

# 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

**Protocol serial number**  
PSI02-09

## 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

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**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(s)**

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

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

**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

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

All

**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**

United Kingdom

Scotland

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

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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

## 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	26/05/2001		Yes	No