

Appendix 6: Characteristics of those older patients for whom the decision to admit to hospital may be unclear

Patient characteristics	Studies which include such populations
Age ≥75 years for included patients	15/19 studies Mason 2007 & 2012; Benaiges 2014; Salvi 2008; Garasen 2007; Vincente 2014; Patel 2008; Mendoza 2009; Tibaldi 2009; Ricauda 2008; Kalra 2005; Rodriguez-Cerillo 2013; Leff 2005; Crilly 2010; Lau 2013
Co/multi-morbidities in included patients stated either by number of conditions or multi-morbidity score e.g. Charlson Score	9/19 studies Benaiges 2014; Salvi 2008; Patel 2008; Mendoza 2009; Tibaldi 2009; Ricauda 2008; Carratala 2005; Leff 2005; Lau 2013
Dementia either stated in a) patient demographics or b) used as an exclusion criterion based on severity	a) 2/19 studies Rodriguez-Cerillo 2009; Lau 2013 b) 8/19 studies Mason 2007; Sun 2014; Salvi 2008; Garasen 2007; Mendoza 2009; Tibaldi 2009; Ricauda 2008; Lau 2013
Social care support stated in inclusion/exclusion criteria	3/19 studies Tibaldi 2009; Ricauda 2008; Kalra 2005;
Home situation stated in inclusion/exclusion criteria	7/19 studies Benaiges 2014; Garasen 2007; Mendoza 2009; Ricauda 2008; Rodriguez-Cerillo 2009, 2013; Lau 2013
Individual coping abilities stated in inclusion/exclusion criteria	2/19 studies Patel 2008; Rodriguez-Cerillo 2013