

Towards appropriate outpatient follow-up of patients with chronic disease

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Plain English summary of protocol
Not provided at time of registration

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Protocol serial number
PSI05-11

Study information

Scientific Title

Acronym

OPFUS

Study objectives

The aim of the study was to evaluate open access as a means of following-up patients with chronic, relapsing, inflammatory bowel disease. The study sought to establish the clinical impact and cost effectiveness of open access follow-up in outpatients of patients with chronic disease, using inflammatory bowel disease as the exemplar.

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

Inflammatory bowel disease

Interventions

1. Open access follow-up in outpatients
2. Standard care

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

1. Generic (36-item Short Form Health Survey [SF-36]) and disease-specific (UK Inflammatory Bowel Disease Questionnaire [UKIBDQ]) quality of life measured at six-monthly intervals for two years
2. Number of primary and secondary care contacts
3. Total resource use
4. Views of patients and general practitioners (GPs)

Key secondary outcome(s)

No secondary outcome measures

Completion date

01/07/1999

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

180 adult patients (78 Crohn's disease, 77 ulcerative or indeterminate colitis, 25 ulcerative or idiopathic proctitis recruited from outpatient clinics between October 1995 and November 1996:

1. Aged over 18 years, either sex
2. Inactive or mildly active but stable inflammatory bowel disease

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 Years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

1. Active disease requiring treatment
2. Stoma
3. Other disease which required regular follow up
4. Unable to comply with data collection

Date of first enrolment

01/04/1995

Date of final enrolment

01/07/1999

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

Wales

Study participating centre

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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	26/02/2000		Yes	No