

6657 citations screened for inclusion.
6324 from MEDLINE, EMBASE, EMBASE
Classic
333 from Cochrane Central Registrar of
Controlled Trials
4 from conference proceedings

6616 citations excluded
based on screening
criteria

41 citations retrieved for detailed evaluation

22 citations excluded
1 – Randomized comparison of
filtration and dialysis in patients
without acute renal failure [40]*
7 – Non-randomized comparison
of filtration and dialysis [41-47]
8 – RCT of a non-mode
intervention [48-55]
4 – Neither randomized nor
comparison between filtration and
dialysis [56-59]
2 – Partial duplicate publication
[60,61]

19 RCTs included in meta-analysis
10 parallel-group [21-30]
9 crossover [31-39]