

A multi-centre community intervention trial to evaluate the clinical and cost effectiveness of Emergency Care Practitioners

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number

SDO/98/2005

Study information

Scientific Title

Acronym

NEECaP (National Evaluation of Emergency Care Practitioners schemes)

Study objectives

Aims:

1. To evaluate the appropriateness, quality and safety of care of Emergency Care Practitioners (ECPs)
2. To evaluate patient satisfaction and health outcomes after care given by ECPs
3. To examine the impact of ECP schemes on existing staff in emergency and unscheduled care services by assessing the impact of the new role on ECPs, other health care providers and managers
4. To evaluate the costs associated with integrating ECPs into the existing workforce
5. To examine the service level impact of ECPs on emergency and unscheduled care service performance

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Multicentre Research Ethics Committee (MREC) for Scotland on 23/03/2006 (ref: 06/MRE00/20)

Study design

Pragmatic multicentre community intervention trial (using mixed methods).

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Emergency Care

Interventions

Emergency care practitioner schemes intended to provide alternative care for patients in emergency and unscheduled care settings, versus care as usual.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

Patient outcomes:

1. Experiences and satisfaction
2. Patient health status
3. Quality and safety of care

Workforce outcomes:

1. Impact of the ECP roles on self and others

Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Effect of ECPs on overall performances of local service, strategic impact and economic evaluation
2. Consolidation of research methodologies for evaluating role substitution in health care, costs and system level impact

Completion date

01/07/2007

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

All patients who are eligible to be seen by an ECP and present to the appropriate service with a clinical condition that the ECP either actually manages or would manage if there was an ECP available will be included.

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Key exclusion criteria

Patients who are not eligible to be attended by an ECP.

Date of first enrolment

01/07/2006

Date of final enrolment

01/07/2007

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

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Sponsor information

Organisation

NHS Service Delivery and Organisation Research and Development programme (UK)

ROR

<https://ror.org/02wnqcb97>

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

NHS Service Delivery and Organisation Research and Development programme (UK) (ref: SDO/98 /2005)

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 | 01/04/2007 | | Yes | No |
| Results article | results | 01/01/2012 | | Yes | No |
| Results article | results | 01/04/2012 | | Yes | No |

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