

Database searches:
Medline, Embase and the Web of science

8,926 articles

896 articles

25 articles selected for review

Studies included if:
Are in EU, Norway, Australia or US settings
Report health outcomes (specifically about chronic disease) in adults aged 19+

Studies excluded if:
Are published earlier than 1st January 2002
Are set in non -OECD countries
Do not mention “social network”, “networks”, “relationships”, “ties” or similar concept in the title or abstract
Do not mention “class” or “deprivation” or similar concept in the title or abstract
Do not mention self-management or related terms
Are not about diabetes, other chronic disease, or health behaviours related to diabetes

Studies included if:
Describe relationship between social class, role of networks, or access to resources and ability to manage a chronic illness in the abstract.

Studies included if:
Qualitative
Discuss network related processes
Meet quality appraisal criteria