## Search terms

- #1 "multimorbidity" OR "multi-morbidity" OR "multiple morbidity" OR "multiple chronic diseases" OR "multiple chronic illnesses" OR "multiple chronic disorders" OR "chronic conditions" (Topic)
- "care" OR "healthcare" OR "health care" OR "management" OR "service" OR "services" OR "model" OR "framework" OR "principle" OR "strategy" OR "element" OR "program" OR "programme" OR "intervention" OR "facilitator" OR "perception" OR "perspective" OR "view" OR "need" OR "demand" OR "experience" OR "barrier" OR "challenge" OR "outcome" OR "adverse event" OR "adverse consequence" OR "cost" OR "utilization" (Topic)
- #3 "old" OR "older" OR "oldest" OR "elder" OR "elderly" OR "aged" OR "aging" OR "senior" OR "geriatric" (Topic)
- #4 "protocol" (Title)
- #5 #1 AND #2 AND #3 NOT #4

All results were limited by study design: review; language: English; publication date: database inception-February 2022.

## Supplementary Table 2. Characteristics of included studies (n=20)

Author and year	Country	Aim	Study population and sample	Methodology	Concept
of publication			size (if applicable)		
American	USA	To describe guiding principles for the clinical	Older people with MM	Systematic search and review+expert	Clinical
Geriatrics		management of older people with MM.		consensus	management and
Society Expert					decision support
Panel, 2012					
Lehnert, 2011	Germany	To investigate the relationship between	Elderly persons with MCCs	Systematic review (35 primary	Healthcare
		MCCs and health care utilization and costs		cross-sectional or longitudinal studies	utilization and
		for elderly persons with MCCs.		were included; the publication date	costs
				limitation was database inception-2010)	
Pel-Littel, 2021	The	To describe barriers and facilitators for	2990 older patients≥65 years	Systematic review (28 quantitative,	Shared decision
	Netherlands	shared decision making as experienced by	with more than two chronic	qualitative, and mix-method studies	making
		older patients with MCCs, informal caregivers	conditions, 337 informal	were included; the publication date	
		and health professionals.	caregivers, and 527 health	limitation was 1980-2019)	
			professionals (medical staff,		
			nurses and other		

			professionals)		
Aggarwal, 2020	UK	To give an up-to-date account of the	Older persons with MM and	Systematic search and review (the	Recognition and
		recognition and management of MM and	polypharmacy	publication date limitation was	management of
		polypharmacy in the older person.		2003-2020)	MM and
					polypharmacy
Tinetti, 2016	USA	To identify modifiable contributors to	Older adults with MCCs	Literature review+stakeholder	Patient priority,
		fragmented and burdensome care; explore		discussion	decision making,
		approaches that might address these			and healthcare
		contributors; provide experts' perspectives			
		on challenges to, and opportunities for,			
		addressing these contributors; and identify			
		the core elements for building a feasible,			
		sustainable approach to improve the care			
		and outcomes.			
Sendall, 2016	Australia	To identify the components of the chronic	Older people≥65 years with	Systematic search and review (4	Transition care
		care model required to support healthcare	two or more chronic diseases	primary quantitative studies were	
		that transitions seamlessly between hospital		included; the publication date limitation	

and ambulatory settings. was database inception-2013)  Kastner, 2019 Canada To understand how and why effective Older adults≥65 years with Realist review (106 primary Healthcare multi-chronic disease management two or more chronic conditions quantitative, qualitative, and interventions influence health outcomes. mixed-method studies were included;
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interventions influence health outcomes. mixed-method studies were included;
the publication date limitation was
database inception-2011)
Søgaard, 2021 Denmark To investigate the effects of patient Older patients≥60 years with Systematic review (12 primary Patient
engagement interventions. two or more coexisting long quantitative observational studies and engagement and
term conditions randomized control studies were person-centred
included; the publication date limitation care (compared
was database inception-2020) with usual care)
Boye, 2019 Denmark To synthesize how older people with MM Older people≥65 years with Systematic review (9 primary Integration of
experiences integration of health care two or more chronic conditions quantitative and qualitative were health care
services and to identify barriers towards included; the publication date limitation services
continuity of care when multimorbid. was database inception-2018)
Lupari, 2011 UK To review available literature on research Older persons≥65 years with Systematic review (8 quantitative and Nurse-led case
and service evaluation evidence of nurse-led MCCs and living at home qualitative studies, and studies management

		case management services targeting older		involving service evaluation frameworks	(compared with
		people with MCCs in their own homes.		were included; the publication date	usual care)
				limitation was database inception-2009)	
Yang, 2022	China	To evaluate the effectiveness of interventions	3292 community-dwelling	Systematic review and meta-analysis (9	Medication
		to improve medication adherence for	older people≥60 years with	primary randomized controlled trials	adherence
		community-dwelling older people with MM.	co-occurrence of two or more	and cluster randomized controlled trials	(compared with
			chronic medical conditions	were included; the publication date	usual care or any
				limitation was database inception-	other control
				2020)	interventions)
Eriksen, 2020	Denmark	To synthesize qualitative studies	Multimorbid patients with an	Systematic review (13 primary	Medication-relate
		exploring medication-related experiences of	average years of 60.	qualitative studies were included; the	d experience
		polypharmacy		publication date limitation was	
		among patients with MM.		database inception-2020)	
The American	USA	To provide the evidence base to support a	Older adults with MCCs and/or	Systematic search and review+	Person-centered
Geriatrics		definition of person-centered care and its	functional limitations.	environmental scan+qualitative	care
Society Expert		essential elements.		interviews+expert consensus	
Panel, 2016					

Butterworth,	UK	To assess the effects of interventions for	1879 older patients with MM	Systematic review (3 primary	Patient
2019		older patients with MM aiming to involve		randomized controlled trials were	involvement in
		them in decision-making about their health		included; the publication date limitation	decision making
		care during primary care consultations.		was database inception-2018)	(compared to
					usual care)
Lun, 2021	Singapore	To identify prescribing	Older adults≥65 years in	Scoping review (61 guidelines and tools	Prescription
		guidelines that are available for older adults	outpatient setting with two or	were included; the publication date	management
		with MM and to identify cross-cutting themes	more chronic conditions	limitation was 1998-2019)	
		used in these guidelines.			
Lee, 2020	Singapore	To identify the intervention elements that	Older adults≥65 years in	Scoping review (80 primary studies	Prescription
		have been adopted to	outpatient setting with two or	were included; the publication date	management
		reduce potential inappropriate prescribing in	more chronic conditions and	limitation was 1998-2019)	
		the outpatient setting and determine the	polypharmacy		
		behaviour change wheel intervention			
		functions performed by each of the identified			
		intervention elements.			
Kastner, 2018	Canada	To identify effective MM interventions	12579 older adults≥65 years	Systematic review and meta-analysis	Healthcare

		compared with a control or usual care	have two or more high-burden	(25 primary randomized controlled	(compared to
		strategy for older adults.	chronic conditions	trials; the publication date limitation was	usual control or
				1990-2017)	usual care)
Lavan, 2016	Ireland	To examine prescribing errors in the	Older people≥60 years with	Literature review	Prescription
		multimorbid older population, and propose	two or more concurrent		management
		potentially feasible strategies to address	chronic medical conditions		
		them.			
Kim, 2016	USA	To provide guidance to cardiologists and	Older adults with	Literature review	Patient-centred
		general practitioners about evaluation and	cardiovascular diseases and		care
		management of older adults with	other chronic condition(s)		
		cardiovascular diseases and MM.			
Ouellet, 2018	USA	To provide a reasoned approach to	Older adults≥65 years with	Literature review	Decision-making
		medication prescribing and deprescribing	MCCs		about
		decisions for older adults with MCCs, which			prescription
		aims to achieve clinical outcomes that matter			
		most to each individual patient.			

Abbreviations: MM: multimorbidity; USA: the United States; MCCs: multiple chronic conditions; UK: the United Kingdom