

Identification

Papers found from database searches (n = 23,756)

Papers found from hand searches (n = 7)
Working Papers /handbooks/users guides (n=5)
Unpublished papers (n=1)
Book chapter (n=1)

Total papers found from search (n=23,763)

Screening

Excluded: Trials, case reports/series & non-population-based cohort studies (n=18,774)

Excluded: Recruitment only (n=3,739)

Potentially relevant prospective population-based cohort studies (n=1,250)

Eligibility

Excluded (n=723)
No information on retention strategies (n=677)
No information on follow-up (n=46)

Papers retrieved for further evaluation (n=527)

Included

Excluded from review (n=495)
No evaluation of retention strategies (n=475)
Reviews (n=13)
Tracing methods only (n=7)

Included papers (n=32)