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A Question Prompt Sheet for patients attending an epilepsy clinic

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Study information

Scientific Title
A randomised controlled trial of a Question Prompt Sheet for patients attending an epilepsy clinic

Acronym
QPS Study

Study objectives
To identify whether for patients presenting to an epilepsy clinic use of a question prompt sheet leads to an increase in patients' perceptions of clinician empathy.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
North West Wales Ethics Committee, January 2009, ref: 07/WNo01/42

Primary study design
Interventional

Study design
Single centre randomised controlled trial

Study type(s)
Quality of life

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

Interventions
The intervention is a Question Prompt sheet. The Prompt sheet briefly explains to patients that it may be helpful for them to consider what questions they want to ask at their consultation before they come to the clinic. It will encourage them to identify questions and to ask these in their consultation. It will provide examples of 'frequently asked questions' that patients may want to ask. The Prompt sheet will be piloted in advance to ensure readability. In addition, the clinicians will receive three one hour training sessions on general communication skills and answering patients' questions.

Both intervention and control patients will get a package providing general information about the epilepsy clinic.

The study materials will be posted to patients two weeks before their appointment at the clinic. Data will be collected when the patients consult and at four weeks after their consultation.

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)
Patient perception of clinician empathy, measured immediately after consultation.

Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Patient anxiety, measured with the Short Form Spielberger State Anxiety Scale before, immediately after and 4 weeks after the consultation
2. Patient satisfaction, measured immediately after the consultation
3. Patient enablement, measured 4 weeks after the consultation
4. Patient quality of life, measured using the QOL in Epilepsy Scale 4 weeks after the consultation

Completion date
01/04/2010

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
Patients aged 16 years and over (either sex) attending the epilepsy clinic

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Lower age limit
16 Years

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria
1. On attending the clinic, they appear unable to understand the study materials (in English or Welsh)
2. Too ill to take part in the study

Date of first enrolment
01/04/2009

Date of final enrolment
01/04/2010

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

Wales

Study participating centre
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Sponsor information

Organisation
Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust (UK)

ROR
https://ror.org/0489f6q08

Funder(s)

Funder type
Industry

Funder Name
UCB Pharma Ltd (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration