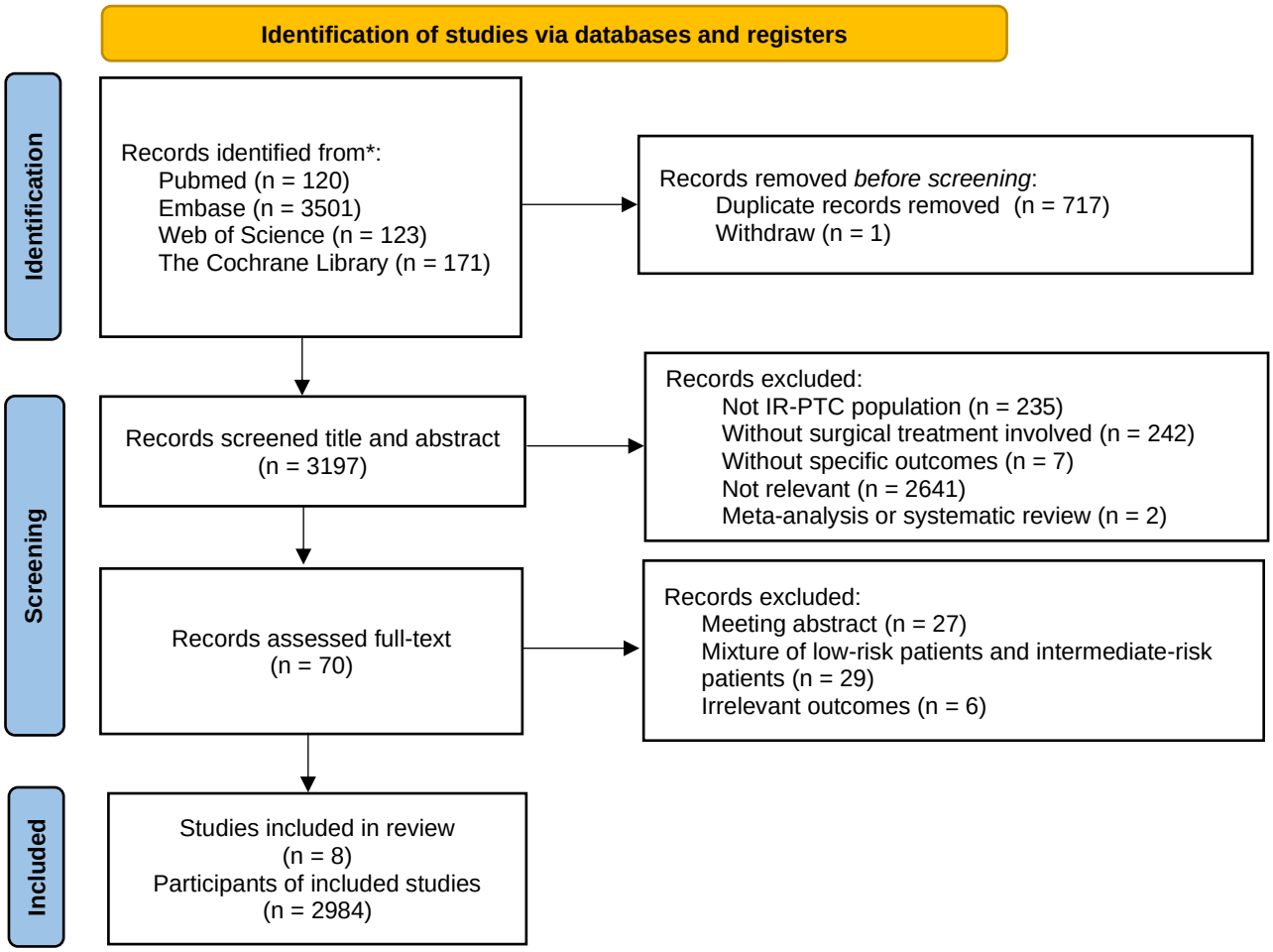
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Mixture of low-risk patients and intermediate-risk patients (n = 29)
Irrelevant outcomes (n = 6)
Included
Studies included in review
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Participants of included studies
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