Appendix 1 – Final search strategy for MEDLINE (Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Ovid MEDLINE(R) 1946 to Present)

1. exp Pain/
2. Pain/ or Chronic Pain/
3. 1 or 2
4. critical limb ischaemia.mp.
5. Ischemia/
6. Arterial Occlusive Diseases/
7. Peripheral Vascular Diseases/
8. 4 or 5 or 6 or 7
9. 3 and 8
Appendix 2

PRISMA 2009 Flow Diagram (17)

Records identified through database searching (n = 1086)

Additional records identified through other sources (n = 0)

Records after duplicates removed (n = 792)

Records screened (n = 792)

Records excluded after evaluation of abstracts (n = 783)

Articles assessed for eligibility (n = 9)

Articles excluded, with reasons (n = 3)
2 due to design (case reports), 1 due to poorly defined patient cohort (insufficient information to confirm CLI)

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n = 6)

Studies included in quantitative synthesis (meta-analysis) (n = 0)