### Additional File 2 – Electronic search strategy for the retrieval of studies from multiple databases

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42 exp Alcohol drinking/
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46 Alcohol-Related Disorders/
47 Alcoholic Intoxication/
48 alcoholism.tw.
49 Alcoholism/
50 (at-risk adj1 drink*).tw.
51 Binge Drinking/
52 (bing* adj drink*).tw.
53 dependence.tw.
54 drinker*.tw.
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56 (drink* adj behavio?r*).tw.
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59 (harmful* adj1 drink*).tw.
60 (hazardous adj1 drink*).tw.
61 misus*.tw.
62 (problem* adj1 drink*).tw.
63 (risk* adj1 drink*).tw.
   39 or 40 or 41 or 42 or 43 or 44 or 45 or 46 or 47 or 48 or 49 or 64 50 or 51 or 52 or 53 or 54 or 55 or 56 or 57 or 58 or 59 or 60 or 61 or 62 or 63
65 Education, medical/
66 Education, medical, continuing/
67 Education, nursing/
68 Education, nursing, continuing/
69 (family adj doctor*).tw.
70 (family adj medicine).tw.
71 Family Nurse Practitioners/
72 Family Practice/
73 (family adj practice*).tw.
74 General Practice/
75 (general adj practice*).tw.
76 General Practitioners/
77 (general adj practitioner*).tw.
78 Health Personnel/ed [Education]
79 Nurses/
80 Nurse Practitioners/
81 (practice adj nurse*).tw.
82 Physicians, Primary Care/
83 Physicians, Family/
CINAHL search strategy search =

1. TI (advice) OR AB (advice)
2. (MH "Attitude of Health Personnel") OR (MH "Physician Attitudes") OR (MH "Nurse Attitudes")
3. TI (behavio#r* N1 chang*) OR AB (behavio#r* N1 chang*)
4. TI (brief N1 advice) OR AB (brief N1 advice)
5. TI (brief N1 intervention*) OR AB (brief N1 intervention*)
6. (MH "Cognitive Therapy")
7. TI (cognitive N1 therap*) OR AB (cognitive N1 therap*)
8. (MH "Counseling")
9. TI (counsel*) OR AB (counsel*)
10. TI (detection) OR AB (detection)
11. TI (early N1 identif*) OR AB (early N1 identif*)
12. TI (early N1 intervention*) OR AB (early N1 intervention*)
13. (MH "Health Promotion")
14. TI (identification) OR AB (identification)
15. TI (implementation) OR AB (implementation)
16. (MH "Interviews+")
17. (MH "Health Screening+")
18. (MH "Patient Assessment") OR (MH "Nursing Assessment")
19. (MH "Patient History Taking")
20. TI (minimal N1 intervention*) OR AB (minimal N1 intervention*)
21. TI (motivat* N1 intervention*) OR AB (motivat* N1 intervention*)
22. TI (motivat* N1 interview*) OR AB (motivat* N1 interview*)
23. (MH "Motivational Interviewing")
24. (MH "Patient Education")
25. (MH "Professional-Patient Relations") OR (MH "Physician-Patient Relations")
26. MH "Nurse-Patient Relations"
27. (MH "Physician's Role")
28. (MH "Practice Patterns")
29. (MH "Psychotherapy+")
30. (MH "Nursing Role")
31. TI (screening) OR AB (screening)
32. (MH "Recurrence/PC")
33. TI (secondary N1 prevention) OR AB (secondary N1 prevention)
34. (MH "Substance Abuse Detection+")
35. (MH "Surveys") OR (MH "Questionnaires+")
36 S1 OR S2 OR S3 OR S4 OR S5 OR S6 OR S7 OR S8 OR S9 OR S10 OR S11 OR S12 OR S13 OR S14 OR S15 OR S16 OR S17 OR S18 OR S19 OR S20 OR S21 OR S22 OR S23 OR S24 OR S25 OR S26 OR S27 OR S28 OR S29 OR S30 OR S31 OR S32 OR S33 OR S34 OR S35
37 TI (abuse) OR AB (abuse)
38 TI (addiction) OR AB (addiction)
39 TI (alcohol* N1 dependen*) OR AB (alcohol* N1 dependen*)
40 (MH "Alcohol Abuse")
41 (MH "Alcohol Drinking")
42 TI (alcohol* N1 drinking) OR AB (alcohol* N1 drinking)
43 TI (alcohol* N2 problem*) OR AB (alcohol* N2 problem*)
44 (MH "Alcohol-Induced Disorders, Nervous System")
45 (MH "Alcohol-Related Disorders")
46 (MH "Alcoholic Intoxication")
47 (MH "Alcoholics")
48 TI (alcoholism) OR AB (alcoholism)
49 (MH "Alcoholism")
50 TI (at-risk N1 drink*) OR AB (at-risk N1 drink*)
51 (MH "Binge Drinking")
52 TI (bing* N1 drink*) OR AB (bing* N1 drink*)
53 TI (dependence) OR AB (dependence)
54 TI (drinker*) OR AB (drinker*)
55 MH (Drinking Behavior)
56 TI (drink* N1 behavio#r*) OR AB (drink* N1 behavio#r*)
57 TI (excessiv* N1 drink*) OR AB (excessiv* N1 drink*)
58 TI (harmful* N1 drink*) OR AB (harmful* N1 drink*)
59 TI (hazardous N1 drink*) OR AB (hazardous N1 drink*)
60 TI (misus*) OR AB (misus*)
61 TI (problem* N1 drink*) OR AB (problem* N1 drink*)
62 TI (risk* N1 drink*) OR AB (risk* N1 drink*)
63 S37 OR S38 OR S39 OR S40 OR S41 OR S42 OR S43 OR S44 OR S45 OR S46 OR S47 OR S48 OR S49 OR S50 OR S51 OR S52 OR S53 OR S54 OR S55 OR S56 OR S57 OR S58 OR S59 OR S60 OR S61 OR S62
64 (MH "Education, Medical")
65 (MH "Education, Medical, Continuing")
66 (MH "Education, Nursing")
67 (MH "Education, Nursing, Continuing")
68 TI (family N1 doctor*) OR AB (family N1 doctor*)
69 TI (family N1 medicine) OR AB (family N1 medicine)
70 (MH "Family Nurse Practitioners")
71 (MH "Family Practice")
72 TI (family N1 practice*) OR AB (family N1 practice*)
73 TI (general N1 practice*) OR AB (general N1 practice*)
74 TI (general N1 practitioner*) OR AB (general N1 practitioner*)
75 (MH "Health Personnel/ED")
76 (MH "Nurses")
PsycINFO search strategy search =

1. TI (advice) OR AB (advice)
2. (DE "Health Personnel Attitudes")
3. TI (behavior N1 change) OR AB (behavior N1 change)
4. TI (brief N1 advice) OR AB (brief N1 advice)
5. TI (brief N1 intervention*) OR AB (brief N1 intervention*)
6. (DE "Cognitive Therapy")
7. TI (cognitive N1 therapy) OR AB (cognitive N1 therapy)
8. (DE "Counseling")
9. TI (counsel*) OR AB (counsel*)
10. TI (detection) OR AB (detection)
11. TI (early N1 identification) OR AB (early N1 identification)
12. TI (early N1 intervention*) OR AB (early N1 intervention*)
13. (DE "Health Promotion")
14. TI (identification) OR AB (identification)
15. TI (implementation) OR AB (implementation)
16. (DE "Interviews") OR (DE "Interview Schedules")
17. DE "Health Screening" OR DE "Physical Examination"
18. (DE "Patient History")
19. TI (minimal N1 intervention*) OR AB (minimal N1 intervention*)
20. TI (motivation N1 intervention*) OR AB (motivation N1 intervention*)
21. TI (motivation N1 interview*) OR AB (motivation N1 interview*)
22. (DE "Motivational Interviewing")
23. (DE "Client Education")
24. (DE "Therapeutic Processes")
25. (DE "Professional Role")
26. (DE "Health Care Delivery")

28 TI (screening) OR AB (screening)
29 (DE "Relapse Prevention")
30 TI (secondary N1 prevention) OR AB (secondary N1 prevention)
31 DE "Drug Usage Screening"
32 DE "Questionnaires" OR DE "General Health Questionnaire" OR DE "Surveys"
33 S1 OR S2 OR S3 OR S4 OR S5 OR S6 OR S7 OR S8 OR S9 OR S10 OR S11 OR S12 OR S13 OR S14 OR S15 OR S16 OR S17 OR S18 OR S19 OR S20 OR S21 OR S22 OR S23 OR S24 OR S25 OR S26 OR S27 OR S28 OR S29 OR S30 OR S31 OR S32
34 TI (abuse) OR AB (abuse)
35 TI (addiction) OR AB (addiction)
36 TI (alcohol* N1 dependen*) OR AB (alcohol* N1 dependen*)
37 DE "Alcohol Abuse"
38 DE "Alcohol Drinking Patterns" OR DE "Social Drinking"
39 TI (alcohol* N1 drinking) OR AB (alcohol* N1 drinking)
40 TI (alcohol* N2 problem*) OR AB (alcohol* N2 problem*)
41 (DE "Alcoholic Psychosis" OR DE "Alcoholic Hallucinosis") OR DE "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome" OR DE "Cirrhosis (Liver)"
42 DE "Alcohol Intoxication" OR DE "Chronic Alcoholic Intoxication" OR DE "Acute Alcoholic Intoxication"
43 TI (alcoholism) OR AB (alcoholism)
44 DE "Alcoholism"
45 TI (at-risk N1 drink*) OR AB (at-risk N1 drink*)
46 DE "Binge Drinking"
47 TI (bing* N1 drink*) OR AB (bing* N1 drink*)
48 TI (dependence) OR AB (dependence)
49 TI (drinker*) OR AB (drinker*)
50 DE "Drinking Behavior"
51 TI (drink* N1 behavior#r*) OR AB (drink* N1 behavior#r*)
52 TI (excessiv* N1 drink*) OR AB (excessiv* N1 drink*)
53 TI (harmful* N1 drink*) OR AB (harmful* N1 drink*)
54 TI (hazardous N1 drink*) OR AB (hazardous N1 drink*)
55 TI (misus*) OR AB (misus*)
56 TI (problem* N1 drink*) OR AB (problem* N1 drink*)
57 TI (risk* N1 drink*) OR AB (risk* N1 drink*)
58 S34 OR S35 OR S36 OR S37 OR S38 OR S40 OR S41 OR S42
   OR S43 OR S44 OR S45 OR S46 OR S47 OR S48 OR S49 OR S50 OR
   S51 OR S52 OR S53 OR S54 OR S55 OR S56 OR S57
59 DE "Medical Education" OR DE "Medical Internship" OR DE
   "Medical Residency" OR DE "Psychiatric Training"
60 DE "Continuing Education"
61 DE "Nursing Education"
62 TI (family N1 doctor*) OR AB (family N1 doctor*)
63 TI (family N1 medicine) OR AB (family N1 medicine)
64 TI (family N1 practice*) OR AB (family N1 practice*)
65 TI (general N1 practice*) OR AB (general N1 practice*)
66 DE "General Practitioners"
67 TI (general N1 practitioner*) OR AB (general N1 practitioner*)
68 (DE "Nurses")
69 TI (practice N1 nurse*) OR AB (practice N1 nurse*)
70 (DE "Family Physicians")
71 DE "Physicians"
72 DE "Primary Health Care"
73 TI (primary N1 care) OR AB (primary N1 care)
74 TI (primary N1 health*) OR AB (primary N1 health*)
75 S59 OR S60 OR S61 OR S62 OR S63 OR S64 OR S65 OR S66 OR S67
   OR S68 OR S69 OR S70 OR S71 OR S72 OR S73 OR S74
76 S33 AND S58 AND S75

CENTRAL search strategy search = ___

1  "advice" in Trials
2  MeSH descriptor: [Attitude of Health Personnel] this term only
3  (behavior* near/1 chang*) in Trials
4  (brief near/1 advice) in Trials
5  (brief near/1 intervention*) in Trials
6  MeSH descriptor: [Cognitive Therapy] this term only
7  (cognitive near/1 therap*) in Trials
8  MeSH descriptor: [Counseling] this term only
9  (counsel*) in Trials
10 (detection) in Trials
11 MeSH descriptor: [Directive Counseling] explode all trees
12 (early near/1 identif*) in Trials
13 (early near/1 intervention*) in Trials
14 MeSH descriptor: [Health Communication] this term only
15 MeSH descriptor: [Health Promotion] this term only
16 (identification) in Trials
17 (implementation) in Trials
18 MeSH descriptor: [Interviews as Topic] this term only
19 MeSH descriptor: [Mass Screening] this term only
20 MeSH descriptor: [Medical History Taking] this term only
21 (minimal near/1 intervention*) in Trials
22 (motivat* near/1 intervention*) in Trials
23 (motivat* near/1 interview*) in Trials
24 MeSH descriptor: [Patient Education as Topic] this term only
25 MeSH descriptor: [Physician-Patient Relations] this term only
26 MeSH descriptor: [Nurse-Patient Relations] this term only
27 MeSH descriptor: [Practice Patterns, Physicians’] this term only
28 MeSH descriptor: [Physician’s Role] this term only
29 MeSH descriptor: [Practice Patterns, Nurses’] this term only
30 MeSH descriptor: [Nurse’s Role] this term only
31 MeSH descriptor: [Psychotherapy] explode all trees
32 (screening) in Trials
33 MeSH descriptor: [Secondary Prevention] this term only
34 (secondary near/1 prevention) in Trials
35 MeSH descriptor: [Substance Abuse Detection] this term only
36 MeSH descriptor: [Surveys and Questionnaires] this term only
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38 (abuse) in Trials
39 (addiction) in Trials
40 (alcohol* near/1 dependen*) in Trials
41 MeSH descriptor: [Alcohol Drinking] explode all trees
42 (alcohol* near/1 drinking) in Trials
43 (alcohol* near/2 problem*) in Trials
44 MeSH descriptor: [Alcohol-Induced Disorders] this term only
45 MeSH descriptor: [Alcohol-Related Disorders] this term only
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62 (risk* near/1 drink*) in Trials
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MeSH descriptor: [Education, Medical, Continuing] this term only
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(family near/1 medicine) in Trials
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(family near/1 practice*) in Trials
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(general near/1 practice*) in Trials
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(general near/1 practitioner*) in Trials
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(primary near/1 health*) in Trials
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