Victimization in patients with severe mental illness, a nationwide multi-site study

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruitment stopped
Health condition type	Psychiatric disorders NEC
Study type	Observational non invasive

Summary

ID

NL-OMON34386

Source
ToetsingOnline

Brief title
Victimization in Psychiatric Patients (VIPP-study)

Condition

- Psychiatric disorders NEC
- Economic and housing issues

Synonym
Victimization, Violence

Research involving
Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam
Source(s) of monetary or material Support: NWO

Intervention

Keyword: Prevalence, Psychiatric patients, Victimization, Violence

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

Experiences of victimization (physical, sexual, emotional), number over the

past 12 months

Secondary outcome

Experiences of discrimination, number over the past 12 months

Stigmatization

Study description

Background summary

Up to now, psychiatric patients are more often examined as perpetrators probably caused by the perception that psychiatric patients are dangerous and unpredictable and pose a threat to their surrounding caregivers (Thornicroft, 2006). International research, morstly conducted in the US, showed that the percentage of psychiatric patient that are victim to violence is higher than the percentage of patients that are perpetrator of violence (Choe e.a., 2008). Moreover, it was shown that the risk to become victim is higher in psychiatric patients than in the general population (Teplin e.a., 2005). In Holland, the topic of victimization of psychiatric patients has been ignored. Apart from a literature review, no research have been conducted in The Netherlands (Naudts e.a., 2004). As a result, no information is available on size, nature, context and consequences of violence against this population.

Study objective

The project proposes to study 12-month victimization rates and risk factors among persons with severe mental illness (SMI). The results will be compared with a matched sample from the general population. Additionally, we will develop a preliminary conceptual model, in which the associations between different types of victimization, risk factors and consequences in this population can be described.

Study design

We will conduct a nationwide multi-site cross-sectional survey among 940 SMI patients. At each site a random sample, stratified on sex and age, will be selected. In a structured interview, we will assess experiences and consequences of victimisation, discrimination and self stigmatization, perpetration of violence, childhood trauma, symptom severity and co-morbid psychopathology (e.g. anger, PTSD). Research findings will be compared with a matched sample from the Dutch general population. These data have been collected as part of the National Victimization and Safety Monitor.

Study burden and risks

The study population consist of vulnerable patients, who might experience the questions on victimization experiences as threatening. This might lead to psychological decompensation. The length of the interview (70 minutes) kan be taxing for the respondent. The population of psychiatric patients will benefit from the results of this study, since the results will help diminish the social stigma of violence attached to this group. We expect the social impact to be large, partly as a result of the explicite efforts put in by NWO to promote the topic.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age
Adults (18-64 years)
Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

- age between 18 and 65 years;
- diagnosed with a psychotic, bipolar or depressive disorder;
- outpatient at a Mental Health Care (MHC) institution specialized in treating patients suffering from severe and persistent mental illness

Exclusion criteria

- insufficient command of Dutch language;
- unable to answer questions related to the study due to e.g. very severe psychiatric symptoms, psycho-organic disorders;
- institutionalized in prison or MHC

Study design

Design

Study type:	Observational non invasive
Intervention model:	Other
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Other

Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	08-11-2010
Enrollment:	940
Type:	Actual

Ethics review

Approved WMO Date:	02-11-2010
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

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

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CCMO	NL32585.078.10