

Evidence to recommendation framework

**Skal fastlegen tilby personlig koordinator for eldre personer med moderat eller alvorlig depresjon?**

**Problem:** Eldre med depresjon

**Tiltak:** Personlig koordinator

**Sammenlikning:** Vanlig oppfølging

**Setting:** Primærhelsetjenesten

**Perspektiv:** Systemnivå (kommunen). Individnivå (helsepersonell, pasient/pårørende)

**Bakgrunn:** Pasienter med depresjon kan ha vanskeligheter med å følge opp behandlingstiltak iverksatt av helsetjenesten. Opp til 50 % har autoseponert medikasjon i løpet av de fire første ukene etter oppstart. Deprimerte preges av vegring, inaktivitet og initiativløshet. Personlig koordinator er en helsefagarbeider (lege, sykepleier, sosionom, legesekretær etc.), ansatt i kommunehelsetjenesten, som tildeles et spesielt ansvar for å holde kontakt med pasienten og se til at pasienten klarer å følge opp de avtalene som er gjort. Personlig koordinator rapporterer til fastlegen (hvis legen ikke selv tar oppgaven), som har hovedansvaret for behandlingen.

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**Type of recommendation**

We recommend against offering this option

We suggest not offering this option

We suggest offering this option

We recommend offering this option

**Recommendation (text)**

**Vi anbefaler**

**Fastleger bør gi pasienter med moderat til alvorlig grad av depresjon tilbud om regelmessig kontakt i form av møter eller telefonkontakt med en personlig koordinatør med ansvar for oppfølging av pasienter med depresjon, som et supplement til fastlegen.**

**Justification**

Anbefalingen om en personlig koordinatør er et tiltak av lav intensitet der utpekt helsepersonell i organisasjonen (kommune, bydel, legesenter) får i oppgave å følge opp pasienter med moderat til alvorlig depresjon, som et supplement til fastlegen. Det er ikke spesielle krav til profesjonelle kvalifikasjoner til denne personen, men oppgaven krever opplæring og noe veiledning. Det er dokumentasjon av moderat kvalitet for at dette tiltaket bedrer behandlingsresultatet for pasienter med depresjon, sikrer at pasienter tar antidepressiver som anbefalt, og reduserer mortalitet. Utfordringen er mest av organisatorisk art. Utover dette oppfatter vi tiltaket som rimelig og lite ressurskrevende. Anbefalingen gjelder personer med moderat til alvorlig depresjon, og disse utgjør ikke så stor gruppe i en kommune eller fastlegepraksis. Når tilbudet er på plass vil også andre grupper kunne ha nytte av tilbudet.

**Subgroup considerations**

**Implementation considerations**

Tiltaket kan organiseres i en fastlegepraksis i form av at annet helsepersonell i praksisen kan ta denne oppgaven, som supplement til fastlegens oppfølging.

**Monitoring and evaluation**

**Research priorities**

## Evidence profile Skal personlig koordinator tilbys eldre personer med moderat eller alvorlig depresjon?

Author(s): Aakhus/Flottorp

Date: 2013-07-18

Question: Should case/care manager be used for depression in the elderly?

Settings: Primary care

Bibliography: Adherence: Gensichen, PsycholMed 2006. Improvement: Gensichen, PsycholMed 2006 Mortality: Gallo, BMJ 2013.

Quality assessment							No of patients		Effect		Quality	Importance	
No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Case/care manager	Control	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute			
<b>Remission (follow-up 6-12 months)</b>													
7	randomised trials	no serious risk of bias	serious <sup>1</sup>	no serious indirectness	no serious imprecision	none	- <sup>2</sup>	-	RR 1.39 (1.3 to 1.48)	-	136 more per 1000 (from 105 more to 168 more)	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE	CRITICAL
								35% <sup>3</sup>					
<b>Response (follow-up 6-12 months; assessed with: Depression scales)</b>													
5	randomised trials	no serious risk of bias	serious <sup>1</sup>	no serious indirectness	no serious imprecision	none	456/1000 (45.6%) <sup>4</sup>	240/1000 (24%) <sup>4</sup>	RR 1.82 (1.68 to 2.05)	197 more per 1000 (from 163 more to 252 more)	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE	CRITICAL	
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<b>Mortality (follow-up median 98 months<sup>5</sup>)</b>													
1	randomised trials	no serious risk of bias	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious <sup>6</sup>	none	79/214 (36.9%)	68/182 (37.4%)	HR 0.76 (0.57 to 1)	74 fewer per 1000 (from 140 fewer to 0 more)	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE	CRITICAL	
<b>Depressive symptoms (follow-up 6-12 months; measured with: Depression scales ; Better indicated by lower values)</b>													
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<sup>2</sup> The seven studies had a total of 4584 patients. The number of patients in each group is not stated, and not the number/rate of remission.

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**Definitions for ratings of the certainty of the evidence (GRADE)\*\***

Ratings	Definitions	Implications
⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	This research provides a very good indication of the likely effect. The likelihood that the effect will be substantially different* is low.	This evidence provides a very good basis for making a decision about whether to implement the intervention. Impact evaluation and monitoring of the impact are unlikely to be needed if it is implemented.
⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	This research provides a good indication of the likely effect. The likelihood that the effect will be substantially different <sup>4</sup> is moderate.	This evidence provides a good basis for making a decision about whether to implement the intervention. Monitoring of the impact is likely to be needed and impact evaluation may be warranted if it is implemented.
⊕⊕○○ Low	This research provides some indication of the likely effect. However, the likelihood that it will be substantially different <sup>4</sup> is high.	This evidence provides some basis for making a decision about whether to implement the intervention. Impact evaluation is likely to be warranted if it is implemented.
⊕○○○ Very low	This research does not provide a reliable indication of the likely effect. The likelihood that the effect will be substantially different <sup>4</sup> is very high.	This evidence does not provide a good basis for making a decision about whether to implement the intervention. Impact evaluation is very likely to be warranted if it is implemented.

\*Substantially different: large enough difference that it might have an effect on a decision

\*\*The Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) Working Group began in the year 2000 as an informal collaboration of people with an interest in addressing the shortcomings of present grading systems in health care. The working group has developed a common, sensible and transparent approach to grading quality of evidence and strength of recommendations. Many international organizations have provided input into the development of the approach and have started using it.

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