Qualitative studies using in-depth interviews with older people from multiple language groups: methodological systematic review

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Research aim:
This paper is a report of a methodological review of language appropriate practice in qualitative research, when language groups were not determined prior to participant recruitment.

Results/Conclusion:
Nine studies were included. Consideration of language diversity within research process was poor for all studies. The role of language assistants was largely absent from study methods. Only one study reported using participants' preferred languages for informed consent.

Implications:
More examples are needed of how to conduct rigorous in-depth interviews with older people from multiple language groups, when languages are not determined before recruitment. This will require both researchers and funding bodies to recognize the importance to contemporary healthcare of including linguistically diverse people in participant samples.

Cultural Group(s):

Location of study:

Age group:

Number included in study:
N/A

Type of participants:

Research approach:
Literature review

Type of data:

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/Recommendations:

Notes: