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Staff satisfaction (follow-up 7 days; measured with: GP satisfaction; Better indicated by higher values)													
1	randomised trials	very serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	no serious imprecision	none	91	98	-	MD 0.18 lower (0.37 lower to 0.01 higher)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ LOW	IMPOR TANT	

¹ Downgraded by 1 increment if the majority of the evidence was at high risk of bias, and downgraded by 2 increments if the majority of the evidence was at very high risk of bias.

² Downgraded by 1 or 2 increments because the majority of the evidence was based on indirect interventions (interventions included post discharge components).

³ Downgraded by 1 increment if the confidence interval crossed 1 MID or by 2 increments if the confidence interval crossed both MIDs.

Appendix G: Excluded clinical studies

Table 6: Studies excluded from the clinical review

Study	Exclusion reason
Altfeld 2013 ¹	Incorrect interventions (post discharge intervention)
Anderson 2002 ²	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Anon 2000 ¹⁵	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Anon 2004	Study summary
Atienza 2004 ³	Incorrect intervention (multicomponent intervention – patient and family education prior to discharge, post discharge visit with primary care physician and regular follow up visits at a heart failure clinic)
Azzalini 2015 ⁴	Incorrect interventions. early supported discharge
Balaban 2008 ⁵	Said to be an RCT but patients were not randomised
Beech 1999 ⁶	Incorrect interventions. early supported discharge
Braet 2012 ⁷	Systematic review protocol
Clemson 2016 ⁹	Incorrect comparison (discharge planning with home follow up vs. in-hospital discharge planning)
Cotton 2000 ¹⁰	Data not useable (no SDs provided)
Cunliffe 2004 ¹¹	Not guideline condition (fracture)
Davies 2007 ¹²	Incorrect study design
Domingo 2012 ¹³	Systematic review protocol
Durvasula 2015 ¹⁴	Incorrect study design
Farren 1991 ¹⁷	Incorrect study design
Finn 2011 ¹⁸	Incorrect interventions (nurse discharge facilitator assigned to patients who were ready for discharge to assist with discharge processes)
Fox 2013 ²¹	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Fox 2016 ²⁰	Commentary
Fjaertoft 2004 ¹⁹	Incorrect interventions. early supported discharge
George 2013 ²²	Letter
Goncalves-bradley 2016 ²⁴	Systematic review is not relevant to review question or unclear PICO
Haggmark 1997 ²⁵	Incorrect population (cancer patients)
Harrison 1990 ²⁶	Article
Harrison 2002 ²⁷	Inappropriate comparison - both arms received the same discharge planning
Hesselink 2012 ²⁸	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Hofstad 2014 ²⁹	Incorrect interventions (early supported discharge)
Hyde 2000 ³⁰	Incorrect interventions (post discharge intervention; supported discharge)
Indredavik 2000 ³¹	Incorrect interventions (early supported discharge)
Kleinpell 2004 ³⁴	Not guideline condition. outcomes not useable (no SDs given)
Kotowycz 2010 ³⁵	Incorrect interventions (early supported discharge)
Langhorne 2005 ³⁷	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Langhorne 2007 ³⁸	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Laramee 2003 ³⁹	Incorrect interventions - congestive heart failure case manager, multicomponent intervention (early discharge planning and coordination

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	of care, patient education, enhanced telephone follow up and promotion of CHF medications)
Legrain 2011 ⁴⁰	Inappropriate comparison (discharge planning in both arms)
Linden 2014 ⁴¹	Incorrect intervention (multicomponent intervention including several post discharge components)
Lockwood 2015 ⁴³	Systematic review is not relevant to review question or unclear PICO
Mahler 2015 ⁴⁴	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Mazloum 2016 ⁴⁵	Non-OECD country
McClellan 2013 ⁴⁶	Incorrect population (soft tissue injury)
McInnes 1999 ⁴⁷	Incorrect interventions. GP input in to discharge planning
McNamee 1998 ⁴⁸	No useable outcomes
Melberg 2015 ⁴⁹	Incorrect interventions. early discharge for low risk patients
Mistiaen 2007 ⁵⁰	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Moher 1992 ⁵¹	Incorrect interventions - medical team coordinator (27% of the time spent on activities related to discharge planning, rest of the time participating in ward rounds, generating bed census, retrieving missing medical information etc.)
Naylor 1999 ⁵⁴	Incorrect intervention (discharge planning and home follow up protocol implemented by advanced practice nurses 4 weeks post discharge)
Naylor 1999B ⁵⁵	Incorrect intervention (discharge planning and home follow up protocol implemented by advanced practice nurses 4 weeks post discharge)
Nazareth 2001 ⁵⁶	Incorrect interventions - pharmacy discharge plan at discharge
Palmer 2001 ⁵⁸	Incorrect study design
Parfrey 1994 ⁶⁰	Incorrect population
Parkes 2000 ⁶¹	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Phillips 2004 ⁶²	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Pray 1992 ⁶³	Narrative article
Puhr 2015 ⁶⁵	Systematic review is not relevant to review question or unclear PICO
Rich 1993 ⁶⁷	Incorrect interventions - multicomponent intervention (intensive patient education, analysis of medications, early discharge planning and enhanced follow up through home care and telephone contact
Rich 1995 ⁶⁶	Incorrect interventions - multicomponent intervention (intensive patient education, dietary assessment, consultation with social services personnel, analysis of medications, intensive post discharge follow up by hospital's home care services
Rousseaux 2009 ⁶⁸	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Rudd 1998 ⁶⁹	Correction
Saleh 2012 ⁷⁰	Incorrect interventions (intervention is post discharge)
Sharif 2014 ⁷¹	Non-OECD country
Shepperd 2004 ⁷²	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Shepperd 2009 ⁷³	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Shepperd 2010 ⁷⁵	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Shepperd 2013 ⁷⁴	Systematic review (not relevant or unclear PICO)
Sulch 2000 ⁷⁶	Incorrect interventions - inpatient rehabilitation
Torp 2006 ⁷⁷	Inappropriate comparison. discharge planning in both arms
Utens 2012 ⁷⁹	Incorrect intervention (early supported discharge)

Study	Exclusion reason
Ulin 2014 ⁷⁸	Incorrect study design
Weinberger 1996 ⁸⁰	Incorrect interventions - increased access to primary care before and after discharge
Zhu 2015 ⁸¹	Systematic review (incorrect PICO); references screened

Appendix H: Excluded health economic studies

No health economic studies were excluded from this review.