Influence of publicly available online information on tobacco additives on smoking behavior in the Netherlands

No registrations found.

Ethical review Not applicable

Status Pending

Health condition type -

Study type Interventional

Summary

ID

NL-OMON21759

Source

Nationaal Trial Register

Health condition

Smoking, tobacco additives, online information, knowledge, attitude

Roken, toevoegingen aan tabaksproducten, online informatie, kennis, attitude

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Vision2Health

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en

Milieu (RIVM) Laboratorium voor Gezondheidsbeschermingsonderzoek (GBO)

Intervention

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

- Cognitions of smokers and non-smokers with regard to tobacco additives (knowledge, risk perception, attitude, self-efficacy, misconceptions)

Secondary outcome

- Use and evaluation of the website

Study description

Background summary

More than 500 different additives are used during the production of tobacco products. Cigarettes containing on average 68 different additives, these additives were added with the purpose to make smoking among other things more attractive and tasteful. Additives are suspected to be toxic and increase smoking addiction. Since 2012, the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) provides detailed online information about tobacco additives for the general population. This study aims to clarify the impact of this online available information on smoking behavior and its psychological determinants among the general Dutch population.

A three-arm randomized controlled trial will be conducted with two experimental conditions and one control condition in the Netherlands. Participants will be allocated to one of the experimental groups with the aim to visit different parts of the website. One group will have the opportunity to look up online information about additives in general and the other group will be able to look up information about the additive composition in specific tobacco products on the website. The control group will not have access to the website. Smoking behavior, attitude, self-efficacy, knowledge, informed decision making and the intention to (quit) smoking will be assessed through an online self-assessed questionnaire. Furthermore, the website will be evaluated by participants from the two study groups. Follow-up measurement will take place three months after baseline.

Study objective

- 1. What is the effect of information about tobacco additives for smokers and non-smokers?
- 2. Do participants visit and read all the information which is available on the website?

Study design

- Baseline measurement (T0) June 2014
- Follow-up measurement (T1) September 2014

Intervention

The two intervention groups will visit a website which contains information about tobacco additives. One of the intervention group will additionally be asked to look up detailed

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information about tobacco additives. The control group will not visit the website.

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Eligibility criteria

Inclusion criteria

- Aged 18 years and older
- Internet access
- Adequate knowledge of Dutch language

Exclusion criteria

- Younger than 18 years
- No access to the Internet

Study design

Design

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Active

Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 09-06-2014

Enrollment: 420

Type: Anticipated

Ethics review

Not applicable

Application type: Not applicable

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL4502 NTR-old NTR4620

Other : Not applicable

Study results