Appendix B: Supplementary Results

Appendix B1. PRISMA IPD Flow Diagram

Appendix Figure 2. PRISMA IPD Flow Diagram. Number of studies identified through database dentification Number of additional studies identified in updated searching 1,191 (through 6/30/2019) search 07/01/2019-09/24/2021 (n =50) MEDLINE (PubMed), Closure: 481 MEDLINE (PubMed), Anticoagulation: 518 Cochrane Library, both questions: 192 Number of studies identified through SCOPE investigators (n=0) Screening Number of studies after duplicates removed n=678 Eligibility Number of studies excluded (give reasons) Number of studies screened for eligibility 672 studies were excluded; reasons are unavailable n=678 Obtaining data Number of studies for which IPD were sought Number of eligible Studies for which IPD were not n=6 sought (give reasons) n=0 Number of studies for which IPD were provided n=6 Number of studies for which IPD were not provided Number of participants for whom data were provided (give reasons) n=0 n=3750 Number of participants Available data Number participants for whom no data were provided (give reasons) n=0 Number of studies for which aggregate data were available N/A Number of participants data IPD (report for each main outcome) Aggregate data (report for each main outcome) Analysed Number of studies included in analysis n=6 Number of studies included in analysis: N/A Number of participants included in analysis n=3740 Number of participants included in analysis Number participants excluded (give reasons) Number participants excluded (give reasons) Patients in CLOSE with contraindications to PFO closure n=10 Participants for whom no data were provided (n=0) Participants for whom no data were provided: N/A