

A controlled trial of shared care for chronic rheumatoid arthritis

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Registration date 23/01/2004	Overall study status Completed	☐ Protocol
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		☒ Results
		☐ Individual participant data

Plain English summary of protocol
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Study information

Scientific Title
A controlled trial of shared care for chronic rheumatoid arthritis

Study objectives

To determine whether, in an open access system of shared care of patients with established rheumatoid arthritis who have open access to hospital review, there will be:

1. An improvement in the clinical and psychological outcome
2. A reduction in the use of health care resources
3. A preference for shared care over routine care

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from United Bristol Health Care Trust Research Ethics Committee.

Primary study design

Interventional

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Rheumatoid arthritis

Interventions

1. Shared care
2. Standard hospital care

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

1. Clinical and psychological status:

- 1.1. Pain
- 1.2. Disease activity
- 1.3. Disability
- 1.4. Grip strength
- 1.5. Range of movement
- 1.6. Articular index
- 1.7. Plasma viscosity
- 1.8. Serum C-reactive protein
- 1.9. Haemoglobin and hand x-ray
- 1.10. Helplessness
- 1.11. Anxiety
- 1.12. Depression
- 1.13. Self efficacy
- 1.14. Changes in medication

- 1.15. Days lost from work
2. Resource measures:
 - 2.1. Visits to health professionals
 - 2.2. Use of transport
3. Satisfaction measures: patient and GP satisfaction with and confidence in the system of care
4. Safety net monitoring: a blind assessor reviewed three-monthly questionnaires to provide a 'safety net' against deterioration while not attending follow-up

Key secondary outcome(s)

Not provided at time of registration.

Completion date

05/07/1999

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Consecutive patients with established rheumatoid arthritis according to standard criteria attending a follow up outpatient clinic.

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Total final enrolment

209

Key exclusion criteria

Does not comply with above inclusion criteria.

Date of first enrolment

01/04/1995

Date of final enrolment

05/07/1999

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

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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

Not provided at time of registration

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		01/09/2000		Yes	No
Results article		01/03/2003		Yes	No
Results article		22/01/2005		Yes	No