Records identified through database searching:
- MedLine, PsycINFO, EMBASE (n = 1,850)

Additional records identified through other sources (n = 3)

Records after duplicates removed (n = 1,606)

Records screened (n = 1,609)

Records excluded (n = 1,528)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 81)

Full-text articles not included, with reasons (n = 64):
- Chronic fatigue at baseline (n = 11)
- Chronic/ not acute infection (n = 1)
- Intervention study (n = 2)
- No baseline risk factors of fatigue over time (n = 17)
- No appropriate measure of fatigue (n = 18)
- Not prospective (n = 12)
- Population with pre-existing medical condition (n = 1)
- 'Vaccination' (n = 1)
- Findings encompassed in another, included article (n = 1)

Studies included in narrative synthesis (n = 17)

Figure 1: Flow diagram detailing study inclusion and exclusion.