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Telehomecare In Palliation Study (TIPS): a randomized controlled trial comparing the efficacy of telehomecare versus standard homecare for palliative oncology patients and their caregivers

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Registration date 18/04/2006	**Overall study status** Completed	[ ] Statistical analysis plan [ ] Results
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Plain English summary of protocol
Not provided at time of registration

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PHCTF-G03-02803

Study information

Scientific Title
Telehomecare In Palliation Study (TIPS): a randomized controlled trial comparing the efficacy of telehomecare versus standard homecare for palliative oncology patients and their caregivers

Acronym
TIPS

Study objectives
The number of hospital days for eligible palliative patients would be decreased by at least 30% for those patients who receive telehomecare versus those who receive standard care in the community

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Approved by Mount Sinai Research Ethics Board, 8th September 2004, reference number: 04-0187-E

Study design
Randomized controlled trial

Primary study design
Interventional

Secondary study design
Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)
Not specified

Study type(s)
Treatment

Participant information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Palliative oncology

Interventions
Intervention: telehomecare equipment including videophones, blood pressure measurement devices, pulse oximeters, and stethoscopes placed in patient homes, operated remotely by registered nurses, physicians, and case managers. Face to face visits also provided.

Control: standard homecare.

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Specified

Primary outcome measure
Utilization of acute care services

Secondary outcome measures
1. Quality of life (patient and family caregiver)
2. Pain and symptom management (patient)
3. General health status (family caregiver)
4. Satisfaction (patient, family caregiver, health care professional)

Overall study start date
18/10/2004

Completion date
30/04/2006

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Newly referred to palliative care
2. Cancer diagnosis
3. Over 18 years of age
4. English speaking
5. Someone in the home able to operate the telehomecare equipment
6. Three pronged outlet in home
7. Digital Subscriber Line provision possible

Participant type(s)
Patient

Age group
Adult

Lower age limit
18 Years

Sex
Both

Target number of participants
300

Key exclusion criteria
Life expectancy <2 weeks upon referral as evidenced by a palliative performance scale (PPS) score of 20% or less

Date of first enrolment
18/10/2004

Date of final enrolment
30/04/2006

Locations

Countries of recruitment
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Funder(s)

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Primary Health Care Transition Fund PHCTF-G03-02803

Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan
2006 results presented at Med-e-Tel Conference 2006 (https://www.medetel.eu/download/2006/parallel_sessions/presentation/0407/Abernathy.pdf) and (https://www.isfteh.org/files/media/eHealth_book_2006_1.pdf).

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration