

# Orthopaedic outpatient departments: an evaluation of the appropriateness, effectiveness, cost-effectiveness and patient satisfaction associated with the assessment and management of defined referrals by physiotherapists.

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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**Protocol serial number**  
PSI03-31

# Study information

## Scientific Title

### Study objectives

To evaluate the perceived appropriateness, the effectiveness and the cost-effectiveness of specially-trained physiotherapists in the assessment and management of defined referrals to hospital orthopaedic departments.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study type(s)

Other

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

Other musculoskeletal disease

### Interventions

Initial assessment and management undertaken by post-Fellowship junior staff and clinical assistant orthopaedic surgeons, or by specially trained physiotherapists working in an extended role (orthopaedic physiotherapy specialists).

### Intervention Type

Other

### Phase

Not Applicable

### Primary outcome(s)

Patient-centred measures of pain, functional disability and perceived handicap.

### Key secondary outcome(s)

Not provided at time of registration

### Completion date

31/07/1998

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

481 patients with musculo-skeletal problems referred by their GPs for specialist orthopaedic opinion.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Patients < 18 years old

**Date of first enrolment**

01/09/1995

**Date of final enrolment**

31/07/1998

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

**Study participating centre**

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

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# Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
Government

## Funder Name

NHS Primary and Secondary Care Interface National Research and Development Programme (UK)

# 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?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/10/1999		Yes	No