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Question

How effective is the use of doll therapy for people with dementia in improving well-being compared to other interventions or no intervention?

Clarification of question using *PICO* structure

Patients: People with dementia
Intervention: Doll therapy
Comparator: Other intervention or no intervention
Outcome: Improved well-being

Clinical and research implications

No relevant systematic reviews or randomised controlled trials could be found for this question.

What does the evidence say?

Number of included studies/reviews (number of participants)

N/A

Main findings

N/A

Authors conclusions

N/A

Reliability of conclusions/Strength of evidence

N/A

What do guidelines say?

Neither National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) nor Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) guidelines comment on the effectiveness of doll therapy for people with dementia in improving well-being.

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Date searches conducted: 28/07/2015

Date answer completed: 28/07/2015

Search details

Source	Search Strategy	Number of hits	Relevant evidence identified
<i>Guidelines</i>			
NICE	doll dementia	0	0
<i>Systematic Reviews & RCTs</i>			
MEDLINE	1. Medline; exp ALZHEIMER DISEASE/; 69712 results. 2. Medline; exp DEMENTIA/; 123891 results. 3. Medline; (dement* OR alzheimer* OR (lewy* adj2 bod*) OR "organic brain disease" OR "organic brain syndrome" OR (cerebr* adj2 deteriorat*) OR creutzfeldt OR jcd OR cjd OR korsako*).ti,ab; 152978 results. 4. Medline; 1 OR 2 OR 3; 181642 results. 5. Medline; (doll OR cuddle).ti,ab; 748 results. 6. Medline; 4 AND 5; 21 results.	21	0
CINAHL	8. CINAHL; exp DEMENTIA/; 36805 results. 9. CINAHL; (dement* OR alzheimer* OR (lewy* adj2 bod*) OR "organic brain disease" OR "organic brain syndrome" OR (cerebr* adj2 deteriorat*) OR creutzfeldt OR jcd OR cjd OR korsako*).ti,ab; 31066 results. 10. CINAHL; 7 OR 8 OR 9; 41790 results. 11. CINAHL; (doll OR cuddle).ti,ab; 171 results. 12. CINAHL; 10 AND 11; 22 results.	22	0
PsycINFO	13. PsycInfo; exp DEMENTIA/; 26740 results. 14. PsycInfo; (dement* OR alzheimer* OR (lewy* adj2 bod*) OR "organic brain disease" OR "organic brain syndrome" OR (cerebr* adj2 deteriorat*) OR creutzfeldt OR jcd OR cjd OR korsako*).ti,ab; 76460 results. 15. PsycInfo; 7 OR 13 OR 14; 77216 results. 16. PsycInfo; (doll OR cuddle).ti,ab; 1091 results. 17. PsycInfo; 15 AND 16; 22 results.	22	0

CENTRAL	#1 MeSH descriptor: [Dementia] explode all trees 3958 #2 MeSH descriptor: [Alzheimer Disease] explode all trees 2261 #3 dement* or alzheimer* or (lewy* adj2 bod*) or "organic brain disease" or "organic brain syndrome" or (cerebr* adj2 deteriorat*) or creutzfeldt or jcd or cjd or korsako* 14480 #4 #1 or #2 or #3 14579 #5 doll or cuddle 215 #6 #4 and #5 12 3 trials	3	0
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