# Pilot study into the feasibility and effects of Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction (MBSR) in older patients with cognitive complaints

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Is Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction (MBSR) feasible in older patients with mild cognitive complaints?

**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Cognitive and attention disorders and disturbances

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON42269

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Mindfulness training in older patients with cognitive complaints

#### **Condition**

Cognitive and attention disorders and disturbances

#### **Synonym**

memory complaints

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Medisch Universitair Ziekenhuis Maastricht

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Ministerie van OC&W

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#### Intervention

**Keyword:** cognition, memory, mindfulness, training

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

In this feasibility study, participants are interviewed after 8 weeks about their experiences during the training and how the training may be adjusted to fit the requirements for this target population even more in the future.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Furthermore, the group effects of the training are explored by means of short questionnaires measuring life quality, mental health (perceived stress, anxiety and depressive symptoms), levels of mindfulness and self-compassion, and perceived burden of cognitive complaints, administered at baseline, 9 and 13 weeks. Feasibility of online cognitive assessment is tested at baseline and 9 weeks.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Cognitive complaints of older individuals are often related to worries and concerns related to the ageing process and the associated change in cognitive functioning. Mindfulness-based interventions have been applied successfully to different clinical and non-clinical populations to relieve the burden of stress and ruminative thinking and to improve coping strategies in the context of physical and mental disease.

#### Study objective

Is Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction (MBSR) feasible in older patients with mild cognitive complaints?

#### Study design

Pilot intervention study

#### Intervention

8-week MBSR training.

#### Study burden and risks

MBSR training is nowadays widely available and can be safely followed without prior medical screening. Expectation of personal benefit from the training is realistic when the program is followed conscientiously, but cannot be guaranteed beforehand. Apart from the personal effort invested in participation and homework assignments, no adverse effects are to be expected.

### **Contacts**

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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 45 and 85 years
- \* Existing complaints about at least one, or more aspects of cognitive functioning
- \* Expressed personal interest in participation in the training program
- \* Clinical treatment for their complaint is not required or possible
- \* Patients will not revisit the memory clinic for a follow-up assessment for a period of at least 6 months
- \* Signed informed consent

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- \* Psychiatric comorbidity
- \* Medical or psychological treatment of the cognitive complaint

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Health services research

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 06-02-2015

Enrollment: 24

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 23-10-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit

Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

Approved WMO

Date: 13-07-2015

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit

Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

# **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

CCMO NL49941.068.14

# **Study results**

Results posted: 21-04-2016

**First publication** 

21-04-2016