

Citations identified by all searches (n=1351)

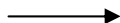


Rejected on title, abstract and keywords (n=1299)

Citations only relevant to knee review removed (n=25)



Potentially relevant RCT abstracts identified and screened for retrieval (n=27)



13 abstracts excluded (see Table 3)
n= 5 not a rct
n= 4 inpatient intervention
n=2 duplicate trial reports
n=1 osteopathic manipulation intervention
n= 1 pre op and post op intervention

Full papers obtained and screened for retrieval (n=14)



6 papers excluded
n= 1 preoperative intervention
n= 3 inpatient intervention
n=1 not a trial
n = 1 patients with injurious falls

RCTs evaluated in detail (n=8)



RCTs suitable for inclusion/part
inclusion in meta-analysis (n=2)

RCTs excluded from meta-analysis (n=6)