

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Supplement A. Search terms

The research aim/question was developed using the PICOTS-SD guidelines as follows:

P (patients/population) - adult patients with low anterior resection syndrome;

I (intervention) - tibial nerve stimulation;

C (comparator) - any other intervention or treatment method;

T (time) - following surgery for colorectal cancer;

S (setting) - any healthcare setting;

SD (study design) - both randomized-controlled trials and nonrandomized studies were included to the review.

“efficacy” OR “effect*” OR “efficiency” OR “success” OR “benefit*” OR “impact”

AND

“tibial nerve stimulation” OR “TNS” OR “TENS” OR “TTNS” OR “PTNS” OR “bilateral posterior tibial nerve stimulation” OR “transcutaneous electrical tibial nerve stimulation” OR “percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation” OR “transcutaneous tibial nerve stimulation” OR “electrical stimulation” OR “nerve stimulation”

AND

“low anterior resection syndrome” OR “low anterior resection” OR “pelvic surgery” OR “rectal cancer” OR “colorectal cancer”