

# Improving the quality of information dermatologists receive from primary care: a multidisciplinary educational outreach

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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# Study information

## Scientific Title

Improving the quality of information dermatologists receive from primary care: a multidisciplinary educational outreach

## Study objectives

This study will investigate whether General Practitioners and Primary Care Nurses who take part in a multidisciplinary educational outreach intervention, designed to foster observational skills, display an increased accuracy of identification of diagnostic features in images of pigmented skin lesions. It will assess the feasibility of delivering such an intervention in primary care. Any improvement in observational skills would have direct implications for the quality of information received by dermatologists from primary care, with the potential to allow for improved prioritisation of out-patient appointments, and shorter waiting times for patients with potentially cancerous skin lesions.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

## Study design

Practice level-randomised controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

GP practice

## Study type(s)

Other

## Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use contact details to request a participant information sheet

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

Dermatologist training; developing observational skills

## Interventions

12 practices will be randomised to either:

1. Intervention group (educational outreach)
2. Control group

### **Intervention Type**

Other

### **Phase**

Not Specified

### **Primary outcome measure**

This pilot project, based in primary care, addresses the national priority of Cancer Service Provision, and focuses on the importance of the flow of good information from primary care to secondary care, when referrals of suspicious skin lesions are made. Whilst this study focuses on one area of clinical practice - dermatology referrals from primary to secondary care, it is anticipated that any improvements in observational skills would have widespread implications for clinical practice. It is anticipated that the clinical area of concern of this work be broadened in further studies.

### **Secondary outcome measures**

Not provided at time of registration

### **Overall study start date**

13/02/2003

### **Completion date**

12/02/2004

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

12 General Practices in Camden, Islington, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey

### **Participant type(s)**

Health professional

### **Age group**

Adult

### **Sex**

Both

### **Target number of participants**

12

### **Key exclusion criteria**

Does not meet inclusion criteria

### **Date of first enrolment**

13/02/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

12/02/2004

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

England

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Department of Health

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**Sponsor type**

Government

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## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Research council

**Funder Name**

## 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