

Improving quality of referral: a cost-effectiveness evaluation of clinical guidelines for infertility management across the interface

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

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Secondary identifying numbers

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

How do clinical guidelines affect the management of infertility in general practice? Clinical guidelines were developed locally by consensus and informed by available evidence. Their dissemination included educational meetings.

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

Pregnancy and childbirth: Pregnancy

Interventions

The guidelines were evaluated in a cluster randomised controlled trial (RCT). General practices in the intervention arm received the guidelines and those in the control arm were told they would receive them after one year.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome measure

1. The time from presentation to referral
2. Investigations completed in general practice
3. Number and content of hospital outpatient visits
4. The time to reach a management plan
5. Costs for referrals from the two groups

Secondary outcome measures

Not provided at time of registration

Overall study start date

01/01/1997

Completion date

31/12/2000

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

The sample comprised all general practices in Greater Glasgow Health Board Area (n = 621, at the beginning of the study). All referrals to each of five hospitals in Glasgow managing infertility were collected for one year.

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Adult

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

689

Key exclusion criteria

Not provided at time of registration

Date of first enrolment

01/01/1997

Date of final enrolment

31/12/2000

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Scotland

United Kingdom

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Record Provided by the NHS R&D 'Time-Limited' National Programme Register - Department of Health (UK)

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Sponsor type

Government

Website

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Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

NHS Primary and Secondary Care Interface National Research and Development Programme (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?
Results article	Results	26/05/2001		Yes	No