

Records identified through
EMBASE
(n=3239)

Records identified through
MEDLINE
(n=686)

3925 citations

669 duplicates removed

3,256 unique citations evaluated for
relevance

2781 citations not relevant
citations by title or abstract
review

475 review and original studies
deemed potentially relevant

16 additional potentially
relevant studies identified by
hand searching references of
relevant papers and reviews

491 review and original
studies deemed relevant by
title & abstract or needed
full text to make
determination

368 citations that did not
meet eligibility criteria for the
review as follows:

63 review articles

55 non-English or French (33
from Europe)

53 abstract, letter or editorial

53 not prevalence or incidence
study

23 not population-based

17 not original data

40 data collected prior to 1985

4 papers not available

57 from regions other than
Europe

3 further duplicates removed

123 studies included in
systematic review