Modification of chronic oral nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug (NSAID) requirement; feasibility, patient benefit and costeffectiveness.

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Registration date 23/01/2004	Overall study status Completed	Statistical analysis plan		
		[X] Results		
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Plain English summary of protocol

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Protocol serial number 95XX2

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

The researchers will test the hypothesis that chronic oral NSAID requirement may be eliminated or reduced in the majority of community based patients by the use of simple, alternative management strategies.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Received from local medical ethics committee

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Osteoarthritis; regional locomotor pain

Interventions

Patients will be randomised, stratified according to joint or non-joint disorder, to receive either: 1. General advice on NSAIDs (group 1)

2. Reduced NSAIDs plus advice on alternative treatments for their painful locomotor condition (group 2). Group 2 patients will be asked to stop or at least reduce, their NSAID use. For each patient in group 2, appropriate alternative treatment options will be chosen from a defined list. A six week follow-up assessment will be made of which interventions were utilised.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Key secondary outcome(s))

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

31/03/1997

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Two general practices with computer generated register data will be invited to participate. Up to 260 patients receiving regular prescriptions for NSAIDs for regional locomotor pain will be identified according to the following criteria.

- 1. Adult (18 years or older, no upper age limit)
- 2. Oral NSAID prescriptions to cover at least 6 of the previous 12 months
- 3. Last prescription within 6 weeks of induction into study
- 4. Osteoarthritis or regional locomotor pain (e.g. shoulder lesion, neck pain, back pain) as the reason for prescription

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

Defined inflammatory arthritis (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosin spondylitis, gout), bone malignancy or non-locomotor pain as reason for prescription (obtained from GP records)

Date of first enrolment

01/10/1995

Date of final enrolment

31/03/1997

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre Rheumatology Unit Nottingham

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Sponsor information

Organisation

NHS R&D Regional Programme Register - Department of Health (UK)

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

NHS Executive Trent (UK)

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?
Results article	results	01/01/2002		Yes	No