Improving the diagnostic procedure for injured patients - Optimization for the questionnaire "Fragebogen Arbeit und Befinden" (OptiFAB) [Diagnostik der Unfallbetroffenen der Suva]

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		☐ Protocol
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		☐ Results
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data
11/07/2017	Injury, Occupational Diseases, Poisoning	Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

The aim of the study is to improve the treatment (triage) and the diagnostic procedure for insured people with disabilities (e.g. in the mental health or work related area) after an accident.

Who can participate?

Insured people with disabilities (e.g. in the mental health or work related area) eight weeks after an accident, aged at least 18

What does the study involve?

Participants are randomly allocated to either the intervention group or the control group. The intervention is a psychological intervention and/or work related intervention based on the principles of cognitive behavioral therapy. Participants in the intervention group receive individual treatment depending on their disabilities or mental health. Participants in the control group receive treatment as usual. In addition there is a third minimal intervention group. In this group randomly allocated case managers follow a standardized manual to improve the triage of the procedure of the diagnostic process. The intervention and control groups are compared in terms of well-being, work-related satisfaction, and return to the workplace.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating? The benefit of participation is the free of charge intervention. There are no possible risks of participation.

Where is the study run from? University of Bern (Switzerland)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for? September 2011 to December 2013

Who is funding the study? SUVA (Switzerland)

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Scientific

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OptiFAB

Study information

Scientific Title

Improving the diagnostic procedure for injured patients: a randomised controlled trial

Acronym

OptiFAB

Study objectives

- 1. A significant difference in psychological and work-related outcome is expected between groups (OptiFAB and FABpur). Specifically, it is assumed that the group with the psychological and/or work-related intervention will have better outcomes in terms of psychological functioning (well-being) and a faster reintegration into the workplace.
- 2. A difference in term of a better triage is expected between groups (FABplus and FABpur). As above, it is assumed that the group with a GAS training and a manual will have better and faster triage process.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Philosophical - Human Sciences Faculty Ethics Commission of Bern (Switzerland), 08/06/2011, ref: 2011-04-172

Study design

Blinded randomized experimental intervention study

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Diagnostic

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Different disabilities after an accident in the area workplace and/or mental health

Interventions

OptiFAB: Psychological intervention or / and work related intervention and Control group Treatment arm OptiFAB: The intervention consists of 10-20 weekly sessions: structured setting and a combination of educational and supportive coaching elements.

FABplus: Improvement of triage process. A group of case manager receives a "Goal attainment Scale" training and a manual (summarized "the good practice" to faster the triage process)

FABpur: Treatment as usual

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

- 1. Psychological well-being, measured using BFW/E (Berner Fragebogen zum Wohlbefinden, Grob et al., 1991; 39 Items) 8 weeks after the accident
- 2. Work-related satisfaction, measured using general job satisfaction (Baillod & Semmer, 1994, 4 Items) 8 weeks after the accident
- 3. Return to the workplace

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Psychosocial conditions and health, measured using:
- 1.1. Subjective Happiness Scale (SHS, Lyubomirsky & Lepper, 1999, 4 Items)]
- 1.2. Social support (SALSA, Skala zur Erfassung der sozialen Unterstützung am Arbeitsplatz, IRES-3)
- 1.3. Fear-Avoidance Beliefs questionnaire (FABQ-d, Staerkle et al, 2004, 16 Items)
- 2. Coping, self-efficacy, optimism, measured using:
- 2.1. CISS (short version, Kälin, 2003, 19 Items)
- 2.2. SWE (Selbstwirksamkeit, Schwarzer, 1993, 10Items)
- 2.3. LOT-R (Optimism, Glaesmer & Hoyer, 2003, 10 Items)

Data collected 8 weeks after the accident

Completion date

31/12/2013

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Patients 8 weeks after an accident have to fullfil followed criteria:

- 1. Approved accident or occupational disease
- 2. Unlimited employment contract
- 3. There must be at least 90 days or more between accident data and employment date
- 4. NCM-Code > 1
- 5. Present inability to work
- 6. No unemployment
- 7. No full working capacity in the next two weeks
- 8. Identified as a potential complex case by the questionnaire Arbeit und Befinden (FAB)
- 9. Able to speak German

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Inability to communicate or lack of language skills
- 2. Limited employment contract
- 3. Between accident data and employment date are less than 90 days
- 4. NCM-Code < 1
- 5. Ability to work
- 6. Unemployment
- 7. Full working capacity in the next two weeks
- 8. No complex case
- 9. Under 18 years of age
- 10. Not willing to participate in the study

Date of first enrolment

01/09/2011

Date of final enrolment

31/12/2013

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Switzerland

Study participating centre University of Bern

Bern Switzerland 3012

Sponsor information

Organisation

SUVA (Switzerland)

ROR

https://ror.org/01t56m506

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

SUVA (Switzerland)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type Details Date created Date added Peer reviewed? Patient-facing?

Participant information sheet

Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 No