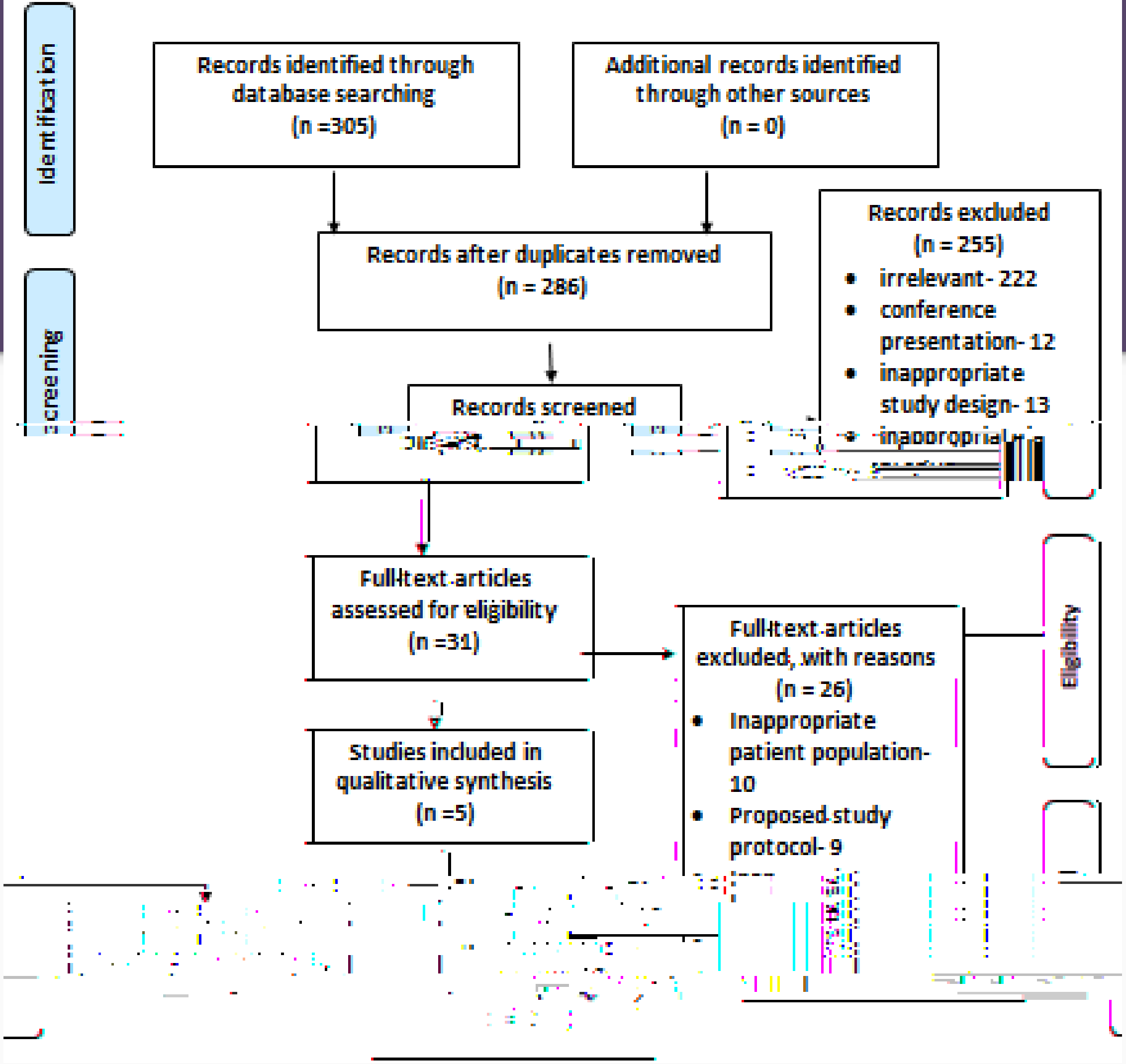

Identification

Screening

Eligibility

Records identified through database searching (n =305)

Additional records identified through other sources (n = 0)

Records after duplicates removed (n = 286)

Records screened

Records excluded (n = 255)

- irrelevant- 222
- conference presentation- 12
- inappropriate study design- 13
- inappropriat

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n =31)

Full-text articles excluded, with reasons (n = 26)

- Inappropriate patient population- 10
- Proposed study protocol- 9

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n =5)

Author and Title	Study Design	Sackett Level of Evidence
