

Figure 1

Literature search strategy and results, from a 2009 critical review of published studies about medical students' rural training experiences.

PubMed search from 1966 – June 2009 using terms:

“education [okay?], medical, undergraduate” ; “education, medical” ; “students, medical” ; “schools, medicine”

Cross-matched with:

“preceptorship” ; “mentors” ; “clinical clerkship” ; “curriculum” ; “teaching” ; “hospitals, teaching”

Cross-matched with:

“rural population” ; “rural health services” ; “hospitals, rural” ; “rural health” ; “medically underserved area” ; “health services accessibility”

Cross-matched with:

“United States” ; “Canada” ; “North America”

Limited search to: English only



1,222 articles

Review of titles and abstracts for studies focusing on undergraduate medical education with rural experience



149 articles

Hand searches of the references from the retrieved studies above



164 articles

Total of 313 articles were reviewed for studies focusing on undergraduate medical education with rural experience listing outcome measurements



72 articles for final inclusion