Danish Alzheimer Intervention StudY

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Type(s)

Scientific

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Protocol serial number N/A

Study information

Scientific Title

Acronym

Study objectives

That early social support, education, and counselling for patients with Alzheimers Disease (AD) is cost-effective and improves quality of life and reduces depressive symptoms in patients and caregivers.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Local Ethics Research Board approved on February 27, 2004 (reference number: KF 02-005/04).

Study design

Multi-center, single-blind, controlled randomised trial.

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Dementia and Alzheimer's disease

Interventions

- 1. Individualised counselling meetings (fixed and open agendas):
- 1.1. two meetings with patient and carer (on initiation and towards the end of the intervention),
- 1.2. two meetings with patient,
- 1.3. two meetings with carer,
- 1.4. one meeting with patient, carer, and family network.
- 2. Teaching course for patients, approximately 12 participants, five scheduled sessions, including at each session:
- 2.1. information about key issues, supported by written information, fixed and open agenda,
- 2.2. support group activity.
- 3. Teaching course for carers (will take place simultaneously with course for patients, in a separate location), approximately 12 participants, five scheduled sessions, including at each session:
- 3.1 formalised teaching course (centralised program, local teachers),
- 3.2. support group activity.
- 4. Telephone counselling: follow-up phone call from project coordinator to patient/carer every two to four weeks.
- 5. Log-book to be kept by patient and carer (separate books), may be used at counselling visits to set the agenda. To be kept by patient/carer.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

- 1. Patient:
- 1.1. depressive symptoms (Cornells depression scale)
- 1.2. proxy rated health related quality of life (Euro-QoL VAS)
- 1.3. MMSE
- 2. Caregiver:
- 2.1. depressive symptoms (Geriatric Depression Scale, GDS-30)
- 2.2. health related quality of life (Euro-QoL VAS)

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Health related quality of life in patient (patient and proxy rated EuroQoL 5D and VAS, and Quality of life Alzheimers disease scale QOL-AD)
- 2. Health related quality of life in caregiver (EuroQoL 5D and VAS)
- 3. Behavioral symptoms: Neuropsychiatric Inventory Questionnaire (NPI-Q)
- 4. Activities of daily living (ADCS-ADL)
- 5. Insight scale
- 6. Resource utilisation in patient and carer (Resource Utilisation in Dementia, RUD)
- 7. Registry-based assessment of health care utilisation and key social and health related events during 12 months before inclusion and during follow-up time (minimum five years):
- 7.1. time to nursing home, placement and death
- 7.2. number of in-patient and out patient contacts in patient and carer
- 7.3. co-morbidity in patient and carer
- 8. Patient and carer satisfaction with intervention, public services and network questionnaire
- 9. Patient and carer knowledge and attitudes about key issues in dementia questionnaire

Completion date

21/08/2009

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Progressing degenerative dementia (meeting international criteria for either probable AD, mixed AD/Vascular Dementia [VaD], or Dementia with Lewy Bodies [DLB])
- 2. Diagnosis established or confirmed by central specialist unit (memory clinic) in each center
- 3. Diagnosed within 12 months prior to inclusion
- 4. Aged above 50 years
- 5. Mild dementia: Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) score of more than 20
- 6. Primary caregiver (with close contact) who are willing to participate
- 7. Living at home
- 8. Sufficient language proficiency in Danish for adequate participation in counselling, interviews and tests
- 9. Informed consent from patient and caregiver

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Senior

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Severe somatic or psychiatric co-morbidity, including impaired hearing or vision, which will significantly impair cooperation to the program
- 2. Participation in other intervention studies at inclusion or during the study will not be allowed

Date of first enrolment

01/03/2004

Date of final enrolment

21/08/2009

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Denmark

Study participating centre Department of Neurology

Copenhagen Denmark 2100

Sponsor information

Organisation

Memory Disorders Research Group (Denmark)

ROR

https://ror.org/03mchdq19

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

The National Board of Social Services

Funder Name

The Danish Ministry of Social Affairs

Funder Name

The Ministry of Health

Funder Name

The Danish Health Foundation

Funder Name

The Hospital Cooperation for Copenhagen

Funder Name

The Danish Alzheimer Foundation

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?
Results article	results	25/11/2009		Yes	No
Results article	results	17/07/2012		Yes	No
Other publications		22/12/2010		Yes	No
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes