

Appendix 2 MEDLINE search strategy

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Ovid

MEDLINE(R) <1946 to Present>

Searched online 10/06/14

Strategy saved as: Loneliness_Medline

Search Strategy:

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- 1 loneliness/ (2206)
 - 2 social isolation/ (10940)
 - 3 social alienation/ (1309)
 - 4 social support/ (51329)
 - 5 community networks/ (5430)
 - 6 social distance/ (1444)
 - 7 interpersonal relations/ (55367)
 - 8 Friends/ (2680)
 - 9 psychosocial deprivation/ (1817)
 - 10 Social Participation/ (545)
 - 11 (lonely or loneliness or solitude).ti,ab. (3910)
 - 12 ((social* or societ* or perce* or person*) adj3 (isolation or isolated or alienation or alienated or relation* or detachment or detached or contact or link or tie or ties or support* or network* or participation or activ* or engage* or connect* or disconnect* or cohesion or cohesive or embedded* or vulnerab* or interact*)).ti. (19533)
 - 13 (social wellbeing or social health or social capital).ti. (1205)
 - 14 or/1-13 (134819)
 - 15 exp cohort studies/ (1353453)
 - 16 cohort\$.tw. (280225)
 - 17 controlled clinical trial.pt. (88473)
 - 18 epidemiologic methods/ (29786)
 - 19 exp case-control studies/ (662637)
 - 20 (case\$ and control\$).tw. (331312)
 - 21 or/15-20 (1913522)
 - 22 and/14,21 (15308)