Appendix I Search Strategy

Below is the search strategy we devised for our first electronic bibliographic database search on Medline (1966-2000), which was adapted for the later searches – CINAHL (1982-2001), BEI (1964-2001), ASSSIA (1990-2003) – to reflect differences in the indexing of terms between these databases

1. INTER-PROFESSION* or INTERPROFESSION*
2. INTER-DISCIPLIN* or INTERDISCIPLIN*
3. INTER-OCCUPATION* or INTEROCCUPATION*
4. INTER-INSTITUTION* or INTERINSTITUTION*
5. INTER-AGEN* or INTERAGEN*
6. INTER-SECTOR* or INTERSECTOR*.
7. INTER-DEPARTMENT* or INTERDEPARTMENT*
8. INTER-ORGANISATION* or INTERORGANISATION*
9. INTERPROFESSIONAL RELATIONS
10. TEAM*
11. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10
12. MULTI-PROFESSION* or MULTIPROFESSION*
13. MULTI-DISCIPLIN* or MULTIDISCIPLIN*
14. MULTI-INSTITUTION* or MULTIINSTITUTION*
15. MULTI-OCCUPATION* or MULTIHOCCUPATION*
16. MULTI-AGEN* or MULTIAGEN*
17. MULTI-SECTOR* or MULTI SECTOR*
18. MULTI-ORGANISATION* or MULTIORGANISATION*
19. PROFESSIONAL-PATIENT RELATION*
20. 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19
21. 11 or 20
22. EDUCATION* or TRAIN* or LEARN* or TEACH* or COURSE*
23. QUALITY ASSURANCE or TQM or CQI or GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT
24. 22 or 23
25. 20 and 24
26. STUDENT PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL
27. COURSE EVALUATION
28. PROGRAM* EVALUATION
29. EVALUATION RESEARCH
30. EVALUATION METHODS
31. HEALTH CARE OUTCOME*
32. SOCIAL CARE OUTCOME*
33. EDUCATION* OUTCOME*
34. LEARNING OUTCOME*
35. 26 or 27 or 28 or 29 or 30 or 31 or 32 or 33 or 34
36. 25 and 35
In addition to ensure we could access potentially illuminating interprofessional education evaluations linked to CQI and TQM initiatives, we added the following terms in the later ASSIA, BEI, Cinahl and Medline update (2001-2003) searches.

37 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM* or QUALITY OF CARE RESEARCH
38 QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE or QUALITY ASSESSMENT*
39 QUALITY ASSURANCE or QUALITY CIRCLE*
40 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT or QUALITY MANAGEMENT
41 MEDICAL AUDIT* or NURSING AUDIT*
41 PEER REVIEW or QUALITY ASSURANCE
43 HEALTH CARE GUIDELINE* or BENCHMARKING GUIDELINE*
44 PRACTICE GUIDELINE* or TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT
45 37 or 38 or 39 or 40 or 41 or 42 or 43 or 44
46 36 and 45

Again, these additional search terms were adapted to reflect differences in the indexing of terms between the databases.