DTO-FTO trial

No registrations found.

Ethical review	Positive opinion
Status	Recruitment stopped
Health condition type	-
Study type	Interventional

Summary

ID

NL-OMON26773

Source
NTR

Health condition

implementation
guidelines
audit and feedback
small group peer review

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Universiteit Maastricht,
vakgroep huisartsgeneeskunde,
CAPHRI,
centre for quality of care research
Source(s) of monetary or material Support: CZ Actief in gezondheid
ZonMw

Intervention

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

1. The volume of ordered diagnostic tests and of prescibed medication

2. the inter-doctor variation in both test ordering and prescribing

Secondary outcome

1. The quality of prescribing as defined by indicators.

2. The level of functioning of the groups.

3. What are the costs of implementation of the strategy?

4. process data (attendance, altering of the meeting structure etc)

Study description

Background summary

Background:

The use of guidelines in general practice is not optimal. Inter-doctor variation in adherence to general practice guidelines is relatively high. Evidence based methods to improve adherence to guidelines and reduce inter-doctor variation are available, but not widely implemented in the Netherlands.

Objective:

To improve adherence to guidelines and reduce inter-doctor variation related to test ordering and prescribing behaviour delivered by general practitioners (GPs) by audit, feedback, educational materials small peer group discussion and local opinion leaders.

Research questions:

1) What is the effect on GPs test ordering and prescribing behavior of a combined intervention using educational materials, audit and feedback, peer review in small groups and local opinion leaders, in a pragmatic design?

2) what are the costs of implementation of the strategy?

3) Is the gain in level of group functioning predictive of the achieved effect?

4) Do effect sizes on test ordering differ from effect sizes on prescribing?

Design of study:

A multi-center cluster randomized trial with a balanced incomplete block design.

Population:

Local GP groups and community pharmacists in the South of the Netherlands, already conjoined in pharmaco-therapeutic audit meeting (PTAM) groups. Approximately 50 groups with around 300 general practitioners will be randomly allocated to two arms. Each GP-group will be allocated to the implementation strategy, but for different topics and thus serve as blind controls.

Intervention/ strategy

In both arms each group chooses 2 topics from a set of 3 predefined “major” and 1 of 2 predefined “minor” clinical topics. Both arms have different balanced sets of topics they can choose from. Each member of a group will receive comparative feedback related to its own test ordering and prescribing performance on these topics. The feedback will be discussed in the group and, after discussion on the guidelines and barriers to change; working agreements have to be set. The data for the feedback is collected from existing and newly formed databases. The length of the intervention period is 18 months.

Measurements

Data collected at baseline will be used to provide feedback. every 3 months the database will be fed with new data on test ordering and prescribing. These data will be used as follow-up measurement.

Study objective

This strategy will improve the number of tests ordered or the volume of prescribed drugs by 20% and decrease the interdoctor variation.

Intervention

All participating GP's receive feedback on their own test ordering and prescribing performance in the foregoing 6 months on a predefined clinical topic. The graphical comparative feedback is send to each GP individually together with an outline of current guidelines on the topic, prior to the group meeting.

The feedback will lead to peer review, seeking and discussing explanations for differences, comparing own performance to the guidelines, discussing a plan for change and discussing barriers to change.

Each group discusses 3 clinical topics in 6 sessions. If the group whiches to do so, 2 sessions (test ordering and prescribing) can be combined into one session.

The intervention will run from september 2009 through februari 2009.

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Eligibility criteria

Inclusion criteria

1. Groups of GP's conjoint in pharmacotherapeutic audit groups.

Exclusion criteria

1. Groups outside the provinces: Zeeland, Brabant or Limburg

Study design

Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Single blinded (masking used)
Control:	Active

Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	01-09-2007
Enrollment:	50
Type:	Actual

Ethics review

Positive opinion

Date:	07-08-2007
Application type:	First submission

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	NL1004

Register	ID
NTR-old	NTR1033
Other	:
ISRCTN	ISRCTN40008171

Study results

Summary results
N/A