

# Innovation in the treatment of Dissociative Identity Disorder: The application of schema therapy.

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| <b>Ethical review</b>        | Positive opinion |
| <b>Status</b>                | Pending          |
| <b>Health condition type</b> | -                |
| <b>Study type</b>            | Interventional   |

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON29102

### Source

NTR

### Health condition

Dissociative Identity Disorder

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** University of Groningen

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** University of Groningen

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Dissociative symptoms (DSS), presence of DID (SCID-D), dropout

## Secondary outcome

trait dissociative symptoms (MID), PTSD symptoms (PSS-SR), daily functioning (WHODAS), schema mode scores (SMI), treatment progress rated by therapist (PITQ), metamemory

## Study description

### Background summary

Patients suffering from Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) were found to have the highest psychiatric treatment costs among patients receiving medical care. There are no consensus treatment guidelines for dissociative disorders and current clinical practice entails lengthy treatment with a high dropout rate. In the current proposal, the efficacy of an alternative treatment for DID (i.e., schema therapy) is tested. Due to the rarity of the disorder and the lengthy treatment of these patients, a case series experimental approach will be used (non-concurrent multiple baseline design). Ten DID outpatients will be included from several community mental health institutes in the Netherlands. A process-measure of dissociative symptoms will be included as index of change. Additionally, various pre-, post-, and follow-up measures will be included encompassing an assessment of the presence of DID, trait dissociative symptoms, comorbid symptomatology, and global symptomatic distress.

### Study objective

Investigate the efficacy of schema therapy in Dissociative Identity Disorder

### Study design

Multicenter, non-concurrent multiple baseline design. Patients are randomly assigned to one of the predetermined baseline lengths. Baseline observations are carried out, and after an education phase, the treatment is implemented.

Timepoints: Process measure weekly during baseline and education phase, other measures before and after baseline period, after education phase, each 6 months during intervention, at the end of the intervention and at follow up (six months after the end of treatment).

Additional baseline measures SCID I and II, CTQ.

An additional follow-up assessment will be included one year after the end of treatment (i.e., 6 months after the end of the booster sessions).

### Intervention

Treatment will consist of two individual sessions a week during the first two years, followed by one individual session a week during the third year, with each session lasting 50 minutes.

The treatment will be theoretically consistent with the model described in Young, Klosko, and Weishaar (2003), which was expanded for the treatment of BPD patients (van Genderen & Arntz 2010; Farrell & Shaw, 2012), and adapted for the specific treatment needs of DID patients (Farrell & Shaw, 2013).

Six monthly booster sessions will be included after the end of treatment.

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## Eligibility criteria

### **Inclusion criteria**

- 1) Main diagnosis of DID
- 2) Age between 18 and 60
- 3) Dutch literacy
- 4) Stable use of medication

### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1) Mental retardation (IQ < 80)
- 2) Drug/alcohol dependency
- 3) Acute suicide risk

#### 4) Florid psychotic episodes

## Study design

### Design

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Study type:         | Interventional          |
| Intervention model: | Parallel                |
| Allocation:         | Non controlled trial    |
| Masking:            | Open (masking not used) |
| Control:            | N/A , unknown           |

### Recruitment

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| NL                        |             |
| Recruitment status:       | Pending     |
| Start date (anticipated): | 01-06-2014  |
| Enrollment:               | 10          |
| Type:                     | Anticipated |

### IPD sharing statement

**Plan to share IPD:** Undecided

## Ethics review

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| Positive opinion  |                  |
| Date:             | 07-04-2014       |
| 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 NL4356

NTR-old NTR4496

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## Study results