

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

**Submission date**

30/09/2004

**Recruitment status**

No longer recruiting

☐ Prospectively registered

☐ Protocol

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30/09/2004

**Overall study status**

Completed

☐ Statistical analysis plan

☐ Results

**Last Edited**

18/07/2016

**Condition category**

Skin and Connective Tissue Diseases

☐ Individual participant data

☐ Record updated in last year

**Plain English summary of protocol**

Not provided at time of registration

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**Type(s)**

Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**

N0530128900

## 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

**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

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes