

# Evaluation of the online course The stories we live by.

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<b>Ethische beoordeling</b>	Positief advies
<b>Status</b>	Werving nog niet gestart
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON24004

### Bron

Nationaal Trial Register

### Verkorte titel

Online course The stories we live by

### Aandoening

integrative reminiscence, guided online self-help, depression, mental health  
integratieve reminiscentie, begeleide online zelfhulp, depressie, geestelijke gezondheid

## Ondersteuning

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## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

## **Uitkomstmaten**

### **Primaire uitkomstmaten**

The primary outcome measure is reduction of depressive symptoms, measured with the CES-D.

## **Toelichting onderzoek**

### **Achtergrond van het onderzoek**

The University of Twente has developed an online preventive self-help course 'The stories we live by Online', with additional e-mail guidance of a counselor (The stories we live by + counselor) or online with peer contact (The stories we live by +peer contact). The course can be followed by participants at home in their own time. This study investigates the effects of the two variants of the course on depressive symptoms and well-being, compared with a waiting list control group, through a randomized controlled trial.

### **Doel van het onderzoek**

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### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Outcomes are measured at baseline and 3, 6 and 12 months after baseline.

### **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

The online self-help course is based on the self-help book "The stories we live by," and makes use of integrative reminiscence (life review). The intervention consists of six modules over 12 weeks.

The experimental group The stories we live by + counselor receive 2-weekly feedback and support from the counselor via e-mail.

Participants in the experimental group The stories we live by + peer contact individually follow the course, but react on each other 2-weekly. A peer group consists of 4 participants.

The control group will be on a waiting list.

## Contactpersonen

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## Deelname eisen

### Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

1. Age 40 years and over;
2. The presence of mild to moderate depressive complaints (CES-D score  $\geq 10$ ).

### Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen (Exclusiecriteria)

1. The presence of severe depressive complaints according to the M.I.N.I.;
2. A moderate or high risk of suicidality according to the M.I.N.I.;

3. Recently started with medication therapy for somberheids complaints (3 months ago);
4. Receiving an ongoing psychological (self-help) treatment for depressive complaints;
5. Not enough time to follow the course well;
6. Poor mastery of the Dutch language (read or learning difficulties);
7. No email address or no access to the internet.

## Onderzoeksopzet

### Opzet

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Parallel
Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Open / niet geblindeerd
Controle:	Geneesmiddel

### Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Werving nog niet gestart
(Verwachte) startdatum:	01-10-2012
Aantal proefpersonen:	186
Type:	Verwachte startdatum

## Ethische beoordeling

Positief advies	
Datum:	20-07-2012
Soort:	Eerste indiening

## Registraties

## **Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie**

Geen registraties gevonden.

## **Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register**

Geen registraties gevonden.

## **In overige registers**

<b>Register</b>	<b>ID</b>
NTR-new	NL3394
NTR-old	NTR3536
Ander register	: 41224.OVKonline
ISRCTN	ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd.

## **Resultaten**

### **Samenvatting resultaten**

N/A