To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at <a href="mailto:cmaj.ca">cmajgroup@cmaj.ca</a>.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

Supplemental Content Table 1. Category Definition Examples for Surgical Specialty

Suppremental Content Tuble 1. Category	Study Type
Main Category	Category Definitions Examples
Cardiac Surgery	Cardiac Surgery, valve replacement, pacemaker,
	coronary artery bypass
General Surgery	General Surgery, bariatric, mastectomy, colorectal
Otolaryngology and Head and Neck	Otolaryngology, rhinology, tracheostomy,
Surgery	glossectomy
Orthopedic Surgery	Orthopedic, fusion, meniscectomy, joint
	replacement
Plastic Surgery	Plastic, aesthetic, craniofacial, breast reconstruction,
	tissue transfer
Pediatric Surgery	Pediatric, adolescent, children, neonatal
Vascular Surgery	Vascular, abdominal aortic aneurysm, infrainguinal
	bypass, endovascular
Thoracic Surgery	Thoracic, diaphragmatic, thoracoscopy, pleurectomy
Podiatry	Podiatry
Dentistry	Dentistry
Oro-Maxilofacial Surgery	Maxilofacial
Transplant Surgery	Transplant
Urology	Urology, cystectomy, nephrectomy, prostatectomy
Surgical Oncology	Cancer, metastatic, chemotherapy, neoplasm
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Gynecology, oophorectomy, colpopexy,
	hysterectomy
Neurosurgery	Neurosurgery, craniotomy, ventricular shunt, temporal
	lobectomy
Anesthesia	Anesthesia, analgesia
Unknown	No categories identified

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at <a href="mailto:cmaijcoup@cmaijca">cmaijcoup@cmaij.ca</a>.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

Supplemental Content Table 2. Category Definition Examples for Study Type

Main Category	Category Definition Examples
Association	Association, Relationship, Differences, Comparison, Correlation,
	Disparities, Effect
Characteristics	Characteristics, Determinants, Burden, Classification, Descriptive
Estimates	Estimates, Prevalence, Incidence, Occurrence
Surveillance	Surveillance, Trends, Pattern, Update, Screening
Risk	Risk, Frailty Index, Score
Utilization	Utilization, Usage, Access, Services, Treatment
Implementation	Implementation, Application, Planning, Management
Prediction	Prediction
Methodology	Methodology, Algorithm, Derive, Design, Develop
Evaluation	Evaluation, Validation, Accuracy, Reliability, Impact
Education	Education, Training, Curriculum, Learning
Economics	Compensation, Reimbursement, Payment, Billing, Cost
Outcomes	Outcomes, Mortality, Morbidity, Readmission, Length of Stay,
	Reoperation, Discharge
Adverse Events	Adverse, Complications, Infections
Unknown	No categories identified

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at <a href="mailto:cmaijcoup@cmaijca">cmaijcoup@cmaij.ca</a>.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

Supplemental Content Table 3. Detailed Category Definitions for Surgical Speciality

Main Category	Category Definitions
Cardiac Surgery	((title:"cardiac surgery") AND NOT (title:"non-cardiac
	surgery")) OR journal:cardiology OR journal:cardiothoracic
	OR ((title:"Cardiac surgery") AND NOT (title:"non-cardiac
	surgery")) OR title:Pericardiotom* OR title:Cardiotom* OR
	title: Valvotom* OR title: "valve replacement" OR title: "valve
	surgery" OR title: "valve surgeries" OR title: "valve repair" OR
	title:pacemaker OR title:"Coronary artery bypass" OR
	title:"coronary venous graft"
General Surgery	title:"General Surgery" OR title:"general surgeries" OR
ζ ,	title: "general surgical" OR title: "general surgeon" OR
	title: "general and vascular surgery" OR title: "general and
	thoracic" OR journal:"General Surgery" OR
	title:gastrointestinal OR journal:gastrointestinal OR
	journal:colon OR journal:rectum OR journal:"general and
	vascular surgery" OR journal: "general and thoracic" OR
	title:adrenal OR title:adrenalectom* OR title:Appendix OR
	title:Appendectom* OR title:appendiceal OR
	title: Appendicitis OR title: bariatric OR title: "weight loss
	surgery" OR title: "sleeve gastrectomy" OR title: "Roux-en-Y"
	OR title: "gastric bypass" OR title: "bowel resection" OR
	title:colon* OR title:colotom* OR title:enterostom* OR
	title:enterotom* OR title:colorectal OR title:colectom* OR
	title:ostom* OR title:proctocolectom* OR title:proctocol-
	ectomy OR title:ileocolic OR title:ileo-colic OR title:"small
	bowel" OR title:enterotom* OR title:enterostom* OR
	title:ileostom* OR title:ileo* OR title:ileal OR title:jejun* OR
	title:jejunostom* OR title:gastroduodenal OR title:duode* OF
	title:intestinal OR title:Breast OR title:Mastectom* OR
	title:mammaplast* OR title:lumpectom* OR
	title:postmastectomy OR title:colon* OR title:colotom* OR
	title:enterostom* OR title:enterotom* OR title:colorectal OR
	title:colectom* OR title:colostomy OR title:ostom* OR
	title:proctocolectom* OR title:"proctocol-ectomy" OR
	title:ileocolic OR title:"ileo-colic" OR

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at cmajgroup@cmaj.ca.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

4

((title:diverticulectomy) AND NOT (title:"urethral diverticulectomy" OR title: "Zenker's diverticulectomy")) OR ((title:diverticulum) AND NOT (title:"hypopharyngeal diverticulum")) OR title:gastric OR title:gastrectom\* OR title: "peptic ulcer surgery" OR title: esophagogastrostom\* OR title:gastrostom\* OR title:vagotomy OR title:gastroduodenal OR title:fundoplication OR title:gastroesophageal OR title:gastrointestinal OR title:"intra-abdominal" OR title:gastroenterological OR title:hernia\* OR title:hernioplast\* OR title:herniorrhaphy OR title:herniotom\* OR title:"Bile duct" OR title:pancrea\* OR title:whipple\* OR title:Gallbladder OR title:Cholecyst\* OR title:hepatic OR title:hepatectom\* OR title:posthepatectom\* OR title:hepato\* OR title:hepaticojejunostom\* OR title:HPB OR title:"liver tumor" OR title: "liver tumors" OR title: "liver cancer" OR title:"liver resection" OR title:"liver resections" OR title:"liver surgery" OR title: "liver metastasis" OR title: "liver metastases" OR title: "liver, pancreatic, and colorectal surgery" OR title:Puestow OR title:cholangiocarcinoma OR ((title:liver) AND NOT (title: "liver function" OR title: "liver disease" OR title:"liver failure")) OR title:lymphadenectomy OR title: "lymph node" OR title: "lymph nodes" OR title: colorectal OR title:rectal OR title:Proctectom\* OR title:proctocolectom\* OR title: "proctocol-ectomy" OR title:ileoanal OR title:anal OR title:anorectal OR title:recto\* OR ((title:"anastomosis") AND NOT (title: "arteriovenous anastomosis")) OR title:"small bowel" OR title:enterotom\* OR title:enterostom\* OR title:ileostom\* OR title:ileo\* OR title:ileal OR title:jejun\* OR title:jejunostom\* OR title:gastroduodenal OR title:duode\* OR title: spleen OR title: splenic flexure OR title:splenectom\* OR title:trauma OR journal:trauma OR title:laparotom\* OR title:enterolysis OR title:abdominoperineal OR title:"abdominal surgical operations" OR title: "abdominal surgery" OR title: "abdominal operations" OR title: "thoracoabdominal operation" OR title:abdominopelvic OR title:"pelvic surgery" OR title:colitis OR title: IBD OR title: "inflammatory bowel disease" OR

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at cmajgroup@cmaj.ca.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

title:"inflammatory bowel diseases" OR title:crohn\* OR title:diverticulitis OR title:"diverticular disease" OR title:hirschsprung\* OR title:"abdominal wall reconstruction" OR title:hartmann\* OR title:pringle OR title:"sigmoid volvulus" OR title: "heller myotomy" OR title: "peptic ulcer disease" OR title: "peptic ulcers" OR title: omentoplasty OR title:RYGB OR title:foregut OR title:"metabolic/diabetes surgery" OR title: "endocrine surgery" OR title:pyloromyotomy OR title:"gallstone ileus" OR title:perianal OR title:biliary OR title:"anastomotic leak" OR title:cholangiography OR title:"enterocutaneous fistulas" OR title: "bowel obstruction" OR title: stoma OR title: "component separation" OR title:gastroschisis title:Otolaryngolog\* OR journal:Otolaryngolog\* OR journal:laryngoscope OR journal:otology OR journal:rhinology OR journal:laryngology OR journal:ORL OR title:Laryng\* OR title:"head and neck" OR title:pharyng\* OR title: "branchial cleft cyst" OR title: esophag\* OR title:esophagogastrostom\* OR title:esophagectom\* OR title:Glossectom\* OR title:tongue OR title:"oral cavity" OR title:"choanal atresia" OR title:hypopharyngeal OR title:"neck dissection" OR title:thyroid\* OR title:thyroid OR title: "thyroglossal duct cyst" OR title: tracheostomy OR title:hyperparathyroid\* OR title:parathyroid\* OR title:goiter OR title:hemithyroidectomy title:orthop\* OR journal:orthop\* OR journal:spine OR title:amputation\* OR title:arthro\* OR title:THA OR title:TKA OR title:extremity OR title:extremities OR title:extensor OR title:forearm OR title:limb OR title:elbow OR title:wrist OR title:ankle OR title:fusion OR title:fusions OR title:refusion OR title:arthrodesis OR title:"distal radius fracture" OR title: "distal radius fractures" OR title: "fracture of the hip" OR title: "hip fracture" OR title: "hip fractures" OR title: "ankle fracture" OR title: "ankle fractures" OR title: "humerus fracture" OR title: "humerus fractures" OR title:"compression fracture" OR title:"compression fractures"

OR title: "femoral neck fracture" OR title: "femoral neck

5

Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery

Orthopedic Surgery

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at cmajgroup@cmaj.ca.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

6

fractures" OR title: "odontoid fracture" OR title: "odontoid fractures" OR title: "femoral shaft fracture" OR title: "femur fractures" OR title: "trimalleolar fractures" OR title: "bimalleolar fractures" OR title: "pilon fractures" OR title: "Hip/pelvis fractures" OR title: "intertrochanteric fractures" OR title: "C2 fractures" OR title: "knee fractures" OR title: "proximal ulna fractures" OR title: "malleolar fractures" OR title: "humeral fractures" OR title: "tibia fractures" OR title: "tibial plateau fractures" OR title: "tibial shaft fractures" OR title: "humeral shaft fractures" OR title:"pelvic/acetabular fractures" OR title:"clavicular fractures" OR title:clavicle OR journal: "shoulder and elbow surgery" OR title:hip OR title:Hemiarthroplast\* OR title:THA OR title: "pelvic osteotomy" OR title: knee OR title:meniscectomy OR title:ACL OR title:PCL OR title: "anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction" OR title: "posterior cruciate ligament reconstruction" OR title:patellofemoral OR title:TKA OR title:lumbar OR title:spine OR ((title:spinal) AND NOT (title:"spinal anesthesia" OR title: "spinal and general anesthesia" OR title:"spinal versus general anesthesia")) OR title:kyphoplast\* OR title:vertebroplast\* OR title:discectom\* OR title:laminectom\* OR title:ACDF OR title:vertebral OR title:disc OR title:microdiscectomy OR title:"degenerative cervical myelopathy" OR title: "open reduction" OR title: ORIF OR title: "latarjet-bristow" OR title: shoulder OR title: "bankart" OR title: "rotator cuff" OR title: spinopelvic OR title:"joint replacement" OR title:achilles OR title:"femoral neck" OR title: "above-knee" OR title: "through-knee" OR title:scoliosis

Plastic Surgery

title:plastic OR title:oncoplastic OR journal:plastic OR journal:aesthetic OR title:craniofacial OR journal:craniofacial OR title:"breast reconstruction" OR title:"chest reconstruction" OR title:gynecomastia OR title:uvulopalatopharyngoplasty OR ((title:cleft) AND NOT (title:"branchial cleft cyst")) OR title:contour\* OR title:flap\* OR title:"tissue transfer" OR title:"free tissue" OR title:"free-

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at cmajgroup@cmaj.ca.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

7 tissue" OR title: "free flap" OR title: microsurg\* OR title:microvascular OR title:autologous OR title:panniculectomy OR title:craniosynostosis OR title: "surgical repair of pressure ulcers" OR title: "surgically managed pressure ulcers" title:syndactyly OR title:polydactyly OR ((title:hand\*) AND NOT (title:"handassisted")) OR title:"ligament reconstruction and tendon interposition" OR title: "hidradenitis suppurativa" OR title:otoplasty OR title:"mandibular fracture" OR title: "mandibular fractures" OR title: "facial fracture" OR title: "hand fractures" **Pediatric Surgery** title:pediatric\* OR title:paediatric OR journal:pediatric\* OR title:adolescen\* OR title:children\* OR journal:children OR title:neonatal OR journal:neonatal OR journal:perinatology OR title:infant\* Vascular Surgery title:vascular OR title:endovascular OR title:revascularization OR journal:vascular OR journal:endovascular OR journal:revascularization OR title:EVAR OR title:"abdominal aortic aneurysm" OR title: "abdominal aortic aneurysms" OR title: "aortic abdominal aneurysm" OR title: "aortic abdominal aneurysms" OR title: "aortic abdominal aneurysm" OR title:"thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm" OR title: "thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms" OR title:"thoracoabdominal aneurysm" OR title:"thoracoabdominal aneurysms" OR title:"aortic aneurysm" OR title: "aortic aneurysms" OR title: "aortoiliac aneurysm" OR title: "aortoiliac aneurysms" OR title: "aortoiliac aneurysm" OR title: "aortic repair" OR title: "abdominal aortic dissection repair" OR title: "aortic surgery" OR title:Arteriovenostom\* OR title:"arteriovenous fistula" OR title:"arteriovenous anastomosis" OR title:Carotid OR title:Endarterectom\* OR title:endarterectomies OR title: Thromboendarterectom\* OR title: "femoropopliteal bypass" OR title: "femoral-popliteal bypass" OR title: "bypass leg surgery" OR title: "infrainguinal bypass" OR title:"infrainguinal arterial bypass" OR title:revascular\* OR

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at <a href="mailto:cmaijcoup@cmaijca">cmaijcoup@cmaij.ca</a>.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

	8
	title:"peritoneal dialysis catheter placement" OR title:"upper extremity bypass"
Thoracic Surgery	title:thoracic OR journal:cardiothoracic OR journal:thoracic OR title:diaphragmatic OR title:diaphragm OR title:thoracic
	OR title:thoracotom* OR title:pleurectom* OR title:lung OR
	title: "pulmonary resection" OR ((title:lobectomy) AND NOT
	(title:"temporal lobectomy")) OR title:pneumonectom* OR title:thymectomy OR title:transhiatal OR title:diversion OR
	(title:divert AND NOT title:diverticul*) OR title:"congenital
	pulmonary airway malformations" OR title: "congenital lung
	malformations" OR title:"congenital pulmonary lesions" OR
	title:thoracoscopic OR title:thoracoscopy OR title:VATS
Oro-Maxilofacial Surgery	title:maxillofacial OR journal:maxillofacial
Transplant Surgery	title:transplant* OR journal:transplant*
Urology	title:urolog* OR journal:urolog* OR journal:endourology OR title:cystectom* OR title:bladder OR title:Nephrostom* OR
	title:Pyelotom* OR title:nephrectom* OR
	title:nephroureterectom* OR title:pyeloplast* OR ((title:renal)
	AND NOT (title:"renal disease" OR title:"renal function" OR
	title: "renal failure" OR title: "renal dysfunction")) OR
	((title:kidney) AND NOT (title:"kidney disease" OR
	title: "kidney function" OR title: "kidney failure" OR
	title:"kidney injury" OR title:"kidney transplantation")) OR title:penile OR title:penectomy OR title:prostate OR
	title:Prostatectom* OR title:"benign prostatic hyperplasia
	procedures" OR title: "benign prostatic hyperplasia surgery"
	OR title: "benign prostatic enlargement surgery" OR
	title:testicular OR title:orchiectomy OR title:"urethral
	diverticulectomy" OR title:cystourethroscopy OR
	title:vesicovaginal OR title:hypospadias OR title:"TURBT"
Surgical Oncology	OR "title:transurethral resection" title:onco* OR journal:onco* OR title:cancer* OR
Surgical Officology	journal:cancer* OR title:onc* OR title:tumor* OR
	title:tumour* OR title:metastatic OR title:metastas* OR
	title:chemoradiation OR title:chemotherapy OR
	title:radiotherapy OR title:radiation OR title:malignancy OR

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at <a href="mailto:cmaj.ca">cmajgroup@cmaj.ca</a>.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

	tid OR tid OR tid OR
	title:neoplasm OR title:melanoma OR title:carcinoma OR
Obstatuies and Cymanala ay	title:sarcoma OR title:HIPEC OR title:cytoreductive title:gynecology OR title:gynaecological OR title:gynecologic
Obstetrics and Gynecology	OR journal:gynecology OR journal:gynecologic OR
	title:urogynecology OR title:urogynecologic OR
	journal:urogynecology OR title:endometrial OR title:ovarian OR title:oophorectomy OR title:hysterotomy OR
	title:hysterectomy OR title:uterine OR title:"cervical cancer"
	OR title: "cervical malignancy" OR title: myomectomy OR
	title:vaginal OR title:"apical prolapse surgery" OR
	title:"uterovaginal prolapse" OR title:"pelvic organ prolapse"
	OR title: "uterovaginal prolapse" OR title: sacrocolpopexy OR
	title:"pelvic floor" OR title:colpopexy OR title:debulk* OR
	(title:sling AND NOT title:"male sling") OR title:"pelvic
	reconstructive surgery"
Neurosurgery	title:neurosurgery OR title:neurosurgical OR
	journal:neurosurg* OR title:Craniotomy OR title:craniotomies
	OR title: "cranial surgery" OR title: "temporal lobectomy" OR
	title:Craniectom* OR title:intracranial OR (title:cranial AND
	NOT (title:"cranial nerve")) OR title:"brain tumour resection"
	OR title: "deep brain stimulation" OR title: "brain tumor
	surgery" OR title: "cerebrovascular surgery" OR title: pituitary
	OR title: "skull base" OR title: "cranial surgery" OR
	title:cranioplasty OR title:"surgery for cerebellar hemorrhage"
	OR title:"ventricular shunt" OR title:schwannoma OR
	title:"transsphenoidal surgery" OR title:electrocorticography
	OR title: "epilepsy surgery" OR title: "pineal surgery" OR
	title:"vertebral fracture" OR title:"vertebral fractures"
Anesthesia	title:anesthe* OR title:anaesthe* OR journal:anesthe* OR
	journal:anaesthe* OR title:analgesia
Unknown	No definition
Podiatry	None identified
Dentistry	None identified

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at <a href="mailto:cmaj.ca">cmajgroup@cmaj.ca</a>.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

Supplemental Content Table 4. Detailed Category Definitions for Study Type

Main Category	Category Definitions
Association	title:associat* OR (title:associations AND title:between) OR
	title:relation* OR title:differences OR title:compar* OR title:variation*
	OR title:correlat* OR title:dispar* OR title:after OR title:effect OR
	title:following
Characteristics	title:characterist* OR title:epidemiology OR title:determinants OR
	title:consump* OR title:burden OR title:profile OR title:classif* OR
	title:descriptive OR title:determinant* OR title:frail* OR
	title: "advanced age" OR title: geriatric* OR title: septuagenarian* OR
	title:octogenarian* OR title:elderly OR title:older OR title:"oldest old"
	OR title:nonagenarian* OR title:"65 years" OR title:"nursing home"
	OR title:obesity OR title:obese OR title:superobese OR
	title:overweight OR title:"body mass index" OR title:BMI OR
	title:weight
Estimates	title:prevalence OR title:incidence OR title:estimates OR
	title:occurrence* OR title:adjust*
Surveillance	title:surveillance OR title:trends OR title:increas* OR title:decreas*
	OR title:chang* OR title:pattern* OR title:updat* OR title:screening
	OR title:rate
Risk	title:risk* OR title:"risk-scoring" OR title:"risk index" OR title:"risk
	model" OR title: "risk assessment tool" OR title: "risk assessment
	model" OR title: "risk stratification" OR title: "risk score" OR
	title: "risk-scoring" OR title: "risk factor" OR title: "risk factors" OR
	title: "risk-stratified" OR title: "risk calculator" OR title: "frailty index"
	OR title:scoring OR title:score* OR title:"surgical apgar score"
Utilization	title:utilization OR title:usage OR title:access OR title:services OR
	title:treatment
Implementation	title:implement* OR title:application OR title:planning OR
- 4	title:manag* OR title:recommend*
Prediction	title:predict*
Methodology	title:method* OR title:algorithm* OR title:deriv* OR title:design* OR
	title:develop*
Evaluation	title:evaluat* OR title:valid* OR title:accur* OR title:reliab*
	title:impact* OR title:adherence

To receive this resource in an accessible format, please contact us at <a href="mailto:cmaj.ca">cmajgroup@cmaj.ca</a>.

DOI: 10.1503/cjs001722

Online appendices are unedited and posted as supplied by the authors.

Education	title:training OR title:teach* OR title:resident* OR title:student* OR title:fellow* OR title:intern OR title:trainee* OR title:educat* OR
	title: "attending surgeons" OR title: learning OR title: curriculum OR
F	title:academic OR title:certification OR title:QITI
Economics	title:compensate* OR title:reimburs* OR title:fee OR title:pay* OR title:financ* OR title:economic OR title:bill* OR title:cost* OR
	title:expenditur*
Outcomes	title:outcomes OR title:mortality OR title:death* OR title:moribund
	OR title:morbidity OR title:readm* OR title:stay OR title:reop* OR
	title:revision OR title:"return to the operating room" OR title:"repeated
	operation" OR title:discharge OR title:post-discharge OR
	title:predischarge OR title:postdischarge OR title:"transfer" OR
	title:"non-home discharge" OR title:"postacute care" OR title:"post-
	acute care" OR title:"rehabilitation"
Adverse Events	title:adverse OR title:complication* OR title:infection* OR
	title:transfus* OR title:"venous thromboembolism" OR title:"venous
	thrombosis" OR title: "venous thromboses" OR title: "venous thrombi"
	OR title: "deep vein thrombosis" OR title: "deep vein thromboses" OR
	title:thrombosis OR title:thromboses OR title:DVT OR title:VTE OR
	title:thromboembolic
Unknown	No definition