# Stress Prevention at Work: Evaluating the effectiveness of an implementation strategy for interventions that aim to reduce work-related stress

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**Ethische beoordeling** Positief advies

**Status** Werving nog niet gestart

Type aandoening -

Onderzoekstype Interventie onderzoek

# **Samenvatting**

#### ID

NL-OMON29648

**Bron** 

NTR

**Verkorte titel** 

SP@W

#### **Aandoening**

implementation strategy - work-related stress Implementatie strategie - werkgerelateerde stress

## **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** VU University Medical Center

Overige ondersteuning: ZonMw

# Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### **Primaire uitkomstmaten**

The stress subscale of the Depression, Anxiety and Stress Scale (DASS-21)

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Rationale: Although several measures directed at the prevention and management of work-related stress are effective, these interventions are hardly used by organisations. The most important barrier for use of evidence based stress prevention measures is that organisations gather their information from their own networks and peers rather than from searching in databases. Employers indicate that risk management will be much facilitated when organisations are working together, can learn from one another and have easier access to knowledge and professional expertise. An innovative collaborative learning network with involvement of different organisations and an information technology platform enabling access to effective instruments and measures can facilitate and stimulate the prevention of work-related stress.

Objective: The two main objectives are: 1. To evaluate the effectiveness of the integral stress prevention strategy on stress and work-related outcomes and to calculate a business case. 2. To investigate barriers and facilitators associated with the implementation of the integral stress prevention strategy at the level of the sector, organisation and employees.

Study design: In a randomised controlled trial, the effectiveness of the implementation strategy on stress and work-related outcome measures will be evaluated. Six months and 12 months after the baseline measure, a follow-up measurement will be conducted. A business case will be calculated for one organisation within the health care sector and one organisation within the education sector.

Study population: Dutch Organisations in health care and education. Intervention: The intervention under study is an implementation strategy, with the aim to implement existing measures to prevent stress in organizations. The organisations in the control group will not receive the implementation strategy immediately, but will be offered the implementation strategy after 12 months (waiting list design).

Main study parameters/endpoints: The main study parameter is stress, measured by the 7-item stress subscale of the Depression, Anxiety and Stress scale (DASS-21). Nature and extent of the burden and risks associated with participation, benefit and group relatedness: The intervention group will receive the implementation strategy. This implementation strategy consist of a digital platform (to be completed by HR professionals), a stepwise protocol (to be followed by the HR professional) and a collaborative learning network in which the HR professional participates. Rather than dictating the use of any particular intervention, the manipulation in this study consists of having access to the implementation strategy intervention group), or not (control group). On the level of the individual worker, participation exists of completion of questionnaires and (voluntary) participation in the stress prevention measures chosen by the organisation. These stress measures are all available for every organisation, so they are not experimental.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

It is hypothesised that a multifaceted, integral stress prevention strategy will reduce work-related stress and its related outcomes.

#### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Baseline assessment of the work stress determinants and work outcomes Follow-up measurements after 6 and 12 months of the workstress determinants, work outcomes and proces variables.

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

The intervention group will receive; 1. a stepwise protocol to implement preventive stress measures. The different steps involve: 1. awareness, 2. assessment, 3. planning, 4. implementation, 5. evaluation. A digital platform is available to guide organisations through the stepwise protocol. 2 Participation in a collaborative learning network of different organisations to discuss progress and problems encountered during the implementation of the preventive stress measures.

The control group will be on a waiting list for 12 month. They will receive the baseline measurements at the same time as the implementation group. After the 12-month follow up measurement, this group will also receive the integral stress prevention strategy.

# Contactpersonen

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#### **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

- Minimum age of 18 years.
- Participating departments should have at least 15 participating employees.

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

- Sick leave longer than one month
- Planned retirement within one year

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

#### **Opzet**

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Anders

Toewijzing: Niet-gerandomiseerd

Blindering: Open / niet geblindeerd

Controle: N.v.t. / onbekend

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving nog niet gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-01-2016

Aantal proefpersonen: 278

Type: Verwachte startdatum

# **Ethische beoordeling**

Positief advies

Datum: 07-12-2015

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 NL5402

Register

NTR-old

Ander register

ID

NTR5527

ZonMw: 200210025

# Resultaten

Samenvatting resultaten

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