# Stepped Care in patients with common mental disorders: a randomized controlled trial

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**Status** Werving tijdelijk gestopt

Type aandoening -

**Onderzoekstype** Interventie onderzoek

# **Samenvatting**

#### ID

NL-OMON24281

#### **Bron**

Nationaal Trial Register

#### Verkorte titel

Stepped care

#### **Aandoening**

Stepped Care

Anxiety Disorders; Angststoornissen

Depressive Disorder; Stemmingsstoornissen; Depressie Primary Care, General Practitioner; Eerste Liin, Huisarts

Mental Specialist Care; Tweede lijn, GGZ Treatment as Usual; Gewone Behandeling

Randomised Controlled Trial; Vergelijkende Behandelstudie

## **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** Adhesie, Deventer and Dept of Psychiatry Vu-University Medical Center,

Amsterdam

Overige ondersteuning: Fonds Psychische Gezondheid, Utrecht

Adhesie, Deventer

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

1. Percentage of patients responding to treatment, defined as a score of 1 ("very much improved") or 2 ("much improved") on the clinical global improvement rating(CGI). <br/>
2. Percentage of patients achieving remission, defined as a score of 1 ("normal, not at all ill") or 2 ("borderline mentally ill") on the clinical global rating of severity (CGS). <br/>
CGI and CGS were measured by independent raters.

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

This practice-based study was designed to evaluate the clinical outcomes and costs of a Stepped Care (SC) treatment algorithm as compared to treatment as usual (TAU). The stepped care algorithm included both pharmacotherapeutic and psychological stepwise interventions for treatment of patients with common psychiatric disorders in both primary and mental specialist care.

Both practices of general practitioners and caregivers in the community mental health center were randomly assigned to either Stepped Care or Treatment as Usual. The settings for this study were 14 primary care clinics with 20 general practitioners (GP's) and a community mental health center in Twente, a semi-rural area in The Netherlands. Written informed consent was obtained from all participants prior to enrollment, and institutional review board approval was obtained for this study.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

A stepped care intervention in primary and mental specialist care is superior to treatment as usual in patients with anxiety, mood and stress disorders.

#### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Patients were assessed at baseline, 4 months (midtest), 8 months (posttest), 12 months (follow-up I). 2,5 years (follow-up II)

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

Stepped Care: The first step intervention was provided in primary care. These patients were offered a selfhelp course, guided by five forthy-five minute sessions with a psychiatric nurse at the office of the GP or at home. Duration of the course was 3,5 month. In addition, patients

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with moderately severe disorder episodes were offered antidepressant medication according to disorder specific algorithms shared by GP and psychiatrist and based on national guidelines in the Netherlands.

Treatment offered in step 2 consisted of cognitive behaviour therapy in combination with antidepressants administered at the outpatient department.

To sustain adherence of the therapists to the algorithms multiple tools were provided. GP's got one educational session to clarify the medication algorithm and advise on enhancing medication compliance. During the study there was an opportunity for direct consultation with a psychiatrist. Psychiatric nurses participated in a training in basic CBT strategies. They had a detailed session-to-session structured manual to guide the selfhelp course. In addition, group-supervision for feedback and adherence to the manual took place every two weeks with an experienced behaviour therapist.

Psychologist used CBT session by session protocols commonly used in the Netherlands which are mostly proven efficacious in clinical studies. Psychologists discussed treatment progress in a multidisciplinary team at least one time during treatment.

In addition to the treatments offered in the first step, the following treatments and services could be provided: social work, addiction care and a short intervention of the psychiatric nurse to advise on work resumption. In addition to the second step intervention at the outpatient department the following modules could be offered: social work, addiction care, intensive psychiatric home care, family therapy and a structuring day-time clinic programme.

Treatment as Usual: The patients could obtain any of the services normally available in the Netherlands. Every GP in this condition could use assistance of a psychiatric nurse at the location of the office. In the Netherlands, national guidelines for treatment of depression and anxiety disorders are available for GP's and psychiatrists. However compliance to these guidelines is relatively low.

The main differences between the national guidelines and the stepped care guideline in this study are the explicit use of minimal interventions and the stepwise intensifying of interventions in the latter.

# Contactpersonen

#### **Publiek**

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# **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

- 1. Primary Care patients with the following ICPC codes:
- Feeling Anxious/Nervous/Tense (P01)
- Feeling Depressed (P03)
- Feeling/Behaving Irritable/Angry (P04)
- Anxiety Disorder/Anxiety State (P74)
- Hypochondriasis (P79)
- Depressive Disorder (P76)
- Neurasthenia (P78)
- Other Neurosis (P79)
- 2. 18 years and older.

# Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen

#### (Exclusiecriteria)

- 1. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- 2. Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
- 3. Alcohol or Drug Dependence
- 4. Dementia
- 5. Psychotic Disorder
- 6. Bipolar Disorder
- 7. Terminal Illness
- 8. Language Barrier
- 9. Treatment with psychotropic drugs (except for benzodiazepines)
- 10. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy or InterPersonal Therapy in the present episode of the psychiatric disorder

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

# **Opzet**

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Parallel

Toewijzing: Gerandomiseerd

Blindering: Enkelblind

Controle: Actieve controle groep

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving tijdelijk gestopt

(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-01-2003

Aantal proefpersonen: 163

Type: Verwachte startdatum

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# **Ethische beoordeling**

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Datum: 17-03-2008

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 NL1179 NTR-old NTR1224

Ander register :

ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd

## Resultaten

#### Samenvatting resultaten

N/A