp Maternal Hypertension/
10.	(pre eclampsia or pre-eclampsia or preeclampsia).ti,ab.
11.	exp Hypertension, Portal/ not exp Hypertension/
12.	exp Hypertension, Pulmonary/ not exp Hypertension/

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13.	exp Intracranial Hypertension/
14.	exp Ocular Hypertension/ not exp Hypertension/
15.	exp Diabetes Mellitus, Type 1/ not exp Diabetes Mellitus, Type 2/
16.	or/8-15
17.	7 not 16
18.	letter.pt. or letter/
19.	note.pt.
20.	editorial.pt.
21.	case report/ or case study/
22.	(letter or comment*).ti.
23.	or/18-22
24.	randomized controlled trial/ or random*.ti,ab.
25.	23 not 24
26.	animal/ not human/
27.	nonhuman/
28.	exp Animal Experiment/
29.	exp Experimental Animal/
30.	animal model/
31.	exp Rodent/
32.	(rat or rats or mouse or mice).ti.
33.	or/25-32
34.	17 not 33
35.	(exp child/ or exp pediatrics/) not (exp adult/ or exp adolescent/)
36.	34 not 35
37.	limit 36 to English language
38.	exp antihypertensive agent/
39.	(anti-hypertens* or antihypertens* or anti hypertens*).ti,ab.
40.	38 or 39
41.	risk factor/
42.	risk assessment/
43.	((initiat* or start* or commenc* or begin*) adj4 (treatment* or medicat*)).ti,ab.
44.	(risk* adj2 (factor* or assess*)).ti,ab.
45.	(threshold* or level*).ti,ab.
46.	or/41-45
47.	37 and 40 and 46
48.	random*.ti,ab.
49.	factorial*.ti,ab.
50.	(crossover* or cross over*).ti,ab.
51.	((doubl* or singl*) adj blind*).ti,ab.
52.	(assign* or allocat* or volunteer* or placebo*).ti,ab.
53.	crossover procedure/
54.	single blind procedure/
55.	randomized controlled trial/
56.	double blind procedure/
57.	or/48-56
58.	systematic review/
59.	meta-analysis/

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60.	(meta analy* or metanaly* or metaanaly* or meta regression).ti,ab.
61.	((systematic* or evidence*) adj3 (review* or overview*)).ti,ab.
62.	(reference list* or bibliograph* or hand search* or manual search* or relevant journals).ab.
63.	(search strategy or search criteria or systematic search or study selection or data extraction).ab.
64.	(search* adj4 literature).ab.
65.	(medline or pubmed or cochrane or embase or psychlit or psyclit or psychinfo or psycinfo or cinahl or science citation index or bids or cancerlit).ab.
66.	cochrane.jw.
67.	((multiple treatment* or indirect or mixed) adj2 comparison*).ti,ab.
68.	or/58-67
69.	Clinical study/
70.	Observational study/
71.	family study/
72.	longitudinal study/
73.	retrospective study/
74.	prospective study/
75.	cohort analysis/
76.	follow-up/
77.	cohort*.ti,ab.
78.	76 and 77
79.	(cohort adj (study or studies or analys* or data)).ti,ab.
80.	((follow up or observational or uncontrolled or non randomi#ed or epidemiologic*) adj (study or studies or data)).ti,ab.
81.	((longitudinal or retrospective or prospective or cross sectional) and (study or studies or review or analys* or cohort* or data)).ti,ab.
82.	(before adj2 after adj2 (study or studies or data)).ti,ab.
83.	or/69-75,78-82
84.	exp case control study/
85.	case control*.ti,ab.
86.	or/84-85
87.	83 or 86
88.	cross-sectional study/
89.	(cross sectional and (study or studies or review or analys* or cohort* or data)).ti,ab.
90.	or/88-89
91.	83 or 90
92.	83 or 86 or 90
93.	47 and (57 or 68 or 92)

Cochrane Library (Wiley) search terms

#1.	MeSH descriptor: [Hypertension] explode all trees
#2.	hypertens*.ti,ab
#3.	(elevat* near/2 blood next pressur*):ti,ab
#4.	(high near/1 blood near/1 pressur*):ti,ab
#5.	(increase* near/2 blood pressur*):ti,ab
#6.	((systolic or diastolic or arterial) near/2 pressur*):ti,ab

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#7.	(or #1-#6)
#8.	MeSH descriptor: [Antihypertensive Agents] explode all trees
#9.	(anti-hypertens* or antihypertens* or anti hypertens*):ti,ab
#10.	#8 or #9
#11.	MeSH descriptor: [Risk Factors] explode all trees
#12.	MeSH descriptor: [Risk Assessment] explode all trees
#13.	((initiat* or start* or commenc* or begin*) near/4 (treatment* or medicat*)):ti,ab
#14.	(risk* near/2 (factor* or assess*)):ti,ab
#15.	(threshold* or level*):ti,ab
#16.	#11 or #12 or #13 or #14 or #15
#17.	#7 and #10 and #16

A.2 Health Economics literature search strategy

Health economic evidence was identified by conducting a broad search relating to hypertension in adults population in NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHS EED – this ceased to be updated after March 2015) and the Health Technology Assessment database (HTA) with no date restrictions. NHS EED and HTA databases are hosted by the Centre for Research and Dissemination (CRD). Additional searches were run on Medline and Embase for health economics, economic modelling and quality of life studies.

Table 2: Database date parameters and filters used

Database	Dates searched	Search filter used
Medline	2014 – 28 August 2018	Exclusions Health economics studies
Embase	2014 – 28 August 2018	Exclusions Health economics studies
Centre for Research and Dissemination (CRD)	HTA - Inception – 28 August 2018 NHSEED - Inception to March 2015	None

Medline (Ovid) search terms

1.	exp Hypertension/
2.	hypertens*.ti,ab.
3.	(elevat* adj2 blood adj pressur*).ti,ab.
4.	(high adj blood adj pressur*).ti,ab.
5.	(increase* adj2 blood pressur*).ti,ab.
6.	((systolic or diastolic or arterial) adj2 pressur*).ti,ab.
7.	or/1-6
8.	letter/
9.	editorial/
10.	news/
11.	exp historical article/
12.	Anecdotes as Topic/
13.	comment/
14.	case report/

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15.	(letter or comment*).ti.
16.	or/8-15
17.	randomized controlled trial/ or random*.ti,ab.
18.	16 not 17
19.	animals/ not humans/
20.	exp Animals, Laboratory/
21.	exp Animal Experimentation/
22.	exp Models, Animal/
23.	exp Rodentia/
24.	(rat or rats or mouse or mice).ti.
25.	or/18-24
26.	7 not 25
27.	limit 26 to English language
28.	Economics/
29.	Value of life/
30.	exp "Costs and Cost Analysis"/
31.	exp Economics, Hospital/
32.	exp Economics, Medical/
33.	Economics, Nursing/
34.	Economics, Pharmaceutical/
35.	exp "Fees and Charges"/
36.	exp Budgets/
37.	budget*.ti,ab.
38.	cost*.ti.
39.	(economic* or pharmaco?economic*).ti.
40.	(price* or pricing*).ti,ab.
41.	(cost* adj2 (effective* or utilit* or benefit* or minimi* or unit* or estimat* or variable*)).ab.
42.	(financ* or fee or fees).ti,ab.
43.	(value adj2 (money or monetary)).ti,ab.
44.	or/28-43
45.	27 and 44

Embase (Ovid) search terms

1.	exp Hypertension/
2.	hypertens*.ti,ab.
3.	(elevat* adj2 blood adj pressur*).ti,ab.
4.	(high adj blood adj pressur*).ti,ab.
5.	(increase* adj2 blood pressur*).ti,ab.
6.	((systolic or diastolic or arterial) adj2 pressur*).ti,ab.
7.	or/1-6
8.	letter.pt. or letter/
9.	note.pt.
10.	editorial.pt.
11.	case report/ or case study/
12.	(letter or comment*).ti.

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13.	or/8-12
14.	randomized controlled trial/ or random*.ti,ab.
15.	13 not 14
16.	animal/ not human/
17.	nonhuman/
18.	exp Animal Experiment/
19.	exp Experimental Animal/
20.	animal model/
21.	exp Rodent/
22.	(rat or rats or mouse or mice).ti.
23.	or/15-22
24.	7 not 23
25.	limit 24 to English language
26.	health economics/
27.	exp economic evaluation/
28.	exp health care cost/
29.	exp fee/
30.	budget/
31.	funding/
32.	budget*.ti,ab.
33.	cost*.ti.
34.	(economic* or pharmaco?economic*).ti.
35.	(price* or pricing*).ti,ab.
36.	(cost* adj2 (effective* or utilit* or benefit* or minimi* or unit* or estimat* or variable*)),ab.
37.	(financ* or fee or fees).ti,ab.
38.	(value adj2 (money or monetary)).ti,ab.
39.	or/26-38
40.	25 and 39

NHS EED and HTA (CRD) search terms

#1.	MeSH DESCRIPTOR Hypertension EXPLODE ALL TREES IN NHSEED,HTA
#2.	(Hypertens*) IN NHSEED, HTA
#3.	(elevat* adj2 blood adj pressur*) IN NHSEED, HTA
#4.	(high adj blood adj pressur*) IN NHSEED, HTA
#5.	(increase* adj2 blood pressur*) IN NHSEED, HTA
#6.	((systolic or diastolic or arterial) adj2 pressur*) IN NHSEED, HTA
#7.	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6

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