

Community Cardiovascular Health Awareness Program

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Plain English summary of protocol
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06-205

Study information

Scientific Title

Acronym

Study objectives

Community-based volunteer-operated, Cardiovascular Health Awareness Program (CHAP), with assessment of Blood Pressure (BP) and other Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) risk factors at pharmacy sessions, that are linked with Family Physicians (FPs) and pharmacists, can improve the cardiovascular health of older adults in Ontario communities, yielding a statistically and clinically significant reduction in the mean rate of hospital admissions (mean rate of change from the year preceding the program) for acute myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, and stroke (composite end point), for the entire population of residents 65 years and older during the year following implementation of CHAP, compared to control communities.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Final approval received from the Hamilton Health Sciences/McMaster University Faculty of Health Sciences Research Ethics Board on the 11th July 2006 (ref: 06-205).

Primary study design

Interventional

Study design

C-CHAP is a prospective stratified cluster randomised controlled trial to evaluate the effectiveness of CHAP in medium-sized communities across Ontario

Study type(s)

Quality of life

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Cardiovascular disease risk factors

Interventions

The community pharmacy sessions are weekday three-hour morning sessions over a ten-week period, which entail volunteer Peer Health Educators ensuring that accurate BP recordings and risk factor data are collected for delivery to FPs, pharmacists, and session participants, and providing patient-specific cardiovascular disease risk factor education. Older adult residents of the program communities are invited to attend at least two sessions over the course of the program. Multiple strategies are used to invite older adults to the CHAP sessions, including letters and hand-outs from their FPs, flyers and posters distributed throughout the community, and direct advertising through local media.

Participants' FPs receive immediate notification of BPs exceeding 180/120 mmHg (previously shown to occur in about 3% of cases), and a toll-free fax-to-database system is used to forward all other session results to FPs and pharmacists at the end of the ten-week program in the form of reports listing their patients by BP, treatment status, and cardiovascular risk. Pharmacists will be involved in consulting with patients as needed both during and outside of sessions about their medication (e.g. adherence, side effects) or related concerns. Pharmacists will document their interactions, assessments and recommendations for physicians using structured documentation forms. FPs will also receive aggregate-level comparative feedback six months later. Individual and aggregate session data and cardiovascular health resources will be available

to participants and their FPs and pharmacists via a secure, password-protected website (see www.chapprogram.ca).

The study is powered to detect a 21% reduction in the mean rate of hospital admission for acute myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, and stroke (the composite primary end-point) for residents 65 years of age and older during the year following implementation of CHAP in program compared to control communities, using routinely-collected, population-based data held at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES).

This trial is also being sponsored by:
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c/o Larry W Chambers
SCO Health Service
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Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

The primary outcome measure will look at change in the composite outcome for one year prior to the program to one year following the program, in intervention compared to control communities, using administrative data.

Key secondary outcome(s)

Process data will inform evaluation of the success of community mobilisation and program delivery in the intervention communities.

Process measures in the program communities include:

1. Assessment of the success of community mobilisation
2. Surveys of volunteers, family physicians, and pharmacists
3. Interviews with coordinators
4. Final reports from lead organisations
5. Learning from a debriefing workshop with all program community partners

This data is being collected during the six months following the ten-week program.

Completion date

01/03/2009

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

The 39 eligible communities vary in population size from 10,000 to 60,000, and were stratified by population aged 65+ and geographic location, and randomly allocated to CHAP or control. The community mobilisation model aims to involve all family physicians, local pharmacies and

relevant organisations in the program communities. The program targets all residents 65 years of age or older through community-wide advertising and invitation via family physicians.

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Key exclusion criteria

1. Communities of less than 10,000 residents
2. Fewer than five family physicians and two pharmacies in community

Date of first enrolment

01/03/2006

Date of final enrolment

01/03/2009

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

Canada

Study participating centre

Primary Care & Community Research at the Child & Family Research Institute

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Sponsor information**Organisation**

McMaster University (Canada)

ROR

<https://ror.org/02fa3aq29>

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Canadian Stroke Network (CSN) (Canada)

Funder Name

Ministry of Health Promotion, Government of Ontario (Ontario Stroke System) (Canada)

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	07/02/2011		Yes	No
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes