

# Evaluation of a national quality improvement program to overcome barriers to using performance data in intensive care medicine

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**Secondary identifying numbers**

N/A

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Evaluation of a national quality improvement program to overcome barriers to using performance data in intensive care medicine: A cluster randomised controlled trial

### Acronym

InFoQI (Information Feedback on Quality Indicators)

### Study objectives

Giving intensive care units (ICUs) more detailed information on their performance, supporting them with interpretation of these performance data and supporting them with formulating quality improvement actions will lead to higher quality of intensive care compared to only sending ICUs a standard feedback report containing less detailed information on their performance

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

We sought advice from the Medical Ethics Board of the Academic Medical Center (Amsterdam, the Netherlands) and were told that approval was not necessary as the study does not interfere with the conventional care process.

### Study design

Clustered randomised controlled trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Cluster randomised trial

### Study setting(s)

Hospital

### Study type(s)

Other

### 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

Quality improvement in intensive care medicine

### Interventions

Intensive care units participating in InFoQI establish a local multidisciplinary quality improvement team, consisting of at least one intensivist and one ICU nurse. The team's main tasks are to formulate a quality improvement action plan based on their baseline performance indicator data and to monitor their performance using monthly and quarterly feedback reports. The team is supported in these tasks by facilitators during two educational outreach visits - and by phone and e-mail. The facilitators promote the use of the PDSA cycle to guide organisational changes.

Participating ICUs were followed during one year.

## **Intervention Type**

Other

## **Phase**

Not Applicable

## **Primary outcome measure**

1. Clinical:

ICU length of stay

2. Non-clinical:

Proportion of shifts with a bed occupancy of 100% or more

## **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Clinical:

1.1. Hospital mortality of ICU patients

1.2. Respiration duration

2. Non-clinical:

Proportion of shifts with a nurse-to-patient ratio below 0.5

## **Overall study start date**

01/01/2009

## **Completion date**

01/02/2011

# **Eligibility**

## **Key inclusion criteria**

Intensive Care Units that are able to provide their performance data to the national comparative quality registry on intensive care medicine in the Netherlands (NICE registry) and have at least one intensivist and one ICU nurse available for a minimum of four hours per month each. Informed consent was signed by the ICU management before randomisation.

## **Participant type(s)**

Health professional

## **Age group**

Adult

## **Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

30 ICUs

**Key exclusion criteria**

Intensive Care Units that did not meet the inclusion criteria

**Date of first enrolment**

01/01/2009

**Date of final enrolment**

01/02/2011

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Netherlands

**Study participating centre**

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University/education

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Charity

**Organisation**

Academic Medical Center

**Sponsor details**

**Sponsor type**

Not defined

**Website**

<https://www.amc.nl/web/Zorg.htm>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/03t4gr691>

**Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**Funder Name**

Academic Medical Centre (Netherlands) - Department of Medical Informatics

**Funder Name**

University of Tilburg (Netherlands) - Scientific Centre for Transformation in Care and Welfare

**Funder Name**

NICE Foundation, Amsterdam (Netherlands)

## 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	24/10/2011		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	08/07/2015		Yes	No