

'Just-in-time information' librarian support at the point of service delivery for family health networks

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Plain English summary of protocol
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G03-02920

Study information

Scientific Title

Acronym

JIT

Study objectives

The 'Just-in-time information' (JIT) project is designed to test whether or not a librarian consultation service can have a positive impact in Family Health Networks (FHNs) in terms of cost-effectiveness (saving time, workload issues) and improved access to information.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Ottawa Health Research Institute, approved on 12 May 2004. Ref: 2004298

Primary study design

Interventional

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Clinical questions arising in the primary care setting.

Interventions

Clinicians were trained by information specialists (medical librarians) to use a hand-held device to send clinical questions that arise during patient visits to the librarians. All questions were answered by blinded librarians. The answers to questions that had been randomised to intervention were returned to the clinicians who sent the questions. The answers to questions that had been randomised to control were not returned to the clinicians and therefore they had to find the answers themselves. The impact of answers to questions randomised to intervention on clinical decision-making was rated by the clinicians.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

1. Time to answer questions
2. Cost saving

Key secondary outcome(s)

Assessment of the impact of answers to questions randomised to intervention on clinical decision-making using a 10 point scale.

Completion date

27/04/2006

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Health professionals working in family health networks in Ontario, Canada.

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Key exclusion criteria

Health professionals not working in family health networks.

Date of first enrolment

01/10/2005

Date of final enrolment

27/04/2006

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Canada

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Primary Health Care Transition Fund Unit (Canada)

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Primary Health Care Transition Fund, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (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	01/08/2008		Yes	No