

# A multi-centre study to evaluate community hospital care for older people

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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# Study information

## Scientific Title

## Acronym

The 'PATCH' study

## Study objectives

1. Do older people transferred to a community hospital obtain and maintain a greater degree of functional independence?
2. Is carer burden and strain reduced?
3. Is the patient and carer experience more favourable?
4. Are the "whole system" costs (Health and Social Services combined) comparable or less with the community hospital model of care?

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Medical Research Ethics Committee (MREC) approval gained on 1/3/35.

Approval also gained from the following boards:

1. East Cumbria LREC (no reference number).
2. South Birmingham LREC (reference number: 5787M).
3. Northallerton LREC (no reference number).
4. York LREC (reference number: 01/08/012).

## Study design

A mixed methods design incorporating a single 'blind', randomised, prospective multi-centre trial implemented in five study locations

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Quality of life

## Participant information sheet

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

All older patients admitted to the department of elderly care.

## Interventions

Intervention group: post-acute care in a community hospital providing a multi-disciplinary rehabilitation approach

Control group: extended general hospital stay with multi-disciplinary care

### **Intervention Type**

Other

### **Phase**

Not Specified

### **Primary outcome measure**

1. Patient: Nottingham Extended Activities of Daily Living Scale
2. Carer: General Health Questionnaire 28

### **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Patient:
  - a. Barthel Index
  - b. Nottingham Health Profile
  - c. Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale
  - d. Euroqol (EQ5D)scale
  - e. service satisfaction
  - f. mortality
  - g. discharge destination
  - h. resource use
2. Carer: Carer Strain Index

### **Overall study start date**

01/03/2000

### **Completion date**

01/03/2003

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

All patients (casualty and direct from general practitioner) admitted to the participating departments of elderly care with a postcode address corresponding to the locality served by the seven Community Hospitals will be eligible for inclusion to the trial.

The patient must be sufficiently medically stable for the non-district general hospital care to be clinically appropriate.

### **Participant type(s)**

Patient

### **Age group**

Senior

### **Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

500

**Key exclusion criteria**

Acutely ill or medically unstable patients will be excluded.

**Date of first enrolment**

01/03/2000

**Date of final enrolment**

01/03/2003

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre**

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## **Sponsor information**

**Organisation**

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**Sponsor type**

Government

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<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/default.cfm>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/03c1etk80>

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Government

## Funder Name

Department of Health/Medical Research Council (reference number: 1217509) under the umbrella of the National Intermediate Care Evaluation Programme - part of the department's policy research programme to support the national service framework for older people: the Older People and Unscheduled care Services group (OPUS) programme.

# 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="#">Results article</a>		01/12/2007		Yes	No
<a href="#">Other publications</a>		01/09/2008		Yes	No