

# Advance care planning in advanced cancer - can it be achieved? A patient preference trial of a care planning discussion

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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## Additional identifiers

### Protocol serial number

N/A

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

Advance care planning in advanced cancer - can it be achieved? A patient preference trial of a care planning discussion

**Study objectives**

1. What is the acceptability and feasibility of a patient preference randomised controlled trial of an intervention to facilitate planning for end-of-life care?
2. Which outcomes are appropriate and measurable to assess the effectiveness of this intervention?

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Royal Free Hospital and Medical School Local Research Ethics Committee. Approved on 17.08.06, ref 06/Q501/93

**Study design**

Randomised controlled patient preference trial

**Primary study design**

Intentional

**Study type(s)**

Quality of life

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Cancer

**Interventions**

The intervention will consist of a one-to-one discussion with a trained mediator using a checklist of topic domains. Discussions will take place usually in participants' homes and last no more than one hour. Participants will be offered up to two further sessions with the mediator, to take place at a time of their choice. Discussions will be audio-taped and transcribed to examine the range and development of topics covered, how these change with time, and to ensure that the advisor has covered each domain as appropriate.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome(s)**

Change in scores on visual analogue scales measuring ability to discuss end-of-life planning with primary and secondary care professionals and close persons/members of the family

**Key secondary outcome(s))**

1. Completion of an advance directive
2. Psychological status
3. Satisfaction with care

**Completion date**

07/07/2008

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Have completed a primary course of treatment and still have clinically detectable, progressive, active disease
2. Are considered by the referring health professional to be well enough to complete the advance care planning discussion
3. Are over 18 years of age
4. Are able to give informed consent
5. Do not have psychotic illness
6. Speak and understand English (able to complete the questionnaires/interview)

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Total final enrolment**

77

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Have not completed a primary course of treatment and still have clinically detectable, progressive, active disease
2. Are not considered by the referring health professional to be well enough to complete the advance care planning discussion
3. Are under 18 years of age
4. Are unable to give informed consent
5. Have psychotic illness
6. Do not speak and understand English (able to complete the questionnaires/interview)

**Date of first enrolment**

15/01/2007

**Date of final enrolment**

07/07/2008

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

**Study participating centre**

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**

University College London (UK)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/02jx3x895>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Charity

**Funder Name**

Dimbleby Cancer Care (United Kingdom)

## Results and Publications

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**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	01/03/2011		Yes	No
<a href="#">Plain English results</a>		20/07/2011	29/03/2022	No	Yes