# The impact of implementation intentions in changing complex health-related behaviours in order to prevent weight gain: the case of physical activity

| Recruitment status No longer recruiting | Prospectively registered                              |  |  |
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|   | ☐ Protocol  |  |  |
| Overall study status                    | Statistical analysis plan                             |  |  |
| Completed                               | [X] Results   |  |  |
| Condition category                      | [] Individual participant data                        |  |  |
|   | No longer recruiting  Overall study status  Completed |  |  |

# Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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# Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS** number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

# Secondary identifying numbers

**NTR620** 

# Study information

#### Scientific Title

The impact of implementation intentions in changing complex health-related behaviours in order to prevent weight gain: the case of physical activity

# **Study objectives**

We hypothesised that forming implementation intentions (II) may increase levels of physical activity.

# Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

# Ethics approval(s)

Received from the local medical ethics committee

# Study design

Randomised controlled parallel group trial

# Primary study design

Interventional

# Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

# Study setting(s)

Not specified

# Study type(s)

Prevention

# Participant information sheet

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

No condition, healthy person

#### Interventions

Participants were randomly assigned to one of four conditions:

- 1. Control group
- 2. Forming single implementation intentions for walking
- 3. Forming implementation intentions for self-selected activities
- 4. Forming repeated implementation intentions for self-selected activities

At the end of the pretest questionnaire, all participants were asked to increase their physical activity with at least two hours per week. The participants in the II groups (group 2, 3 and 4) were additionally asked to write down:

1. What activity they were planning to do

- 2. What day(s) they were planning to do this activity
- 3. When they were planning the activity (e.g. before or after work)
- 4. Where they would do the selected activity (e.g. in the park)
- 5. What time they would spent doing the activity

This exact procedure was employed at three moments for participants in the repeated II condition (group 4) and at pretest with respect to walking instead of self-selected activities for the single II for walking group (group 2). Forming implementation intentions took about ten minutes.

#### Intervention Type

Other

#### Phase

**Not Specified** 

#### Primary outcome measure

Post-tests took place two weeks, three months and six months post-intervention and included measures of body mass index (BMI), physical activity, and cognitions.

# Secondary outcome measures

No secondary outcome measures

# Overall study start date

01/03/2004

# Completion date

01/09/2005

# **Eligibility**

# Key inclusion criteria

Adults aged between 18 and 65 years.

# Participant type(s)

**Patient** 

# Age group

Adult

# Lower age limit

18 Years

#### Sex

Both

# Target number of participants

709

#### Total final enrolment

709

# Key exclusion criteria

Does not comply with the above inclusion criteria

#### Date of first enrolment

01/03/2004

#### Date of final enrolment

01/09/2005

# Locations

#### Countries of recruitment

Netherlands

# Study participating centre Erasmus Medical Center

Rotterdam Netherlands 3000 CA

# Sponsor information

# Organisation

Erasmus University Medical Center

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#### Sponsor type

University/education

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#### **ROR**

https://ror.org/018906e22

# Funder(s)

# Funder type

# Research organisation

#### **Funder Name**

ZonMw

# Alternative Name(s)

Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development

# **Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

# **Funding Body Subtype**

Other non-profit organizations

#### Location

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? |
|-----------------|---------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Results article | results | 06/03/2009   | 06/01/2021 | Yes            | No              |