Disability as identified from general practice records

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Abstract

Thirty eight doctors who conducted a prospective observational study of general practice records in one group of patients were identified from a national prospective study of general practitioners in England and Wales. All doctors were identified as having a list of disabled people and were recruited into the study. A total of 2020 people were identified as disabled, and data were collected for 1823 people. The practice is similar to that of that published by Winters, who identified patients by postal questionnaire. The study was conducted in 1980 and 1981, and the results were published in 1983.

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