

# Drug Shops and Pharmacies

## *Methods for literature search, information sources, abstraction and synthesis*

### Search Strategy

To compile the list of documents meeting inclusion criteria, a literature search was conducted using bibliographic databases and hand searching of online websites for peer-reviewed articles and grey literature that highlight family planning and drug shops and pharmacies from 2008 to 2019.

### Electronic Databases

The following electronic databases were searched for journal articles and grey literature:

- PubMed
- POPLINE
- Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)
- African Journals Online
- Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health (CINAHL)
- Science Direct
- Inter-Science (Wiley)
- Web of Science
- Africa (AIM)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (LILACS)
- Eastern Mediterranean (IMEMR)
- Western Pacific (WPRIM)
- Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL)
- IUSSP

For additional grey literature, online searches of 17 websites containing relevant family planning program interventions/information were conducted.

### Search Terms

Electronic database searching was conducted based on combinations of family planning and drug shop/pharmacy terms. Additional limits for publication date, language, and availability of abstract were also used. The table below shows the concept and search strings used. Variations of search strings were used depending on the resource.

Concept	Terms	String
Drug Shops	drug shops, pharmacies, drug shop, pharmacy, patient medicine vendor, patent and proprietary medicine vendor, over the counter medicine seller, licensed chemical seller, medicine seller, accredited drug dispensing outlet, patient medicine shop, patent and proprietary medicine shop, over the counter medicine shop, licensed chemical shop, medicine shop, accredited drug dispensing store, medicine store, accredited drug dispensing shop	"drug shops" OR pharmacies OR "drug shop" OR pharmacy OR "Patient medicine vendor" OR "Patent and proprietary medicine vendor" OR "Over the counter medicine seller" OR "Licensed chemical seller" OR "Medicine seller" OR "Accredited drug dispensing outlet" OR "Patient medicine shop" OR "Patent and proprietary medicine shop" OR "Over the counter medicine shop" OR "Licensed chemical shop" OR "Medicine shop" OR "Accredited drug dispensing store" OR "Medicine store" OR "Accredited drug dispensing shop"

Concept	Terms	String
Family Planning	family planning, contraceptive, contraceptives, contraception, condom, condoms, IUD, injectable, injectables, implant, implants, reproductive health	"family planning" OR contracept* OR condom OR condoms OR IUD OR injectable OR injectables OR implant OR implants OR "reproductive health"
Additional Limits	2008 to 2019, no commentary, abstract available for screening	

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