

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

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Study information

Scientific Title

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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

Study type(s)

Other

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(s)

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.

Key secondary outcome(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

12/02/2004

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

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

Participant type(s)

Health professional

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

All

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**

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre

Royal Free and University College Medical School

London

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Department of Health

Funder(s)

Funder type

Research council

Funder Name

North Central London Research Consortium (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration