

Information needs of stroke patients and caregivers: a systematic review

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Background

Despite the availability of information related to stroke, patients and caregivers claimed that they are not receiving adequate information. The aim of this review was to critically appraise selected articles that addressed information needs perceived by caregivers and patients following stroke, in various stages of stroke: from the acute to the community phase.

Methods

Literature search involved main databases namely EMBASE, MEDLINE, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Database (CINAHL), Psych INFO and British Nursing Index (BNI) through library online service. Keywords used were: information, educational, needs, carers, caregivers, family, patients, and stroke. Search attempts also include the use of other terms such as grounded theory, phenomenology, ethnography, case

