

Appendix 1 MEDLINE search strategy

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to Present>

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Search Strategy:

1. Loneliness/
2. Social isolation/
3. Social distance/
4. Exp Social Environment/
5. lonely.mp.
6. solitude.mp.

7. exp Health Services/
8. exp Patient Care/
9. Home Care Agencies/
10. Home Care Services/
11. Home Health Aides/
12. "social service".mp.
13. "social care".mp.
14. utilization.mp.

15. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6
16. 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14
17. 15 and 16
18. limit 17 to "all aged (65 and over)"