

# Effectiveness of adding 'exposure in vivo' techniques to the return-to-work plan of workers with mental health problems: a cluster randomised controlled trial

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

## Study information

Scientific Title

**Acronym**

Work up study

**Study objectives**

Occupational rehabilitation with a gradual return to work based on the principles of exposure in vivo will be more (cost)-effective in reducing absenteeism than usual occupational rehabilitation.

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Ethics approval received from the local medical ethics committee

**Study design**

Randomised, active controlled, parallel group, multicentre trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Quality of life

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

Return to work of workers with common mental health complaints

**Interventions**

Level of occupational physician:

1. Two days of training followed by three intervision meetings

Level of worker:

1. Information folder with rationale
2. Homework assignments
3. Meeting with supervisor

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome(s)**

1. Time to full return to work
2. Time to relapse
3. Percentage of contract hours worked
4. Work functioning

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. Psychological complaints
2. Work ability
3. Self efficacy in returning to work

4. Coping with work situations
5. Avoidance of work situations
6. Work adjustments
7. Satisfaction of worker with occupational physician

**Completion date**

01/01/2009

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Workers who:

1. Are two to six weeks absent from work
2. Have either:
  - a. a stress-related disorder (defined as having at least one psychological complaint with significant suffering or problems with functioning)
  - b. an anxiety disorder
  - c. a depressive disorder

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Key exclusion criteria**

Workers with:

1. Severe mental illnesses (psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder)
2. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
3. Addiction problems
4. A primary somatic disorder

**Date of first enrolment**

01/01/2007

**Date of final enrolment**

01/01/2009

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Netherlands

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**  
Academic Medical Centre (AMC) (The Netherlands)

**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/03t4gr691>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
Research organisation

**Funder Name**  
Knowledge centre on reintegration for professionals (Stichting Expertise Centrum Reintegratie [STECR]) (The Netherlands) - Aladdin Program

## 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?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/03/2013		Yes	No