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Literature search

PubMed via NLM 2016-09-06		
Improving meals for elderly persons in need of care		
	Search terms	Items found
Population:		
1.	"old people" [Title/Abstract] OR "older people" [Title/Abstract] OR "elderly"[Title/Abstract] OR "old adults"[Title/Abstract] OR "elder people"[Title/Abstract] OR "elderly people"[Title/Abstract] OR "geriatric patients"[Title/Abstract] OR "Aged"[Mesh] OR "Homes for the Aged"[Mesh]	2 630 491
Intervention:		
2.	"meal choice*"[Title/Abstract] OR "food choice*"[Title/Abstract] OR "food alternative*"[Title/Abstract] OR "meal preference" [Title/Abstract] OR "food preference" [Title/Abstract] OR "Meals"[Mesh]	4 656
Combined sets:		
3.	#1 AND #2	537
Final		537

The search result, usually found at the end of the documentation, forms the list of abstracts

[MeSH] = Term from the Medline controlled vocabulary, including terms found below this term in the MeSH hierarchy
[MeSH:NoExp] = Does not include terms found below this term in the MeSH hierarchy
[MAJR] = MeSH Major Topic
[TIAB] = Title or abstract
[TI] = Title
[AU] = Author
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Cohrane Library via Wiley 2016-09-06		
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Population:		
4.	MeSH descriptor: [Aged] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Homes for the Aged] explode all trees OR "old people":ti,ab,kw OR "older people":ti,ab,kw OR "elderly":ti,ab,kw OR "old adults":ti,ab,kw OR "elder people":ti,ab,kw OR "elderly people":ti,ab,kw OR "geriatric patients":ti,ab,kw	23 131
Intervention:		
5.	MeSH descriptor: [Meals] explode all trees OR "meal choice*":ti,ab,kw OR "food choice*":ti,ab,kw OR "food alternative*":ti,ab,kw OR "meal preference" :ti,ab,kw OR "food preference":ti,ab,kw	934
Combined sets:		
6.	#4 AND #5	15
Final		CENTRAL/15

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CDSR = Cochrane Database of Systematic Review
CENTRAL = Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, "trials"
CRM = Method Studies
DARE = Database Abstracts of Reviews of Effects, "other reviews"
EED = Economic Evaluations
HTA = Health Technology Assessments

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	Embase via embase.com 2016-09-06	
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Population:		
7.	((('old people':ab,ti OR 'older people':ab,ti OR 'elderly':ab,ti OR 'old adults':ab,ti OR 'elder people':ab,ti OR 'elderly people':ab,ti OR 'geriatric patients':ab,ti) OR 'aged'/exp) OR 'home for the aged'/exp) AND [embase]/lim	1 777 349
Intervention:		
8.	(('food alternative':ab,ti OR 'food choice':ab,ti OR 'food preference':ab,ti OR 'meal choice':ab,ti OR 'meal preference':ab,ti) OR 'meal'/mj) AND [embase]/lim	4 083
Combined sets:		
9.	#7 AND #8	317
Final		317

/de= Term from the EMTREE controlled vocabulary

/exp= Includes terms found below this term in the EMTREE hierarchy

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:au = Author

:ti = Article Title

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