

Additional file 1 Search strategy

Medline

Search ((((((((((inequit*[Title/Abstract]) OR inequal*[Title/Abstract]) OR differences[Title/Abstract]) OR disparit*[Title/Abstract]) OR equit*[Title/Abstract]) OR equalit*[Title/Abstract])))))) AND ((((((((((socioeconomic[Title/Abstract]) OR socio-economic[Title/Abstract]) OR education*[Title/Abstract]) OR income[Title/Abstract]) OR "social class"[Title/Abstract]) OR occupation*[Title/Abstract] OR depriv*[Title/Abstract]) OR area[Title/Abstract]) OR poverty[Title/Abstract])))))) AND ((((((((((("General practitioner*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "family doctor*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "primary care physician*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "family physician*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "GP*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "primary physician*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "family practitioner*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "attending physician*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "medical specialist*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "consultant*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "specialist physician*" [Title/Abstract])))) Filters: Publication date from 2004/01/01 to 2018/12/31; English; German

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1 TI=(inequit*) OR TI=(inequal*) OR TI=(differences) OR TI=(disparit*) OR TI=(equit*) OR TI=(equalit*)

2 TI=(socioeconomic) OR TI=(socio-economic) OR TI=("social class") OR TI=(occupation*) OR TI=(income) OR TI=(education*) OR TI=(poverty) OR TI=(depriv*) OR TI=(area)

3 TI=("General practitioner*") OR TI=("family doctor*") OR TI=("primary care physician*") OR TI=("family physician*") OR TI=(GP) OR TI=("primary physician*") OR TI=("family practitioner*") OR TI=("attending physician*") OR TI=("medical specialist*") OR TI=(consultant*) OR TI=("specialist physician*")

#3 AND #2 AND #1

Refined by: LANGUAGES: (ENGLISH OR GERMAN)

Timespan=2004-2018

Search language=Auto