

Google Search Engine
Those included:
July 2009
Websites Retrieved (First 20 from each of the five search terms entered into search engine)
Total: 100 Websites (20 x 5 terms)

Yahoo Search Engine
Those included:
July 2009
Websites Retrieved (First 20 from each of the five search terms entered into search engine)
Total: 100 Websites (20 x 5 terms)

MSN Search Engine
Those included:
July 2009
Websites Retrieved (First 20 from each of the five search terms entered into search engine)
Total: 100 Websites (20 x 5 terms)

Combined Total n = 300

Removed

n = 271
Included after exclusion criteria

Removed

n = 161
Total # of websites included in study

Exclusion Criteria
1) Websites unrelated to pain.
2) Websites only providing a list of website links
3) Sponsored links and banner advertisements
4) For profit websites ONLY if there only intention was to sell a product, if the site promised quick and unrealistic dramatic results, made claims that one remedy will cure a variety of illnesses through some miraculous breakthrough or used sensational writing.

Repeat websites were removed from all the n=271