# SOS-training Social skills and Street skills: Improving strength and reducing vulnerability for victimisation: a randomised controlled trial in addicted patients with psychiatric disorders

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

# Summary

#### ID

NL-OMON41607

#### Source

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#### **Brief title**

SOS-training

#### Condition

- Other condition
- Psychiatric disorders NEC
- Lifestyle issues

#### **Synonym**

addiction and mental illness, dual diagnosis

#### **Health condition**

verslavingsproblematiek

## Research involving

Human

# **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: Academisch Medisch Centrum Source(s) of monetary or material Support: NWO

## Intervention

**Keyword:** addiction, dual diagnosis, social skills training, victimisation

#### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

The primary study parameter is the percentage of clients that has been victimised in the year after the start of the training. All sorts of offenses will be questioned (violence, property crimes, vandalism).

## **Secondary outcome**

The secondary study parameters of the study are:

- Drugs and alcohol intake (Timeline Followback method, Sobell & Sobell, 1996)
- Severity of alcohol and/or drug use disorder: Alcohol Use Disorders

  Identification Test / Drug Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT/DUDIT)
- Psychopathology: Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS)
- PTSS-signs: Posttraumatic Diagnostic Scale (PDS)
- Emotion Disregulation: Difficulties in Emotion Regulation (DERS)
- Cognitive functioning: Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE)
- Social functioning: Inventory of Interpersonal Problems (short form) (IIP-32)
- Dimensions of Anger Reactions (DAR).
- Quality of Life EuroQol (EQ-5D)
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- Manchester short assessment of quality of life (MANSA)
- Self Esteem Rating Scale (SERS-SF 20)
- Kessler psychological distress scale (K10)
- Client Satisfaction Questionnaire (CSQ-8)

Other measures: Costs efficacy (Trimbos/iMTA questionnaire for Costs associated with Psychiatric Illness (TiC-P)

Other information: moderators en mediators

Client's files will be checked on previous treatments and psychiatric disorders, to examine if the effect of this intervention can be (partly) due to previous treatment and to examine if co-morbid psychiatric disorders interfere with the effect of this intervention.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Addiction and chronic psychiatric disorders often occur together. This vulnerable group of duall diagnosis patients has more chance of being victimised, especially concerning severe violent victimisation. Up until now there is only limited evidence of interventions proven to be effective for this target group. This research is aimed to develop and investigate a training to reduce vulnerability, to improve social skills and assertiveness and therefore lower the chance of being victimised and improve the sense of safety.

The main hypothese of this research is:

- 'SOS-training' is an intervention that reduces the chance of being victimised. There will be a lower frequency of victimisation and a higher sense of safety 12 months after the training, compared to before.

## Study objective

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The goal of this study is obtaining knowledge about the effectiveness of a training that aims to decrease victimisation of dual diagnosis patients.

The primairy research question is:

- What is the effect of the SOS-training on the frequency of victimisation of dual diagnosis patients?

## Study design

The design contains a randomised, open study: Participants will be assigned to a condition randomly. The researchers as well as the participants themselves will be informed about the condition they are assigned to.

#### Intervention

The SOS-training will contain 12 group meetings of 60 minutes. The goal of this training is to improve psychological strength and to reduce vulnerability for victimisation. The training will consist of different components. One component will focus on counselling on what clients can do themselves to avoid or decrease risks concerning victimisation. A second component will focus on acquiring skills to increase personal safety and becoming more able to handle interpersonal conflicts. We will make use of techniques like brainstorming, group discussion, exercises and role-playing.

## Study burden and risks

#### Burden:

Participants will have to invest time to participate in this research. Participants in the experimental condition will invest more time for participation. On the other hand, they will participate in an intervention of which we assume that it improves strength and reduces vulnerability for victimisation. A more specific overview of time investment can be found in section E2.

Participants will be filling in questionnaires at baseline, 2, 8 and 14 months. An overview of these questionnaires can be found in section K1 'secondary study parameters'. Fifty participants will be filling in the Safety Monitor again one week after the 14-months follow-up.

#### Risks:

There are no anticipated risks involved in participating in this research.

# **Contacts**

#### **Public**

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

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

## Inclusion criteria

- In treatment for addiction and chronic psychiatric disorders
- Aged 18 years or older
- Being capable of giving informed consent and participating in the training

## **Exclusion criteria**

- Acute psychotic problems that interfere with participating in the training
- High score on anti-social personality traits, to prevent patients from disturbing the group training.
- High level of psychopathy (score >30 on Psychopathy Checklist)
- Legally incapable

# Study design

# **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 07-04-2014

Enrollment: 250

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 16-01-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 27-03-2014

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

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Date: 29-06-2015

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 29-01-2016

Application type: Amendment

# **Study registrations**

# Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

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

ID: 24122

Source: Nationaal Trial Register

Title:

# In other registers

Register ID

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