Building on Existing Tools to Improve Chronic Disease Prevention in Family Practice: The Better Project

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Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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Type(s)

Scientific

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Protocol serial number

2.0

Study information

Scientific Title

The use of patient- and practice-level interventions to improve chronic disease prevention in family practice: A pragmatic randomised controlled trial

Acronym

BETTER

Study objectives

- 1. In a family practice group setting, to determine if a patient-centred prevention and screening intervention by a well-trained health professional, for adults aged 40 to 65, is effective.
- 2. In a family practice group setting, to determine if a practice-centred intervention is effective.
- 3. To determine if either the patient-centred or practice-centred interventions are cost-effective.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

- 1. University of Alberta Research Ethics Board, 08/04/2010
- 2. Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board, 31/05/2010, ref: #10-024

Study design

Pragmatic randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Chronic disease prevention - specifically cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases

Interventions

- 1. Patient-level intervention with a trained health care professional during which a plan will be developed for the patient. All recommendations and discussions will be based on the 'BETTER' prevention and screening manoeuvers that are evidence-based best practice manoeuvers.
- 2. Practice-level intervention will involve a trained Practice Facilitator who will develop a plan for the practice that will focus on how to optimise the use of existing information tools and resources.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

The Summary Quality Index (SQUID), measured at 6 months

A reliable and valid composite measure to track quality of care among primary care practice patients that use an electronic medical record (EMR). The primary analysis will be a comparison between the SQUID of the intervention group and the SQUID of the control group.

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Assessment of the impact of the intervention in improving the quality of care, comparison made from baseline to 6 months follow-up (intervention group only)
- 2. Economic evaluation to examine the cost-effectiveness of the interventions Outcomes will be measured at 12 months.

Completion date

01/03/2012

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Strata 1:
- 1.1. Adult patients of the participating Family Physicians who are between the ages of 40 and 65, inclusive
- 1.2. Written informed consent to participate in the trial
- 2. Strata 2: Adults with moderate mental illness aged 40 to 65

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

Αll

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Patients who are unable to give written informed consent for reasons of language, literacy or competence
- 2. Patients who are not able to come to the family practice office
- 3. Off-site patients or non-active patients (no visit in the last 3 years) of the family physician

Date of first enrolment

01/07/2010

Date of final enrolment

01/03/2012

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Canada

Study participating centre

500 University Ave.

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (Canada)

ROR

https://ror.org/0488wxv90

Funder(s)

Funder type

Charity

Funder Name

Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (Canada)

Funder Name

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

Alternative Name(s)

Heart and Stroke Foundation, Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada, Heart & Stroke, Fondation des maladies du cœur et de l'AVC, Fondation des Maladies du Cœur du Canada, Fondation des maladies du cœur et de l'AVC du Canada, HSFC, HSF

Funding Body Type

Government organisation

Funding Body Subtype

Trusts, charities, foundations (both public and private)

Location

Canada

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summaryNot provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	22/01/2014	Yes	No
Results article	results	01/01/2017	Yes	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025 11/11/2025	No	Yes