

# A Question Prompt Sheet for patients attending an epilepsy clinic

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
Version 3/January 2009

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
A randomised controlled trial of a Question Prompt Sheet for patients attending an epilepsy clinic

**Acronym**

QPS Study

**Study objectives**

To identify whether for patients presenting to an epilepsy clinic use of a question prompt sheet leads to an increase in patients' perceptions of clinician empathy.

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

North West Wales Ethics Committee, January 2009, ref: 07/WNo01/42

**Study design**

Single centre randomised controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Quality of life

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

Epilepsy

**Interventions**

The intervention is a Question Prompt sheet. The Prompt sheet briefly explains to patients that it may be helpful for them to consider what questions they want to ask at their consultation before they come to the clinic. It will encourage them to identify questions and to ask these in their consultation. It will provide examples of 'frequently asked questions' that patients may want to ask. The Prompt sheet will be piloted in advance to ensure readability. In addition, the clinicians will receive three one hour training sessions on general communication skills and answering patients' questions.

Both intervention and control patients will get a package providing general information about the epilepsy clinic.

The study materials will be posted to patients two weeks before their appointment at the clinic. Data will be collected when the patients consult and at four weeks after their consultation.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome(s)**

Patient perception of clinician empathy, measured immediately after consultation.

**Key secondary outcome(s))**

1. Patient anxiety, measured with the Short Form Spielberger State Anxiety Scale before, immediately after and 4 weeks after the consultation
2. Patient satisfaction, measured immediately after the consultation
3. Patient enablement, measured 4 weeks after the consultation
4. Patient quality of life, measured using the QOL in Epilepsy Scale 4 weeks after the consultation

**Completion date**

01/04/2010

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Patients aged 16 years and over (either sex) attending the epilepsy clinic

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

16 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. On attending the clinic, they appear unable to understand the study materials (in English or Welsh)
2. Too ill to take part in the study

**Date of first enrolment**

01/04/2009

**Date of final enrolment**

01/04/2010

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

Wales

**Study participating centre**  
**Department of Primary Care and Public Health**  
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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**  
Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust (UK)

**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/0489f6q08>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
Industry

**Funder Name**  
UCB Pharma Ltd (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