

## Appendix S1 – Embase Classic+Embase Search Terms

1. Treatment Withdrawal/
2. ((withdraw\* or withhold\* or limitation\*) adj3 (life support or life sustaining or mechanical\* ventilat\*)).tw.
3. ((withdraw\* or withhold\* or limitation\*) adj2 (treatment\* or therap\*)).tw.
4. treatment cessation\*.tw.
5. or/1-4
6. exp Death/
7. (death or dead or die\$1).tw.
8. exp time/
9. exp survival time/
10. time.tw.
11. (6 or 7) and (8 or 9 or 10)
12. (predict\* adj2 death\*).tw.
13. brain death\*.tw.
14. brain stem death\*.tw.
15. cardiac death\*.tw.
16. cardiocirculatory death\*.tw.
17. cardio circulatory death\*.tw.
18. dcd\$1.tw.
19. circulatory death\*.tw.
20. clinical death\*.tw.
21. diagnosis of death\*.tw.
22. determination of death\*.tw.
23. or/11-22
24. 5 and 23

**Appendix S2 – Ovid MEDLINE(R) and in-process, in-data-review and other non-indexed citations search terms**

1. exp Withholding Treatment/
2. exp life support care/
3. ((withdraw\* or withhold\* or limitation\*) adj3 (life support or life sustaining or mechanical\* ventilat\*)).tw.
4. ((withdraw\* or withhold\* or limitation\*) adj2 (treatment\* or therap\*)).tw.
5. treatment cessation\*.tw.
6. or/1-5
7. exp Death/
8. (death or dead or die\$1).tw.
9. exp time/
10. time.tw.
11. (7 or 8) and (9 or 10)
12. (predict\* adj2 death\*).tw.
13. brain death\*.tw.
14. brain stem death\*.tw.
15. cardiac death\*.tw.
16. cardiocirculatory death\*.tw.
17. cardio circulatory death\*.tw.
18. dcd\$1.tw.
19. circulatory death\*.tw.
20. clinical death\*.tw.
21. diagnosis of death\*.tw.
22. determination of death\*.tw.
23. or/11-22
24. 6 and 23