**Additional File 1.**

Additional Table S1. Papers reviewed and review questions

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|  |  | Review Questions |
|  | **Country**  | **What are the interventions DSNs undertake with diabetes inpatients?** | **What are the outcomes of DSN’s interventions with diabetes inpatients?** | **Do DSN’s actions improve inpatients’ outcomes and hospital experiences?** |
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