

What is the impact of antibiotic resistant infections on quality of life?

REVERSE Quality of life study

About the study

Antibiotic resistant bacteria can cause serious infections. To be able to justify potentially expensive measures that prevent resistant bacteria, we need to better understand the long-term impact these infections on Quality of Life of patients.

We want to know to what extent and for how long patients have a lower Quality of Life due to getting an antibiotic-resistant infection compared to similar individuals that are uninfected.

This study will help us to identify the impact of those infections from a patient's perspective, which is also needed to work out the value of money of strategies that reduce the change of getting infected.

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REVERSE (pREvention and management tools for rEducing antibiotic Resistance in high prevalence Settings) is a large collaboration between different universities from the EU and the UK. This project is funded by the EU.

REVERSE focusses on antibiotic resistant infections in hospitals in Greece, Italy, Romania, and Spain. REVERSE will evaluate the effects of different measures on prevention and treatment of resistance infections.

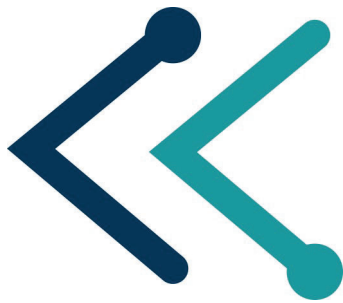


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Frequently asked questions

Who can join this study?

Patients that are infected with an infection caused by specific antibiotic-resistant bacteria (Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*, Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriales, or Carbapenem-Resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*). To be able to compare the impact of these infections on quality of life, similar patients that are not infected by these bacteria are also invited to take part in this study.

Am I required to be in this study?

No. Taking part in this study is voluntary. You are free to choose to participate or not to participate. If you choose to participate in this study, you are able to leave the study at any time.

What will happen if I decide to take part?

If you decide to take part in this study a nurse will ask you to sign a consent form and to complete a short questionnaire. The form will ask about your current quality of life and your contact details so we can ask you to complete the questionnaire again 1, 3, 6 and 12 months after you have completed the form the first time. You have the option to only complete one short questionnaire about your quality of life (EQ-5D) or both this short questionnaire AND a slightly longer questionnaire to provide a more detailed understanding of your quality of life (EQ-5D + SF-36). While each questionnaire can be completed at your own pace, completing the EQ-5D only takes a few minutes, while completing both questionnaires takes about 8-15 minutes.

Are there any risks in taking part?

The risks are small. You may experience some discomfort as you remember your illness and reflect on how it has impacted your life.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

You may experience an overall positive feeling in that your illness is being researched and your quality of life is being given consideration. Entering this study may not directly help you, but the information we get could help future patients by making it possible to evaluate whether investment in extra measures to reduce the impact of resistant infections should be introduced to protect future patients.