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DECIDE WP3: Disseminating evidence based guidelines to public and patients

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23/05/2015	Completed	[ ] Results
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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims
A lot of effort is put on the production of clinical guidelines, however the challenge is with putting them into practice. They are generally developed with health professionals in mind, but patients also need good quality sources of evidence to help them make decisions about their healthcare. It is challenging to write patient versions of guidelines that patients can engage with when making healthcare decisions. The EU funded project DECIDE has developed guidelines in presentation formats designed for the public. Here, we want to test these formats in the citizens' health portal Terveyskirjasto, which is produced by the publishing house of Duodecim, the Finnish Society of Physicians'. The objective of this trial is to compare the DECIDE patient versions to the traditional patient versions of guidelines used in the citizens' portal.

Who can participate?
Users of the Terveyskirjasto health portal.

What does the study involve?
Participants are randomly allocated into one of two groups. Those in group 1 are given access to the portals current patient guidelines. Those in group 2 are given access to the guidelines developed by DECIDE. All participants in the study record their experience by filling in a short survey.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?
Not provided at time of registration.

Where is the study run from?
Duodecim Medical Publications Ltd. (Kustannus Oy Duodecim) (Finland)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?
May 2015 to August 2015

Who is funding the study?
Duodecim Medical Publications Ltd. (Kustannus Oy Duodecim) (Finland)

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Study information

Scientific Title
DECIDE WP3: Disseminating evidence based guidelines to public and patients: a randomised controlled trial in citizens' health portal

Study objectives
Patients and public may be willing to make more evidence based decisions concerning health if they are provided with evidence based health information.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Helsinki University Central Hospital Coordinating Ethics Committee, ref: 209/13/03/00/2011

Primary study design
Interventional

Study design
A randomised controlled trial

Study type(s)
Not Specified

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Patient version of guidelines on various conditions and focusing on self-management of diseases in Finnish citizens' health portal Terveyskirjasto

Interventions
Users of the Terveyskirjasto health portal are randomised either to current patient versions or ones developed within DECIDE EU-project and with an explicit evidence summary

Intervention Type
Behavioural

Primary outcome(s)
Compliance with guidelines

Key secondary outcome(s)
1. Understanding of the clinical issue
2. Usefulness of the patient version

Completion date
31/08/2015

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
Users of the citizens' health portal Terveyskirjasto, mostly public and patients, potentially also health professionals

Participant type(s)
All

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
All

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria
None

Date of first enrolment
01/05/2015

Date of final enrolment
31/08/2015

Locations

Countries of recruitment
Finland

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Sponsor information

Organisation
Duodecim Medical Publications Ltd. (Kustannus Oy Duodecim)

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Funder(s)

Funder type
Industry

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Duodecim Medical Publications Ltd. (Kustannus Oy Duodecim)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Available on request