

Best Evidence Summaries of Topics in Mental Healthcare

BEST *in* **MH** *clinical question-answering service*

Question

“In adults referred to mental health services for assessment of their mental health needs, what are the benefits and negatives of providing an assessment within 24 hours as standard, compared to a routine assessment carried out within four weeks, for all patient outcomes?”

Clarification of question using *PICO* structure

Patients: Adults referred to mental health services for assessment of their mental health needs
Intervention: Assessment within 24 hours
Comparator: Routine assessment (within four weeks)
Outcome: All patient outcomes

Clinical and research implications

No relevant systematic reviews or randomised controlled trials could be found for this question.

What does the evidence say?

Number of included studies/reviews (number of participants)

N/A

Main findings

N/A

Authors conclusions

N/A

Reliability of conclusions/Strength of evidence

N/A

What do guidelines say?

Neither National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) nor Searching of Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) guidelines commented on the benefits and negatives of providing an assessment within 24 hours as standard, compared to a routine assessment carried out within four weeks, for all outcomes in adults within mental health services.

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Date answer completed: 18/03/2015

Search details

Source	Search Strategy	Number of hits	Relevant evidence identified
<i>SRs and Guidelines</i>			
NICE	Mental Health Assessment Within 24 Hours	241	0
DARE	1 (mental health assess*) IN DARE 2 Delete 2 MeSH DESCRIPTOR Needs Assessment EXPLODE ALL TREES 73 Delete 3 MeSH DESCRIPTOR Outcome Assessment (Health Care) EXPLODE ALL TREES 12723 Delete 4 MeSH DESCRIPTOR Risk Assessment EXPLODE ALL TREES 1804 Delete 5 #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 13790 Delete 6 (24 hour) IN DARE 189 Delete 7 (twenty four hour*) IN DARE 4 Delete 8 #6 OR #7 190 Delete 9 (4 week*) IN DARE 381 Delete 10 (four week) IN DARE 32 Delete 11 #9 OR #10 412 Delete 12 #5 AND #8 AND #11 0 Delete 13 (mental health) IN DARE 748 Delete 14 #5 AND #13 193 Delete 15 #8 AND #11 AND #14 0 Delete	0	0
<i>Primary studies</i>			
CENTRAL		0	0
PsycINFO	1. PsycINFO; "mental health assess*".ti,ab; 581 results. 2. PsycINFO; INTAKE INTERVIEW/ OR HEALTH SERVICE NEEDS/ OR NEEDS ASSESSMENT/;	0	0

	<p>7829 results.</p> <p>3. PsycINFO; 1 OR 2; 8392 results.</p> <p>4. PsycINFO; "24 hour*".ti,ab; 4558 results.</p> <p>5. PsycINFO; "twenty four hour*".ti,ab; 606 results.</p> <p>6. PsycINFO; "time scale".ti,ab; 801 results.</p> <p>7. PsycINFO; 4 OR 5 OR 6; 5913 results.</p> <p>8. PsycINFO; 3 AND 7; 18 results.</p> <p>9. PsycINFO; "4 week*".ti,ab; 7051 results.</p> <p>10. PsycINFO; "four week*".ti,ab; 2474 results.</p> <p>11. PsycINFO; 9 OR 10; 9390 results.</p> <p>12. PsycINFO; 3 AND 7 AND 11; 0 results.</p>		
Embase	<p>25. EMBASE; "mental health assess*".ti,ab; 481 results.</p> <p>26. EMBASE; INTAKE INTERVIEW/ OR HEALTH SERVICE NEEDS/ OR NEEDS ASSESSMENT/; 16935 results.</p> <p>27. EMBASE; 25 OR 26; 17409 results.</p> <p>28. EMBASE; "24 hour*".ti,ab; 157948 results.</p> <p>29. EMBASE; "twenty four hour*".ti,ab; 12375 results.</p> <p>30. EMBASE; "time scale".ti,ab; 10913 results.</p> <p>31. EMBASE; 28 OR 29 OR 30; 179035 results.</p> <p>32. EMBASE; 27 AND 31; 62 results.</p> <p>33. EMBASE; "4 week*".ti,ab; 133172 results.</p> <p>34. EMBASE; "four week*".ti,ab; 32361 results.</p> <p>35. EMBASE; 33 OR 34; 161868 results.</p> <p>36. EMBASE; 27 AND 31 AND 35; 0 results.</p>	0	0
Medline	<p>13. MEDLINE; "mental health assess*".ti,ab; 374 results.</p> <p>14. MEDLINE; INTAKE INTERVIEW/ OR HEALTH SERVICE NEEDS/ OR NEEDS ASSESSMENT/;</p>	0	0

	<p>22888 results.</p> <p>15. MEDLINE; 13 OR 14; 23251 results.</p> <p>16. MEDLINE; "24 hour*".ti,ab; 113136 results.</p> <p>17. MEDLINE; "twenty four hour*".ti,ab; 10725 results.</p> <p>18. MEDLINE; "time scale".ti,ab; 12063 results.</p> <p>19. MEDLINE; 16 OR 17 OR 18; 134117 results.</p> <p>20. MEDLINE; 15 AND 19; 91 results.</p> <p>21. MEDLINE; "4 week*".ti,ab; 99363 results.</p> <p>22. MEDLINE; "four week*".ti,ab; 24319 results.</p> <p>23. MEDLINE; 21 OR 22; 121336 results.</p> <p>24. MEDLINE; 15 AND 19 AND 23; 1 results.</p> <p>RCT 0</p>		
Summary	NA	NA	

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