

**Table 9: Clinical evidence profile: Comparison 4.2. Telemedicine versus usual care**

Quality assessment							No of patients		Effect		Quality	Importance
No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Telemedicine	Usual care	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute		
<b>Change in quality of life– CFQOL body (Follow-up: 6 months; range of scores: 0-100; Better indicated by lower values)</b>												
1 (Wilkinson 2008)	observational studies	very serious <sup>1</sup>	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	Not calculable	none	4	3	-	Not estimable	VERY LOW	IMPORTANT
							Significant improvement at 6					

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							months, p=0.02					

Abbreviations: CI: confidence interval; CFQOL: cystic fibrosis quality of life questionnaire

1 The quality of the evidence was downgraded by 2 because of incomplete reporting and high-loss to follow-up