

APPENDIX II

Search strategy

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Search Strategy:

Terms followed by a '/' are MeSH headings.

Terms preceded by exp indicate the MeSH term was exploded.

Terms followed by .tw indicate the term was searched as a text word.

STUDY DESIGN

1.Clinical trial.pt

2.Randomi?ed.ab

3.Placebo.ab

4.Clinical trial/

5.Randomly.ab

6.Trial.ti

7.1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6

SETTING/POPULATION

8. mental health/

9.mental disorders/

10.Psychiatry/

11.Counseling/

12.Psychotherapy/

13. Psychology, Clinical/

14.Community psychiatry/

15.mental-health.tw

16.mental-disorder\$.tw

17. psychiatr\$.tw

18.psychological-therapy.tw

19.clinical-psychology.tw

20.community-psychiatry.tw

21.cognitive-behav\$-therapy.tw

22.OR 8-21

INTERVENTIONS

23.((orientation or induction or prompt\$ or remind\$ or encourag\$) adj6 (letter\$ or messag\$ or SMS or text message\$)).tw

24. ((remind\$ or prompt\$ or attend\$ or encourag\$) adj6 (telephone or call\$ or visit\$ or letter\$ or post\$)).tw

25.partial adj2 booking.tw

26.implementation-intention adj6 attend\$.tw

27.((opt or opting) adj2 in).tw

28. choose adj2 book.tw

29. self-select\$ adj6 appointment\$.tw

30. appointment adj6 booking.tw

31. appointment\$ adj6 reminder-system\$.tw

32. Reminder-Systems/

33. Appointments-and-Schedules.tw

34. OR 23-33

OUTCOME

35. Patient dropouts/

36. appointment\$ adj6 compliance.tw

37. appointment\$ adj6 fail\$.tw

38. appointment\$ adj6 keep\$.tw

39. \$appointment\$ adj6 miss\$.tw

40. \$appointment\$ adj6 attend\$.tw

41. attend\$ adj6 compliance.tw

42 attend\$ adj6 fail\$.tw

43. attend\$ adj6 prompt\$.tw

44. attend\$ adj6 remind\$.tw

45. attend\$ adj6 referr\$.tw

46. non?attend\$.tw

47. non attend\$.tw

48. (early adj2 (dropout\$ or attrition)).tw

49. unilateral-termination.tw

50. ((first or initial) adj2 (appointment\$ or session\$)).tw

51. ((increas\$ or improv\$ or enhanc\$ or promot\$ or initial or first) adj2 attendance).tw

52. no?show.tw

53. OR 35-52

54. 34 OR 53

55.7 AND 22 AND 54