# Individual health promotion on physical activity and nutrition among workers

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**Ethische beoordeling** Positief advies **Status** Werving gestart

Type aandoening -

Onderzoekstype Interventie onderzoek

# **Samenvatting**

#### ID

NL-OMON24233

#### **Bron**

Nationaal Trial Register

#### **Verkorte titel**

N/A

#### **Aandoening**

worksite, health promotion, physical activity, nutrition werkplek, gezondheidsbevordering, lichamelijke activiteit, voeding

### **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** Erasmus MC Department of Public Health

Overige ondersteuning: ZonMw, the Netherlands Organization for Health Research and

Development

# Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

- 1. Change in (moderate and vigorous) physical activity level using the International Physical Activity Questionnaire;
- 2. Change in level of fruit and vegetable intake using the short Dutch Food Frequency Ouestionnaire.

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

BACKGROUND Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a leading cause of disability and mortality in the Netherlands. Major modifiable risk factors for CVD include low physical activity and poor nutrition. The prevalence of these risk factors has increased in the past decades. In the prevention of CVD programs that promote adoption and maintenance of a healthy lifestyle are of great importance. Worksites have specific features, including an efficient structure to reach large groups and make use of a natural social network for peer support, that make the worksite a promising place for health promotion. In this study a worksite health promotion program (WHPP), consisting of a personal Health Portal on Internet, on different cardiovascular risk factors will be evaluated.

OBJECTIVES The main objectives of this study are 1) to evaluate the effectiveness of a WHPP, consisting of a personal Health Portal, on adherence to lifestyle recommendations and sustainability of a healthy lifestyle, and 2) to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the personal Health Portal on top of a standard WHPP.

METHODS/DESIGN The study is a pragmatic cluster randomised controlled trial with the worksite as the unit of randomisation. The study population consists of workers in companies that offer a standard WHPP to their employees. All workers receive a standard WHPP, consisting of a questionnaire, a health check with a biometric assessment and a report with personal results. The intervention group additionally has access to a personal Health Portal on Internet with as main features 1) computer tailored advice on physical activity, fruit and vegetable consumption and fat intake, 2) a monitor function in which one can report individual progress in self-reported weight, body mass index, physical activity and fruit and vegetable intake over time, 3) the possibility to consult professionals, such as a personal coach, a physiotherapist, or a dietician through e-mail, and 4) continuous feedback and support through monthly e-mails by a personal coach. Primary outcome indicators will be compliance with national recommendations for physical activity and fruit and vegetable intake, measured with self-administered questionnaires.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

It is hypothesized that long-term electronic communication through the web and e-mails (the Health Portal) provides efficient means to increase exposure to advice on healthy behavior and to facilitate adherence and sustainability.

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### 1. usual care control group:

Standard worksite health promotion program consisting of a questionnaire, a health check with a biometric assessment and access to a restricted part of the Health Portal on Internet containing personal results on the questionnaire and health check and general information on health.

#### 2. intervention group:

on top of the standard worksite health promotion program the intervention group will have access to the personalized Health Portal on Internet which is built on 4 critical features:

- computer-tailored advice on physical activity and nutrition
- reports on individual progress in self-reported weight, body mass index, physical activity and fruit and vegetables consumption.
- opportunity to contact professionals through e-mail
- continuous support and feedback through e-mail by a personal coach

After 12 months the monthly contact by a personal coach will be terminated, but access to the Health Portal will remain another 12 months.

Data will be collected by means of a questionnaire at baseline, and after 12 and 24 months and a health check at baseline and after 24 months.

# Contactpersonen

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# **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

Eligibility criteria for individual workers are:

- 1. Paid employment;
- 2. Working at least 12 hours a week;
- 3. Being literate enough to read and understand simple e-mail and internet-based messages in the Dutch language.

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

Exclusion criteria for individual workers are:

- 1. Insufficient Dutch language skills.
- 2. Working less than 12 hours a week.

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

#### **Opzet**

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Parallel

Blindering: Enkelblind

Controle: Actieve controle groep

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-03-2007

Aantal proefpersonen: 1400

Type: Verwachte startdatum

# **Ethische beoordeling**

Positief advies

Datum: 02-05-2007

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

Register ID

NTR-new NL941

NTR-old NTR966

Ander register : ZonMw project number 62300039

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# Resultaten

#### Samenvatting resultaten

N/A