

Pilot study: impact of gynaecological cancers leaflet in GP practices

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12750

Study information

Scientific Title
Evaluating the impact of a leaflet to raise awareness in women of symptoms of gynaecological cancers on consultation rates, use of diagnostic tests and referrals in primary care. A pilot study in GP practices

Study objectives

Gynaecological cancers have a combined incidence in women second only to breast cancer in the UK. Evidence shows that earlier diagnosis could reduce the survival gap between England and the European average. An information leaflet detailing the symptoms of gynaecological cancers and encouraging women to present to their GP has been developed. It aims to increase awareness and reduce help-seeking barriers, with the goal of reducing delay in presentation for gynaecological cancers. This study, funded by the National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative, evaluates the impact of sending this leaflet to women through their GP, on consultation rates, use of diagnostic tests and referral rates. The results will inform a future larger RCT, testing the impact of the leaflet more widely.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

12/EE/0231

Study design

Non-randomised interventional and observational; Design type: Diagnosis

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Diagnostic

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Topic: Primary Care Research Network for England; Subtopic: Not Assigned; Disease: All Diseases

Interventions

Women aged 40 years and over will be identified from the lists of nine GP practices (N~16250) and mailed the leaflet with a cover letter from their GP. Patients on the palliative care, mental health or oncology registers will be excluded. After the leaflet is sent out, any changes in attendance rates, relevant investigations ordered and referrals made in the six months following will be monitored, and compared to a similar period in the previous year. Women will not be approached during this study, but rather the outcome data will be collected and collated in anonymised form from the practice databases.

Intervention Type

Behavioural

Primary outcome(s)

Rates of relevant consultations.

Key secondary outcome(s))

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

30/04/2013

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

All women 40 years and over in nine GP practices across north west London

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

Female

Key exclusion criteria

Women on the palliative care, mental health or oncology registers at these practices

Date of first enrolment

25/06/2012

Date of final enrolment

30/04/2013

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre

City Community and Health Sciences

London

United Kingdom

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Sponsor information

Organisation

City University London (UK)

ROR

Funder(s)

Funder type

Charity

Funder Name

Cancer Research UK (UK)

Alternative Name(s)

CR_UK, Cancer Research UK - London, Cancer Research UK (CRUK), CRUK

Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype

Other non-profit organizations

Location

United Kingdom

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes