

# Four year follow-up of a randomised controlled trial of joint protection for people with rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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## Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers

# Study information

## Scientific Title

### Study objectives

To evaluate the long-term effects of joint protection on health status of people with early rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

### Study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

Hospital

### Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Rheumatoid arthritis

### Interventions

Participants randomly allocated to:

1. Standard Arthritis Education Programme (AEP): 4 x 2 hour weekly programme of education and practical advice delivered by rheumatology team. Education based on standard practice, e. g., information about RA, drugs, exercise, joint protection, relaxation, pain management, benefits, diet.
2. Joint protection educational-behavioural programme: 4 x 2 hour weekly meetings. Specific training on joint protection (approx 5 hour practical). Supported by information pack and patient workbook, goal setting, home programme.

### Intervention Type

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome measure**

Not provided at time of registration

**Secondary outcome measures**

Not provided at time of registration

**Overall study start date**

01/11/1999

**Completion date**

30/08/2000

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Adult patients with diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis
2. Wrist and or metacarpophalangeal joint disease currently or recently (within previous 6 months) affecting hand function
3. Currently experiencing hand pain on activity
4. Up to 5 years disease duration

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Target number of participants**

Not provided at time of registration

**Key exclusion criteria**

Not provided at time of registration

**Date of first enrolment**

01/11/1999

**Date of final enrolment**

30/08/2000

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

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<https://ror.org/02jkpm469>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Charity

**Funder Name**

Arthritis Research Campaign (UK)

# Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan  
Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

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?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	Results	01/08/2004		Yes	No