

# Evaluation of an evidence-based guidance on the reduction of physical restraints in nursing homes

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**EudraCT/CTIS number**

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**Secondary identifying numbers**

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Evaluation of an evidence-based guidance on the reduction of physical restraints in nursing homes: a cluster-randomised controlled trial

### Acronym

EBAGRAP

### Study objectives

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the clinical efficacy and safety of an intervention programme based on an evidence-based guidance on the reduction of physical restraints in nursing homes. We are specifically interested in whether the intervention can reduce the number of residents with at least one physical restraint at six months of follow-up.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

1. Ethics Committee of the Hamburg Chamber of Physicians approved on the 8th April 2009 (ref: PV3165)
2. Ethics Committee of the University of Witten/Herdecke approved on the 24th April 2009

### Study design

Cluster-randomised controlled trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

Other

### Study type(s)

Quality of life

### Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

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

Physical restraints in nursing homes

### Interventions

The intervention is based on an evidence-based guidance on the reduction of physical restraints in nursing homes, comprising 24 statements on relevant interventions to avoid physical

restraints. The intervention consists of a structured single information session of approximately 90 minutes for all nursing staff, provision of written information material for nurses, legal guardians and residents' relatives and a one-day training workshop for nominated nurses of each cluster, who will be responsible for all issues concerning physical restraints. Nurses in charge of the control group receive personal and written brief standard information on legal and scientific evidence on physical restraints and alternatives aimed to avoid measures.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome measure**

Number of residents with at least one physical restraint after six months of follow-up. Physical restraints are defined as any device, material or equipment attached to or near a person's body, which cannot be controlled easily or removed by the person and which deliberately prevents or is deliberately intended to prevent a person's free body movement to a position of choice. Prevalence data of physical restraints will be obtained by direct observation on three occasions on one day (morning, noon, evening) by trained external investigators, who are blinded to allocation of nursing homes. Data will be collected before randomisation, after three and after six months using a proven data collection instrument of a previous epidemiological study.

**Secondary outcome measures**

The number of falls and fall-related fractures. Nursing staff will document fall events within their in-house documentation system throughout the whole study period. If no documentation sheet for fall events exists it will be provided by the researchers. Data will be collected throughout the study period (6 months).

**Overall study start date**

15/04/2009

**Completion date**

31/05/2009

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

Nursing homes in the city of Hamburg and in surrounding cities of Witten/Herdecke with at least 20% of residents with physical restraints and at least 60 residents. All residents will be included.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Senior

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

36 nursing homes (approximately 3,000 residents)

**Key exclusion criteria**

Nursing homes with less than 20% of residents with physical restraints and less than 60 residents.

**Date of first enrolment**

15/04/2009

**Date of final enrolment**

31/05/2009

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

Germany

**Study participating centre**

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Bundesministerium Fur Bildung und Forschung [BMBF]) (Germany)

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### Funder type

Government

### Funder Name

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Bundesministerium Fur Bildung und Forschung [BMBF]) (Germany)

### Funder Name

Northern Germany Nursing Research Network (Germany) (ref: University of Hamburg: 01GT0605, University of Witten/Herdecke: 01GT0808)

## 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

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Protocol article</a>	protocol	07/09/2009		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	23/05/2012		Yes	No