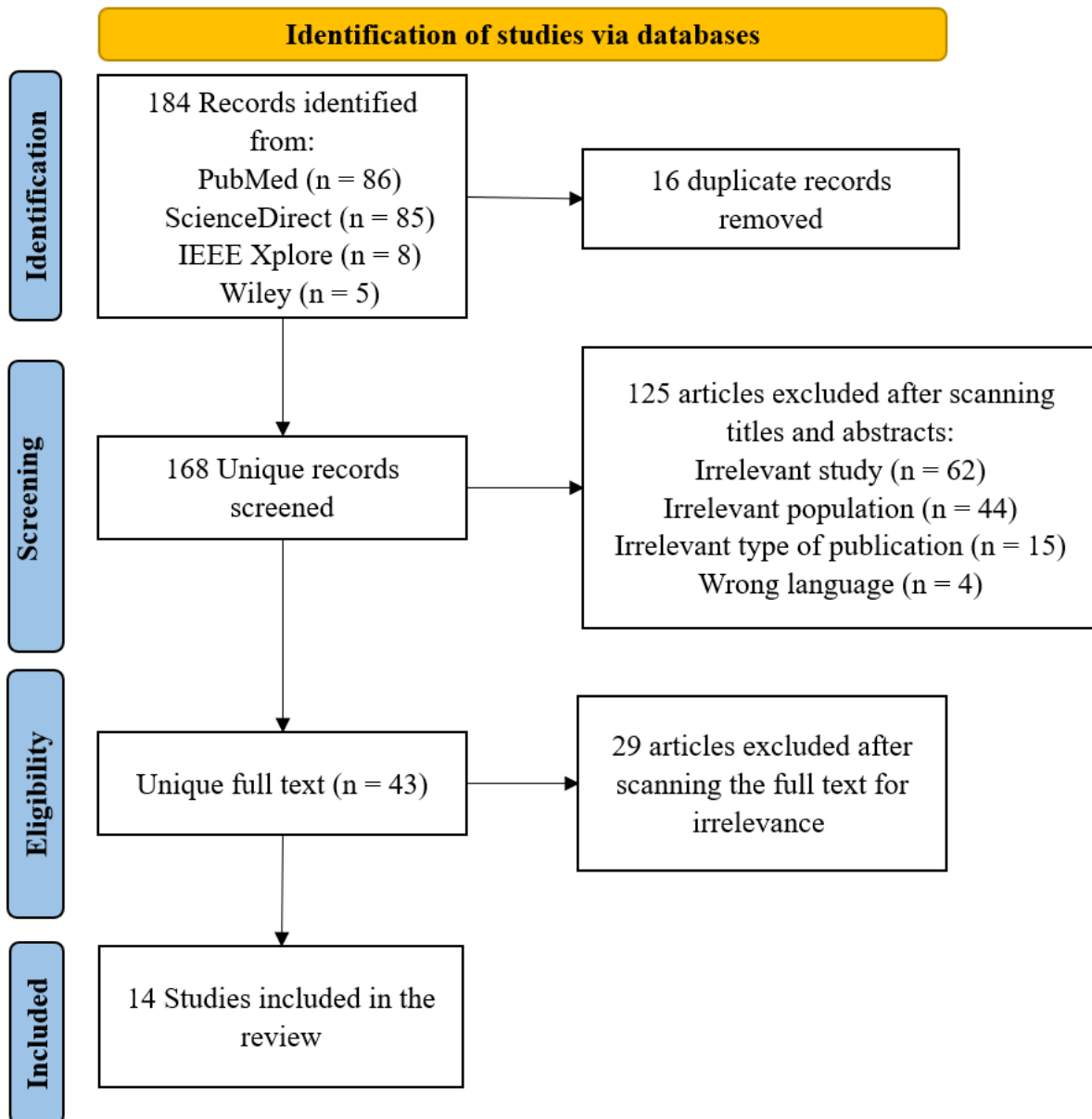


**PRISMA Flow Diagram:**



## **Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria:**

### **Inclusion Criteria:**

Population: patients in all healthcare settings, including clinical and public health programs. No restrictions applied to age, gender, and ethnicity.

Intervention: electronically informed consents by patients in any form

Outcome: no restrictions applied

Study design: empirical studies

Type of publication: peer-review articles, dissertations, theses, conference proceedings

Year of publication: after 2000 until present

Country of publication: no restrictions applied

Language of publication: English

### **Exclusion Criteria:**

Population: electronic consents used for research purposes

Type of publication: reviews, proposals, conference abstracts, editorials, and meta-analyses.

Year of publication: before 2000 (as most of the articles before that year were published in printed journals and we could not access them online.)

Language of publication: any language other than English.