

DECIDE WP3: Disseminating evidence based guidelines to public and patients

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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

A lot of effort is put on the production of clinical guidelines, however the challenge is with putting them into practice. They are generally developed with health professionals in mind, but patients also need good quality sources of evidence to help them make decisions about their healthcare. It is challenging to write patient versions of guidelines that patients can engage with when making healthcare decisions. The EU funded project DECIDE has developed guidelines in presentation formats designed for the public. Here, we want to test these formats in the citizens' health portal Terveyskirjasto, which is produced by the publishing house of Duodecim, the Finnish Society of Physicians'. The objective of this trial is to compare the DECIDE patient versions to the traditional patient versions of guidelines used in the citizens' portal.

Who can participate?

Users of the Terveyskirjasto health portal.

What does the study involve?

Participants are randomly allocated into one of two groups. Those in group 1 are given access to the portals current patient guidelines. Those in group 2 are given access to the guidelines developed by DECIDE. All participants in the study record their experience by filling in a short survey.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

Not provided at time of registration.

Where is the study run from?

Duodecim Medical Publications Ltd. (Kustannus Oy Duodecim) (Finland)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

May 2015 to August 2015

Who is funding the study?

Duodecim Medical Publications Ltd. (Kustannus Oy Duodecim) (Finland)

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N/A

Study information

Scientific Title
DECIDE WP3: Disseminating evidence based guidelines to public and patients: a randomised controlled trial in citizens' health portal

Study objectives
Patients and public may be willing to make more evidence based decisions concerning health if they are provided with evidence based health information.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Helsinki University Central Hospital Coordinating Ethics Committee, ref: 209/13/03/00/2011

Study design
A randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design**Study setting(s)**

Not specified

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Participant information sheet**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Patient version of guidelines on various conditions and focusing on self-management of diseases in Finnish citizens' health portal Terveyskirjasto

Interventions

Users of the Terveyskirjasto health portal are randomised either to current patient versions or ones developed within DECIDE EU-project and with an explicit evidence summary

Intervention Type

Behavioural

Primary outcome measure

Compliance with guidelines

Secondary outcome measures

1. Understanding of the clinical issue
2. Usefulness of the patient version

Overall study start date

01/05/2015

Completion date

31/08/2015

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

Users of the citizens' health portal Terveyskirjasto, mostly public and patients, potentially also health professionals

Participant type(s)

All

Age group

All

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

500

Key exclusion criteria

None

Date of first enrolment

01/05/2015

Date of final enrolment

31/08/2015

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Finland

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Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan

This randomised controlled trial will be published as a scientific paper in a journal related to either implementation science or patient information. The results will also be disseminated by DECIDE, the research consortium and EU project to which this study belongs to. The paper will be drafted by the end of 2015 and published hopefully during 2016.

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request