

The Medical Devices Special Access Program in Canada: A Scoping Study

Programme canadien d'accès spécial aux instruments médicaux : étude de l'étendue

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Appendix 1. Literature Search Strategy

Electronic database searches

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Databases	Hits
Medline	10
EMBASE	19
CINAHL	2
PsycInfo	2
Web of Science	14
HealthSTAR	9
Scopus	3
Canadian Research Index	2
Index to Canadian Legal Literature	0
Canadian Legal Information Institute	0
Canadian Health Facilities Law Guide	0
Law Source	0
Health Policy Reference Center	22

Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3
Non-MeSH	Non-MeSH	
Special access program	Prosthesis	Canada
SAP	Implant*	
	Custom	

PUBMED SEARCH

Query	Items found
Search (((("compassionate grounds") OR ("compassionate access") OR ("compassionate release") OR ("special access") OR ("special access program") OR ("special access programme") OR (Health Services accessibility/legislation and jurisprudence [MESH]))) AND (((implant) OR (non-drug) OR (device*) OR ("medical device") OR (prosthesis) OR (prosthetic) OR (custom)))) Filters: English	193

Grey literature searches

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

Terms	Date	Number of references
"special access program" Canada	4 December 2017	664
"special access programme" Canada	4 December 2017	1,214
custom "special access" Canada	4 December 2017	First 100
"special access" Canada prosthesis	4 December 2017	174
Canada implant "special access"	4 December 2017	First 100
"special access" prosthesis Canada	4 December 2017	First 100

GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

Website	Search Terms	Number of references	Date
Parliament of Canada (www.parl.gc.ca)	"medical device" "special access"	First 100	4 December 2017
Canada Gazette (gazette.gc.ca)	With the exact phrase: "special access program"	20	4 December 2017