



Supporting Information

Supplementary material

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Search strategy

PubMed (incorporating MedLine) was searched for ((general surge* OR General Surgery) AND (rural* OR Rural Health/or Hospitals, Rural/ or Rural Population/ or Rural Health Services/ OR regional* OR remote*) AND (Australia* OR exp *) AND (access* OR availab*). Embase was searched for ((general surgery OR general surge* OR surgery) AND (rural OR rural health/ or rural population/ or rural area/ or rural hospital/ or rural health care/ or urban-rural difference/ OR regional OR remote) AND (Australia OR Australi*) AND (access* OR Healthcare Access). Scopus was searched for ((rural* or remote* or regional*) AND (general AND surgery) AND (Australia or Australian) AND (access* OR delivery*)). CINAHL was searched for ((rural OR remote OR regional) AND (general surgery OR surgery) AND (Australia OR Australian OR Australians) AND (access OR accessibility OR availability)). This was supplemented with several targeted searches of Google Scholar for “Australian rural general surgery” and “Australian rural general surgery access.”