

Appendix

Search terms for MEDLINE

1. Randomised controlled trial.pt.
2. Controlled clinical trial.pt.
3. Randomised.ab,ti.
4. Placebo.ab,ti.
5. Clinical trials.mp.
6. Randomly.ab,ti.
7. Trial.ti.
8. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7
9. Bicep.ab,ti.
10. Biceps.ab,ti.
11. Biceps brachii.ab,ti.
12. Bicipital.ab,ti.
13. 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12
14. Tenotomy.ab,ti.
15. Tenodesis.ab,ti.
16. Transfer.ab,ti.
17. Reattach.ab,ti.
18. Reattached.ab,ti.
19. Reattachment.ab,ti.
20. Surgical.ab,ti.
21. Surgery.ab,ti.
22. Operative.ab,ti.
23. Operation.ab,ti.
24. Procedure.ab,ti.
25. Fixation.ab,ti.
26. 14 OR 15 OR 16 OR 17 OR 18 OR 19 OR 20 OR 21 OR 22 OR 23 OR 24 OR 25
27. 8 AND 13 AND 26

Search terms for the Cochrane Library (in Title Abstract Keyword)

1. Bicep
2. Biceps
3. Biceps brachii
4. Bicipital
5. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4
6. Tenotomy
7. Tenodesis
8. Transfer
9. Reattach
10. Reattached
11. Reattachment
12. Surgical
13. Surgery
14. Operative
15. Operation
16. Procedure
17. Fixation
18. 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12 OR 13 OR 14 OR 15 OR 16 OR 17
19. 5 AND 18

Search terms for EMBASE

1. "random*".ab,ti.
2. "placebo*".ab,ti.
3. Double blind.ab,ti.
4. Double blinded.ab,ti.
5. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4
6. Bicep.ab,ti.
7. Biceps.ab,ti.
8. Biceps brachii.ab,ti.
9. Bicipital.ab,ti.

10. 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9
11. Tenotomy.ab,ti.
12. Tenodesis.ab,ti.
13. Transfer.ab,ti.
14. Reattach.ab,ti.
15. Reattached.ab,ti.
16. Reattachment.ab,ti.
17. Surgical.ab,ti.
18. Surgery.ab,ti.
19. Operative.ab,ti.
20. Operation.ab,ti.
21. Procedure.ab,ti.
22. Fixation.ab,ti.
23. 11 OR 12 OR 13 OR 14 OR 15 OR 16 OR 17 OR 18 OR 19 OR 20 OR 21 OR 22
24. 5 AND 10 AND 23

Search terms for PsycINFO

1. Double blind.af.
2. "random* assigned".af.
3. Control.af.
4. 1 OR 2 OR 3
5. Bicep.ab,ti.
6. Biceps.ab,ti.
7. Biceps brachii.ab,ti.
8. Bicipital.ab,ti.
9. 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8
10. Tenotomy.ab,ti.
11. Tenodesis.ab,ti.
12. Transfer.ab,ti.
13. Reattach.ab,ti.

14. Reattached.ab,ti.
15. Reattachment.ab,ti.
16. Surgical.ab,ti.
17. Surgery.ab,ti.
18. Operative.ab,ti.
19. Operation.ab,ti.
20. Procedure.ab,ti.
21. Fixation.ab,ti.
22. 10 OR 11 OR 12 OR 13 OR 14 OR 15 OR 16 OR 17 OR 18 OR 19 OR 20 OR
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23. 4 AND 9 AND 22