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Improving quality of referral: a cost-effectiveness evaluation of clinical guidelines for infertility management across the interface

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23/01/2004

Recruitment status
No longer recruiting

Registration date
23/01/2004

Overall study status
Completed

Last Edited
13/10/2014

Condition category
Pregnancy and Childbirth

[_] Prospectively registered
[_] Protocol
[_] Statistical analysis plan
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[_] Individual participant data

Plain English summary of protocol
Not provided at time of registration

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Type(s)
Scientific

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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number
PSI02-09

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives
How do clinical guidelines affect the management of infertility in general practice? Clinical guidelines were developed locally by consensus and informed by available evidence. Their dissemination included educational meetings.

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)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Pregnancy and childbirth: Pregnancy

Interventions
The guidelines were evaluated in a cluster randomised controlled trial (RCT). General practices in the intervention arm received the guidelines and those in the control arm were told they would receive them after one year.

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)
1. The time from presentation to referral
2. Investigations completed in general practice
3. Number and content of hospital outpatient visits
4. The time to reach a management plan
5. Costs for referrals from the two groups

Key secondary outcome(s)
Not provided at time of registration

Completion date
31/12/2000

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
The sample comprised all general practices in Greater Glasgow Health Board Area (n = 621,at the beginning of the study). All referrals to each of five hospitals in Glasgow managing infertility were collected for one year.

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria
Not provided at time of registration

Date of first enrolment
01/01/1997

Date of final enrolment
31/12/2000

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

Scotland

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Sponsor information

Organisation
Record Provided by the NHS R&D 'Time-Limited' National Programme Register - Department of Health (UK)

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?
Results article	Results	26/05/2001		Yes	No