Supplemental Digital Content 3: Level 1 and Level 2 screening criteria

	Level 1 (Article may be excluded if it is)
1	A review article, letter, editorial
	A systematic review
	Surveys
	Interventional study
	Study population is animal or cell line
	 Study population has a specific genetic based disease
	Study describes less than 10 patients
	 There is no mention of vitamin D levels, vitamin D status or vitamin D deficiency in the abstract (exclude those that only mention vitamin D binding protein or vitamin D receptors)
	 No mention of critical illness, intensive care, mortality/death, mechanical ventilation, cardiovascular support (vasopressors, inotrope sore, ECMO, etc) in the abstract
Level 2 (article should be excluded if)	
2	Does not include children (=<18 years)
	 Includes children over 21 years but does not report data separately for children
3	No patients admitted to PICU
4	Does not report on vitamin D status using 25OHD level
	Vitamin D levels were measured prior to death (e.g. does not represent a SIDS or related syndrome where patients were dead)
5	 Does not report on one or more of the following ICU outcomes Mortality (PICU or hospital)
	 Mechanical ventilation (e.g. intubation, duration of MV)
	 Vasoactive agent use (e.g. inotrope score, catecholamines, vasopressors) PICU Illness severity score (e.g. PRISM, PELOD, PIM)
6	Study type other than observational cohort or case control study
7	 Meets above, but enrolled a specific disease process or surgical procedure (ALRI, Cardiac surgery, prematurity

PICU – pediatric intensive care unit; ECMO – Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; SIDS – sudden infant death syndrome; ICU – intensive care unit; MV – mechanical ventilation; PRISM – Pediatric Risk of Mortality; PELOD - Pediatric Logistic Organ Dysfunction; PIM –Pediatric Risk of Mortality; ALRI – Acute lower respiratory infection