

**Supplementary Table 5.** Characteristics across selected studies.

Item	No. of studies addressing each item (n = 12)		
		Convenience	1
		Not specified	1
		<b>Informants other than older patients</b>	
		Yes	3
		No	9
<b>Design</b>		<b>Setting of data collection<sup>1</sup></b>	
Phenomenology	2	Community site	2
Hermeneutics	1	Senior center	1
Grounded theory	1	Home	7
Naturalistic inquiry	1	University room	1
Not specified	7	General practices	2
		By phone	1
<b>Older patients' health condition<sup>2</sup></b>		<b>Field notes taken in addition to interviews</b>	
Diabetes	5	Yes	9
Hearing problems	2	Not specified	3
Vision problems	2	<b>Audio/visual recording</b>	
Physical limitation	2	Audio recorded and transcribed verbatim	12
Stroke	2	<b>Data coders</b>	
Parkinson's disease	2	Two or more coders	9
Cancer	3	One coder	2
Rheumatic disease	1	Not specified	1
Arthritis	3	<b>Use of software</b>	
Gout	1	NVivo	4
Hypertension	3	Atlas.ti	3
Cardiovascular disease	4	Dedoose	1
Heart disease	3	MAXQDA Plus	1
Kidney disease	2	Not specified	3
COPD	3	<b>Argued use of trustworthiness criteria</b>	
Asthma	2	Yes	8
Osteoporosis	1	Not specified	4
Depression	2	<b>Argued use of consolidated reporting framework</b>	
Epilepsy	1	COREQ	4
Paraplegic	1	Not specified	8
Neurological diseases	2		
Musculoskeletal diseases	1		
Multiple sclerosis	2		
Not specified	4		
<b>Sampling strategy</b>			
Purposive	9		
Consecutive	1		

<sup>1,2</sup> An article may have multiple responses for these items (not mutually exclusive).