

Appendix A

Search strategy: Alexithymia and chronic pain systematic review

PsycINFO

1. Exp Pain/
2. Exp Arthritis/
3. (chronic* adj3 pain*)
4. (recurrent* adj3 pain*)
5. (persistent* adj3 pain*)
6. (long-term or long term adj3 pain*)
7. Pain*.mp
8. (Cancer* adj3 pain*)
9. (Musculoskeletal adj3 pain*)
10. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9
11. Exp Alexithymia/
12. Alexithym*
13. 11 or 12
14. 10 and 13

EMBASE

1. Exp Pain/
2. Exp Arthritis/
3. Exp Fibromyalgia/
4. (chronic* adj3 pain*)
5. (recurrent* adj3 pain*)
6. (persistent* adj3 pain*)
7. (long-term or long term adj3 pain*)
8. Pain*.mp
9. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8
10. Exp Alexithymia/
11. Alexithym*
12. 10 or 11
13. 9 and 12

Medline

1. Exp pain/
2. Exp headache disorders/
3. Exp Fibromyalgia
4. Exp arthritis
5. (chronic* adj3 pain*)
6. (recurrent* adj3 pain*)
7. (persistent* adj3 pain*)
8. (long-term or long term adj3 pain*)
9. Pain*.mp

10. Headache.mp.
11. Fibromyalgia.mp.
12. OR/ (#1-7)
13. Exp affective symptoms
14. Alexithym*
15. 8 OR 9
16. 7 AND 10