# Transmural Collaborative Care: Integrated antidepressant and psychotherapeutic treatment of concomitant pain and depressive disorder.

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

Type aandoening

Onderzoekstype Interventie onderzoek

# **Samenvatting**

#### ID

NL-OMON26763

#### **Bron**

Nationaal Trial Register

#### **Verkorte titel**

TCC:PAINDIP

#### **Aandoening**

- 1. Depressive disorder;
- 2. pain;
- 3. collaborative care:
- 4. primary care;
- 5. cost effectiveness;

#### **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** Trimbos Instituut / NIMHA, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Overige ondersteuning: Eli Lilly

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

To establish effectiveness on severity of depression (measured by PHQ-9), of a closely monitored integrated intervention (TCCCL + duloxetine) for concomitant (sub)chronic pain and depression compared to TCCCL + placebo and compared to Duloxetine alone.

## **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### **Achtergrond van het onderzoek**

The burden of pain and depression is high for patients in terms of disability, wellbeing, and use of medical care. Patients with major and minor depression often present themselves with pain to a general practitioner and recognition of depression is low. Also, physical symptoms, including pain, in major depressive disorder, predict a poorer response to treatment. A multifaceted, patient-tailored treatment programme, such as collaborative care, is needed. However, treatment of chronic pain conditions in depressive patients has, so far, not received much attention. Also, cost effectiveness of an integrated approach of pain in depressed patients has not been studied yet.

This article describes the aims and design of a study that is currently underway. The aim of this study is to evaluate effects and costs of collaborative care with Duloxetine for patients with pain symptoms and a depressive disorder, compared to mono-treatment (collaborative care with placebo, Duloxetine alone).

This study is a placebo controlled double blind, three armed randomized Multi Centre trial with a factorial design. Patients with (sub) chronic pain and a depressive disorder will be included. They will be randomized to either collaborative care with Duloxetine, collaborative care with placebo, or Duloxetine alone. In the collaborative care conditions, the caremanager will provide Problem Solving Treatment and guidance with a self-help manual. The care-manager is also responsible for monitoring of depressive and pain symptoms. Also, patients are referred to a physiotherapist. Here, they will receive treatment according to a 'Graded Activity' protocol. The psychiatrist is responsible for the medication. According to an

antidepressant algorithm, the psychiatrist prescribes an antidepressant (Duloxetine or placebo). For the pain medication, a pain medication algorithm will be followed. The psychiatrist will also monitor progress of pain and depressive symptoms. After 12 weeks, the patient will be referred back to the general practitioner with a Consultation Letter. This letter contains information for further treatment of the patient. 189 completers are needed to attain sufficient power to show a clinically significant effect of 0.6 SD on the primary outcome measures. Data on depression, anxiety, mental and physical health, medication adherence, quality of life, patient-doctor relationship, coping, health resource use and productivity will be collected at baseline and after three, six, nine and twelve months.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

Combined treatment (collaborative care + duloxetine) is more effective than mono-treatment (duloxetine or collaborative care + placebo) in depressive symptom reduction on the PHQ as main outcome for patients with MDD and (sub)chronic pain.

#### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Assessments: T0 at baseline; T1 at 3 months, T2 at 6 months, T3 at 9 months and T4 at 12 months.

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

Experimental intervention will be integrated care including psychoeducation with DVD developed specifically on depression and pain; a self-help manual with psycho education and exercises (i.e. relaxation techniques); a pain medication protocol; an antidepressant protocol, consisting of an algorithm for Duloxetine; Problem Solving Treatment; Graded Activity, provided by a physiotherapist; a Consultation Letter to the PCP. The control group will be treated with Duloxetine according to the antidepressant protocol with Duloxetine algorithm. The third group will receive a placebo plus integrated care as mentioned above.

## Contactpersonen

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#### Wetenschappelijk

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### **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

The patients are referred to a mental health centre and at this point they have the possibility to participate in this study. At the mental health centre, the patients will be screened with the PHQ for depressive disorder and with the BPI measuring for pain. In case of a cut-off score of >10 on the PHQ-9 and a numerical score of more than 3 on the 'average pain' item and after informed consent, the patient will be included in the study.

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

Patients with pain for which by diagnostic medical assessment a structural and continuing physical cause has been found in terms of tissue damage, illness or otherwise, that requires treatment, such as pain due to cancer or recent post traumatic pain, are excluded from the study and advised to seek such treatment Other exclusion criteria are:

- 1. Alcohol use >3 units a day or drug abuse or dependence in the last 6 months, defined as current use of any hard drugs or cannabis;
- 2. Psychotic symptoms or use of antipsychotic medication that may influence perception of pain;
- 3. Use of St. Johns worth (Hypericum Perforatum);
- 4. Pregnancy and breastfeeding;
- 5. Inability to participate in case of too severe language barrier, dementia;
- 6. Somatization disorder without depressive symptoms;
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- 7. All contra-indications for Duloxetine;
- 8. Lastly, suicidal ideation is an exclusion criterion if this constitutes immediate danger and the need for crisis management according to the consulted psychiatrist. For this purpose, a suicide protocol is used in the study, defining degrees of suicide risk and prescribing necessary steps to be taken to advert such risk.

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

#### **Opzet**

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Parallel

Toewijzing: Gerandomiseerd

Blindering: Dubbelblind

Controle: Actieve controle groep

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-09-2007

Aantal proefpersonen: 219

Type: Verwachte startdatum

# **Ethische beoordeling**

Positief advies

Datum: 15-10-2007

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 NL1056 NTR-old NTR1089

Ander register : WC 2007-069

ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd

# Resultaten

#### Samenvatting resultaten

Facts on depression. DVD. Trimbos Instituut 2006.