

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Designing an Educational Program for Empowering Health News Producers and Assessing Its Impact on the quality of health research-based news

Protocol summary

Summary

This study will be conducted as a before after study. The intervention includes materials and methods in the form of an educational program on health news production on the basis of health research findings, in the form of a workshop. The population under study includes journalists, translators, editors and chief-editors of the health news service agency. The inclusion criteria are: all individuals who are experienced in production of health news in public and private mass media, and who have worked as journalists, translators or chief-editors for at least the past six months. The measurable outcome will be the scientific quality of health research-based news on the basis of its precision and authenticity (observing the items taught in news production). The measurement tool is the tool for the assessment of health research-based news.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT2013012112211N1**

Registration date: **2013-03-07, 1391/12/17**

Registration timing: **retrospective**

Last update:

Update count: **0**

Registration date

2013-03-07, 1391/12/17

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

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Expected recruitment start date

2011-09-23, 1390/07/01

Expected recruitment end date

2011-11-22, 1390/09/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Designing an Educational Program for Empowering Health News Producers and Assessing Its Impact on the quality of health research-based news

Public title

Designing an Educational Program for Empowering Health News Producers and Assessing Its Impact

Purpose

Other

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

All individuals who are experienced in production of health news in public and private mass media, and who have worked as journalists, translators or chief-editors for at least the past six months. The participant must present the baseline data to be eligible for inclusion in the study.

Age

No age limit
Gender
Both
Phase
N/A
Groups that have been masked
No information
Sample size
Target sample size: **100**
Randomization (investigator's opinion)
N/A
Randomization description
Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Not blinded
Blinding description
Placebo
Not used
Assignment
Single
Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee
Name of ethics committee
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Approval date
2010-09-23, 1389/07/01
Ethics committee reference number
91/130/2987

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied
the quality of health research-based news
ICD-10 code
ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

1

Description
The quality of the news produced by participants
Timepoint
Immediately after the intervention, 3 months after the intervention

Method of measurement
Health news quality assessment tool

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description
An educational intervention including the presentation of educational content in the form a 2-day workshop on preparation and production of health research-based news
Category
Other

Recruitment centers

1

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Grant name
Grant code / Reference number
Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
Yes
Title of funding source
Tehran University of Medical Sciences
Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
empty
Domestic or foreign origin
empty

Category of foreign source of funding*empty***Country of origin****Type of organization providing the funding***empty***Person responsible for general inquiries****Contact****Name of organization / entity**

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Sharing plan**Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)***empty***Study Protocol***empty***Statistical Analysis Plan***empty***Informed Consent Form***empty***Clinical Study Report***empty***Analytic Code***empty***Data Dictionary***empty*