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ABSTRACT

Background

Common mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety, are estimated to affect up to 15% of the UK population at any one time, and health care systems worldwide need to implement interventions to reduce the impact and burden of these conditions. Collaborative care is a complex intervention based on chronic disease management models that may be effective in the management of these common mental health problems.

Objectives

To assess the effectiveness of collaborative care for patients with depression or anxiety.

Search methods

We searched the following databases to February 2012: The Cochrane Collaboration Depression, Anxiety and Neurosis Group (CC-DAN) trials registers (CCDANCTR-References and CCDANCTR-Studies) which include relevant randomised controlled trials (RCTs) from MEDLINE (1950 to present), EMBASE (1974 to present), PsycINFO (1967 to present) and the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL, all years); the World Health Organization (WHO) trials portal (ICTRP); ClinicalTrials.gov; and CINAHL (to November 2010 only). We screened the reference lists of reports of all included studies and published systematic reviews for reports of additional studies.

Selection criteria

Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) of collaborative care for participants of all ages with depression or anxiety.

Data collection and analysis

Two independent researchers extracted data using a standardised data extraction sheet. Two independent researchers made 'Risk of bias' assessments using criteria from The Cochrane Collaboration. We combined continuous measures of outcome using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs). We combined dichotomous measures using risk ratios (RRs) with 95% CIs. Sensitivity analyses tested the robustness of the results.

Main results

We included seventy-nine RCTs (including 90 relevant comparisons) involving 24,308 participants in the review. Studies varied in terms of risk of bias.

The results of primary analyses demonstrated significantly greater improvement in depression outcomes for adults with depression treated with the collaborative care model in the short-term (SMD -0.34, 95% CI -0.41 to -0.27; RR 1.32, 95% CI 1.22 to 1.43), medium-term (SMD -0.28, 95% CI -0.41 to -0.15; RR 1.31, 95% CI 1.17 to 1.48), and long-term (SMD -0.35, 95% CI -0.46 to -0.24; RR 1.29, 95% CI 1.18 to 1.41). However, these significant benefits were not demonstrated into the very long-term (RR 1.12, 95% CI 0.98 to 1.27).

The results also demonstrated significantly greater improvement in anxiety outcomes for adults with anxiety treated with the collaborative care model in the short-term (SMD -0.30, 95% CI -0.44 to -0.17; RR 1.50, 95% CI 1.21 to 1.87), medium-term (SMD -0.33, 95% CI -0.47 to -0.19; RR 1.41, 95% CI 1.18 to 1.69), and long-term (SMD -0.20, 95% CI -0.34 to -0.06; RR 1.26, 95% CI 1.11 to 1.42). No comparisons examined the effects of the intervention on anxiety outcomes in the very long-term.

There was evidence of benefit in secondary outcomes including medication use, mental health quality of life, and patient satisfaction, although there was less evidence of benefit in physical quality of life.

Authors' conclusions

Collaborative care is associated with significant improvement in depression and anxiety outcomes compared with usual care, and represents a useful addition to clinical pathways for adult patients with depression and anxiety.

PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Collaborative care for people with depression and anxiety

Many people suffer from depression and anxiety. These problems can make people feel sad, scared and even suicidal, and can affect their work, their relationships and their quality of life. Depression and anxiety can occur because of personal, financial, social or health problems.

'Collaborative care' is an innovative way of treating depression and anxiety. It involves a number of health professionals working with a patient to help them overcome their problems. Collaborative care often involves a medical doctor, a case manager (with training in depression and anxiety), and a mental health specialist such as a psychiatrist. The case manager has regular contact with the person and organises care, together with the medical doctor and specialist. The case manager may offer help with medication, or access to a 'talking therapy' to help the patient get better.

Collaborative care has been tested with patients in a number of countries and health care systems, but it is not clear whether it should be recommended for people with depression or anxiety.

In this review we found 79 randomised controlled trials (RCTs) (90 comparisons) including 24,308 patients worldwide, comparing collaborative care with routine care or alternative treatments (such as consultation-liaison) for depression and anxiety. There were problems with the methods in some of the studies. For example, the methods used to allocate patients to collaborative care or routine care were not always free from bias, and many patients did not complete follow-up or provide information about their outcomes. Most of the studies focused on depression and the evidence suggests that collaborative care is better than routine care in improving depression for up to two years. A smaller number of studies examined the effect of collaborative care on anxiety and the evidence suggests that collaborative care is also better than usual care in improving anxiety for up to two years. Collaborative care increases the number of patients using medication in line with current guidance, and can improve mental health related quality of life. Patients with depression and anxiety treated with collaborative care are also more satisfied with their treatment.

BACKGROUND

Description of the condition

Common mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety, are highly prevalent with estimates of up to 15% of the UK population affected at any one time (NICE 2011a). The prevalence of individual common mental health disorders varies considerably. The one-week prevalence rates from the Office of National Statistics 2007 national survey were 4.4% for generalised anxiety disorder, 3.0% for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), 2.3% for depression, 1.4% for phobias, 1.1% for obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), and 1.1% for panic disorder (McManus 2009). Worldwide, depression affects about 154 million people, and an estimated 5.8% of men and 9.5% of women will experience a depressive episode in any given year (WHO 2001a).

Depression and anxiety are a major cause of disease burden and disability (Ustun 2004) with depression projected to become one of the three leading causes of burden of disease by 2030 (Mathers 2006). Symptoms of depression include: depressed mood; loss of interest or pleasure in activities; insomnia or sleeping too much; and fatigue or loss of energy. Symptoms of anxiety differ but can include: excessive worry; feeling tense or restless; significant tension in muscles; and irritability (APA 2000). The impact of both disorders on social and occupational functioning, physical health and mortality is also substantial (Ormel 1999), and often anxiety and depression present together, disabling the person further (NICE 2011a). Depression also accounts for two-thirds of all suicides (Sartorius 2001).

Depression and anxiety are often chronic in nature, characterised by high rates of relapse and recurrence. Following their first episode of depression, at least 50% of people will go on to have one or more further episode(s), with the risk of relapse increasing to 70% after the second episode, and as high as 90% after a third episode (Kupfer 1991).

Description of the intervention

It is estimated that up to 90% of patients diagnosed with depression and anxiety are treated solely in primary care (NICE 2011a). However, the management of these disorders is often suboptimal (NHS 2002). The most common method of treatment for common mental health disorders in primary care is psychotropic medication (NICE 2011a). There are problems with this approach, as patients do not take the medication as prescribed for a variety of reasons including fears of addiction, dependency and side effects (Lingam 2002). Care for patients with chronic problems like depression is often not proactive; patients do not receive ongoing monitoring and care designed to reduce the burden of disorder and the likelihood of recurrence and relapse (Buszewicz 2011).

It has been recognised that improving the treatment of common mental health problems is a very complex task which requires changes to the way care is provided, together with additional resources to develop the appropriate systems to enable primary care professionals to deliver high quality care (Gilbody 2003a; Katon 1997; Katon 2001). Four distinct models of quality improvement in common mental health problems have been identified: training primary care staff, consultation-liaison, replacement/referral, and collaborative care (Bower 2005).

The collaborative care model is based on the principles of chronic disease management applied to conditions such as diabetes. The model can involve a large number of different interventions including: screening, education of patients, changes in practice routines, and developments in information technology (Wagner 1996). Collaborative care models are exemplars of 'complex interventions' which consist of a number of separate elements, where the particular elements that function as the 'active ingredient' can be difficult to identify (Medical Research Council 2008).

The term 'collaborative care' was first used to describe an intervention which was delivered by a primary care provider and a psychiatrist (Katon 1995a). However, there have been significant developments in the model since that time, and thus clear specification of the meaning of the term in line with current thinking is important. A widely accepted definition of collaborative care used in a systematic review of complex system interventions requires that four key criteria are met: a multi-professional approach to patient care, structured management plan, scheduled patient follow-ups, and enhanced inter-professional communication (Gunn 2006).

How the intervention might work

Research has suggested that a key aspect of effective collaborative care is 'case management' (Gilbody 2003a). Case management has been described as a health worker taking responsibility for proactively following up patients, assessing patient adherence to psychological and pharmacological treatments, monitoring patient progress, taking action when treatment is unsuccessful, and delivering psychological support (Von Korff 2001). Case managers work closely with the primary care provider (who retains overall clinical responsibility) and can receive regular supervision from a mental health specialist (Gilbody 2003a; Katon 2001).

Why it is important to do this review

Collaborative care is a model of care for common mental health problems which has generated worldwide interest in its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. Although a number of reviews of collaborative care have been published, significant uncertainties remain. Many trials are from the United States, and their generalisability to other contexts and health care systems is unclear. Effectiveness may vary by patient population; collaborative care was not

recommended by the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) for depression (NICE 2010) or anxiety (NICE 2011b), but was recommended for depression in patients with chronic disease (NICE 2009). The evidence base for collaborative care is also rapidly developing. Mental health policy in the UK highlights the importance of patient choice in treatments for mental health problems, and collaborative care could provide another option for services to complement other proven treatments. This review will consolidate the developing body of evidence on collaborative care and provide an up-to-date and rigorous assessment to inform policy and practice.

OBJECTIVES

This review aims to evaluate the effectiveness of collaborative care for depression and anxiety.

METHODS

Criteria for considering studies for this review

Types of studies

We included all randomised controlled trials (RCTs), including cluster-RCTs.

Types of participants

Participant characteristics: Trial participants were either male or female patients of any age.

Diagnosis: Trial participants had a primary diagnosis of depression (including: acute, chronic, persistent, remitted, subthreshold and postnatal) or anxiety (including: generalised anxiety, panic, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), phobias, social anxiety, health anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)). Diagnosis of trial participants was according to one of the following: 1) diagnosis made by primary care provider; 2) Research Diagnostic Criteria (RDC), Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) (APA 2000) or International Classification of Diseases (ICD) (WHO 1992) criteria; or 3) assessment through self-rated or clinician-rated validated instruments, e.g. Patient Health Questionnaire 9 (PHQ-9) (Kroenke 2001), Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) (Beck 1987) and/or Beck Anxiety Inventory (BAI) (Beck 1988). Some studies included a mixed population, of which only a proportion were depressed or anxious (e.g. where studies included a mix of patients who were at-risk drinking, suicidal or depressed). These were included only if the majority ($\geq 50\%$) of participants were depressed and/or anxious, to ensure that the results of the study related to our target group.

Comorbidity: Trial participants could also have long-term conditions (i.e. asthma, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), as well as a common mental health problem.

Setting: Trial participants could be identified in a variety of health-care settings (excluding in-patient/specialist mental health), but the intervention had to be predominantly delivered in primary care or community settings.

Types of interventions

Experimental intervention

This review has adopted four key collaborative care criteria (Gunn 2006). We regarded studies as collaborative care studies if they fulfilled the following criteria.

1. A multi-professional approach to patient care. A primary care provider (general practitioner, family physician, primary care physician or a specialist providing undifferentiated medical care) and at least one other health professional (e.g. nurse, psychologist, psychiatrist, or pharmacist) or paraprofessional is involved with patient care. For the purposes of the current review, we characterised primary care as medical care involving first contact and ongoing care to patients, regardless of the patient's age, gender or presenting problem (Boerma 1999; WHO 2001b).

2. A structured management plan. Introduction of an organised approach to patient care including access to evidence based management information in the form of guidelines or protocols. Management included either or both pharmacological (e.g. antidepressant medication) and non-pharmacological interventions (e.g. patient and provider education, counselling, or cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT)).

3. Scheduled patient follow-ups. An organised approach to patient follow-up defined as one or more scheduled telephone or in-person follow-up appointments to provide specific interventions, facilitate treatment adherence, or monitor symptoms or adverse effects.

4. Enhanced inter-professional communication. Introduction of mechanisms to facilitate communication between professionals caring for the patient, including team meetings, case conferences, individual consultation/supervision, shared medical records, and patient-specific written or verbal feedback between care-givers.

Comparator interventions

We included studies that compared collaborative care with 'usual care' (for example, routine primary care, waiting lists, or untreated groups identified through screening) or collaborative care with other interventions.

Based on analysis of studies identified in the review, we distinguished the following three types of usual care.

1. Studies that provided no additional intervention in the usual care group, including no notification of patient depression status.

2. Studies that provided additional interventions in the usual care group (such as education of primary care providers, or notification of patient depression status), but where these aspects of the intervention were applied to both arms, and potentially cancelled out.

3. Studies that enhanced usual care by providing an intervention that the collaborative care arm did not receive e.g. where only primary care clinicians in the usual care arm received training and educational materials on depression evaluation and treatment (Asarnow 2005).

Based on analysis of studies identified in the review, we distinguished the following three types of 'active comparisons'.

1. 'Alternative interventions' such as feedback alone, consultation-liaison and enhanced referral, which were compared with collaborative care.

2. 'Enhancements of collaborative care' such as collaborative care plus consultation-liaison, and collaborative care plus psychotherapy, which were compared with collaborative care.

3. 'Models of collaborative care interventions' such as collaborative care (medication) versus collaborative care (psychotherapy), which were compared directly.

Types of outcome measures

Where relevant (i.e. for the effects of collaborative care on depression) we reported both continuous and dichotomous outcomes. For dichotomous outcomes, studies generally reported either 'response' outcomes (i.e. a $\geq 50\%$ reduction in symptom scores from baseline) or 'remission' (patients at each time point with scores under a particular threshold). For consistency, we reported response outcomes where possible.

Primary outcomes

Change in depression or anxiety, as measured by observer or patient self-report.

Secondary outcomes

- Medication for depression and/or anxiety. This was reported as the proportion of patients using medication, proportions meeting predefined levels of use, or proportions with 'appropriate' use according to guidelines or other measures. Such data could be based on administrative data or patient self-report. We pooled data relating to rates of use and adherence, and administrative data and self-report.

We included the following outcomes only when a validated tool was used.

- Social functioning, e.g. Social Adaptation Self-evaluation Scale (SASS) (Bosc 1997).

- Quality of life, e.g. Short Form Health Survey (SF-36, SF-12) (Ware 1993).

- Patient satisfaction, e.g. Client Satisfaction Questionnaire (CSQ) (Attkinson 2003).

Timing of outcome assessment

We categorised outcomes as short-term (0 to 6 months), medium-term (7 to 12 months), long-term (13 to 24 months), and very long-term (25 months or more). We rounded down studies that reported unconventional follow-up points (e.g. 27 weeks).

Search methods for identification of studies

CCDAN's Specialised Register

The Cochrane Collaboration Depression, Anxiety and Neurosis Group (CCDAN) maintain two clinical trials registers at their editorial base in Bristol, UK; a references register and a studies-based register. The CCDANCTR-References Register contains over 29,500 reports of trials in depression, anxiety and neurosis. Approximately 65% of these references have been tagged to individual, coded trials. The coded trials are held in the CCDANCTR-Studies Register and records are linked between the two registers through the use of unique Study ID tags. Coding of trials is based on the EU-Psi coding manual. Further details are available from the CCDAN Trials Search Co-ordinator (TSC). Reports of trials for inclusion in the registers are collated from routine (weekly) generic searches of MEDLINE (1950 to present), EMBASE (1974 to present), and PsycINFO (1967 to present); quarterly searches of the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL); and review specific searches of additional databases. Reports of trials are also sourced from international trials registers c/o the World Health Organization's (WHO's) trials portal (ICTRP) (<http://apps.who.int/trialsearch/>), drug companies, the handsearching of key journals, conference proceedings, and other (non-Cochrane) systematic reviews and meta-analyses.

Details of CCDAN's generic search strategies can be found on the Group's website.

Electronic searches

We searched the CCDAN registers (to 9th February 2012) using the following terms.

1. CCDANCTR-Studies

Condition = (depress* or dysthymi* or anxiety or anxious or panic or *phobi* or obsessi* or compulsi* or post-traumatic) and Intervention = ("care manag*" or "case manage*" or collaborat* or "disease manag*" or "enhanced care" or "managed care" or multicomponent or multi-component or multidisciplinary or multidisciplinary or stepped)

2. CCDANCTR-References

The CCDANCTR-References Register was searched using a more sensitive set of terms to identify additional untagged/uncoded references:

1. (depress* or dysthymi* or anxiety or anxious or *phobi* or PTSD or post-trauma* or "post trauma*" or posttrauma* or panic or OCD or obsessi* or compulsi* or GAD) [*ti, ab, kw*]
2. ((collaborat* or coordinat* or co-ordinat* or shared or integrat* or stepped or systematic) AND (care or healthcare or "health care" or working or intervention* or service or model or effort* or manage*)) [*free-text*]
3. ((augment* or enhance*) AND (care* or healthcare or "health care" or communicat*)) [*free-text*]
4. ("care manage*" or "case manage*" or "chronic care*" or "complex intervention*" or "cooperative behav*" or "co-operative behav*" or "joint working" or pathway or interprofessional or inter-professional or interdisciplinary or inter-disciplinary or multidisciplin* or multi-disciplin* or multiprofession* or multi-profession* or transdisciplin* or trans-disciplin* or multifacet* or multifacet* or "complex intervention*" or "multiple intervention*" or multi-intervention* or "organisational intervention*" or "organizational intervention*" or "interpersonal relation*" or "inter-personal relation*" or "interinstitutional relation*" or "inter-institutional relation*" or "consultation liaison" or algorithm* or "treatment guideline*" or "treatment protocol*" or "treatment delivery" or "treatment model" or adherence or compliance or concordance or "patient care team" or "patient care management" or "patient care planning" or "case management" or "managed care program*" or "delivery of healthcare" or "continuity of patient care" or "professional-patient relations" or "interprofessional relations") [*free-text*]

5. (1 and (2 or 3 or 4))

3. CINAHL (1982 to 11th November 2010)

We conducted an additional search on CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health) (search strategy in Appendix 1).

4. International Trial Registers

We also carried out searches on the WHO trials portal ([ICTRP](#)) and [ClinicalTrials.gov](#) to identify ongoing or unpublished studies using the terms:

("stepped care" or "collaborative care" or interprofessional or interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary). We imported and filtered results into Excel using terms for depression and anxiety.

Searching other resources

We checked the reference lists of reports of all included studies and other systematic reviews for additional published, unpublished or ongoing research.

Data collection and analysis

Selection of studies

Two review authors (JA and PB) independently scanned the identified studies and excluded studies according to the criteria above, on the basis of titles and abstracts. We retrieved full copies of the studies deemed eligible by one of the team (JA) for closer examination. If there was uncertainty or disagreement, we reached consensus by discussion and consultation with another review author (PB, DR or SG). A log of all studies which initially appeared to meet the inclusion criteria but which we later excluded on retrieval of the full-text are detailed in the [Characteristics of excluded studies](#) tables. We kept a record of the reasons for exclusion.

Data extraction and management

Content data were extracted by JA, DR, KL and LG and double-extracted by research assistants/associates. Outcome data were extracted by PB and research assistants. A standardised data extraction form was used for the following characteristics.

1. The patient population (demographic and clinical characteristics).
2. The nature of the intervention (e.g. types of interventions used, contact between patient and professional, and amount of collaboration between professionals).
3. Internal validity (assessment of risk of bias).
4. External validity (context of recruitment and methods of recruitment).

We presented analyses using the following structure. In the analysis of primary outcomes we distinguished all collaborative care interventions, separating studies by diagnosis (depression and anxiety) and age (adolescents and adults). Therefore analyses 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 report outcomes for depression in adults, analyses 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 report outcomes for anxiety in adults and analyses 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 report outcomes for depression in adolescents. No studies reported anxiety outcomes in adolescents.

We separately analysed primary outcomes reported as dichotomous outcomes and as continuous outcomes. Each type of outcome was reported at four time periods: 0 to 6 months, 7 to 12 months, 13 to 24 months, and 25+ months.

For the secondary outcome of medication use, we applied the same analytical methods. The majority of studies reported medication use using dichotomous outcomes; we excluded the minority reporting continuous outcomes.

For the secondary outcome of quality of life, we combined analyses across collaborative care interventions for patients with depression and anxiety. The majority of studies reported quality of life using continuous outcomes; we excluded the minority reporting dichotomous outcomes. We split quality of life outcomes into mental health quality of life (e.g. SF-36 emotional role, SF-mental component score), and physical health quality of life (e.g. SF-36 physical functioning, SF-physical component score). We excluded measures that did not report separate mental health and physical health dimensions (e.g. EQ5D overall utility).

For satisfaction outcomes, we combined analyses across collaborative care intervention for patients with depression and anxiety. We analysed satisfaction outcomes reported as dichotomous outcomes and continuous outcomes separately. We only reported a single satisfaction outcome point for each study, choosing the outcome closest to six months as the likely best indicator of patient experience of the intervention, unaffected by memory or other bias.

As part of the protocol, we intended to report on social function outcomes. However, a very wide variety of social function outcome measures were reported, and there was a lack of clarity over their definition, scope, and comparability. It was therefore not possible to produce a rigorous synthesis in the time frame of the review. We have extracted social function outcomes and may report on these in a later update of the review when a suitable typology has been developed to ensure consistency in analysis.

Assessment of risk of bias in included studies

For each included study, one review author (JA, PC, CD or DR) and one research assistant/associate independently applied The Cochrane Collaboration's 'Risk of bias' tool (Higgins 2011b). This tool encourages consideration of:

1. selection bias due to inadequate generation of a randomised sequence;
2. selection bias due to inadequate concealment of allocations prior to assignment;
3. performance bias due to knowledge of the allocated interventions by participants and personnel during the study (blinding);
4. detection bias due to knowledge of the allocated interventions by outcome assessors (blinding);
5. attrition bias due to amount, nature or handling of incomplete outcome data;
6. reporting bias due to selective outcome reporting;
7. bias due to integrity of the intervention; and
8. bias due to other problems, such as:
 - any potential source of bias related to the specific study design used; or
 - claims to have been fraudulent; or
 - some other problem.

We used our comments to show how we assessed the risk of bias, with judgements of either low risk of bias, unclear risk of bias, or high risk of bias. If there was uncertainty or disagreement, we reached consensus by discussion and consultation with another review author (PC).

Measures of treatment effect

Studies in the review reported both dichotomous (e.g. recovered/not recovered) and continuous outcomes (such as patient scores on self-reported outcome scales). For dichotomous outcomes, we calculated risk ratios (RRs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs).

For continuous outcomes, as a range of different measures were used, we calculated standardised mean differences (SMDs) and 95% CIs.

Unit of analysis issues

Cluster-randomised controlled trials

As collaborative care is an organisational intervention, cluster trials are commonly used as a way of avoiding bias associated with contamination. We identified studies using cluster randomisation and we adjusted the precision of analyses based on these studies in the meta-analysis using the 'effective sample size' method outlined in the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* (section 16.3.4) (Higgins 2011a). We calculated the effective sample size of groups in each cluster trial on the basis of the original sample size divided by the 'design effect'. The design effect was calculated by $1 + (M - 1) ICC$, where M represents the average cluster size and ICC is the intracluster correlation coefficient. We assumed a common design effect across groups. For the base analysis we assumed an intra-class correlation of 0.02 (Adams 2004). We examined the effect of adjustment for clustering in a sensitivity analysis using intra-class correlations of 0.00 and 0.05 (Donner 2002).

Studies with multiple treatment groups

Where studies reported multiple collaborative care interventions against a single control we extracted each collaborative care intervention as a separate comparison and entered them where relevant in the meta-analysis, dividing the control group sample size appropriately to avoid double-counting in the analysis. Where a study reported a single collaborative care intervention against two different types of controls (individual and cluster controls) we treated this as two separate comparisons, dividing the intervention group sample size to avoid double-counting in the analysis.

Dealing with missing data

We distinguished between two types of 'loss' of data: patients who did not complete their assigned collaborative care treatment ('treatment completion') and patients who did not complete follow-up for assessment of outcome ('loss to follow-up').

For 'treatment completion', we assessed whether the study used an appropriate 'intention-to-treat' analysis (including all patients in the analysis irrespective of treatment completion) or 'per protocol' analysis (excluding patients who did not complete treatment according to some defined criterion). We describe the approaches used by individual studies in [Characteristics of included studies](#). To assess 'loss to follow-up' in included studies, we also calculated the proportion of randomised patients who were lost to follow-up at the 0 to 6 month follow-up across arms, and within each

arm, and also calculated the difference in the proportions between collaborative care and usual care arms.

Data for the meta-analysis were missing for many outcomes, usually in terms of missing standard deviations (SDs) and sample sizes. In a change from the study protocol, we did not contact all authors to collect missing data as it was not possible to complete this task in the time available for the review. We did contact two authors for data in order to allow us to include their studies in the review (McCusker 2008; Rost 2001a; Rost 2001b) as the data reported in the published papers was not in the form required. We did not impute missing data required for calculations of treatment effect (e.g. missing SDs), but we did recalculate necessary parameters from published data (e.g. calculating SDs from published standard errors). When we update the review we will impute data for meta-regression analysis to maximise the numbers of studies available for the analysis.

Assessment of heterogeneity

We examined heterogeneity using the I^2 statistic, an estimate of the percentage of total variation across studies that can be attributed to heterogeneity rather than chance. This statistic is interpreted as follows: 0% to 40% might not be important, 30% to 60% might represent moderate levels of heterogeneity, 50% to 90% might represent substantial levels of heterogeneity, and 75% to 100% considerable heterogeneity (Deeks 2011). We calculated the 95% confidence intervals around the I^2 estimate using the Stata command *heterogi*. In the original protocol, we planned to use a random-effects model where a moderate to high (50% or more) level of statistical heterogeneity was found (Higgins 2003). However, given the high levels of clinical and methodological heterogeneity in terms of participants, interventions, comparisons and outcome measures (see [Characteristics of included studies](#)), we used random-effects models in all analyses.

Assessment of reporting biases

We examined funnel plots to test for asymmetry which can indicate a number of issues including: selection bias (such as publication bias), poor methodological quality, and true heterogeneity (Egger 1997). We also reported any instances of selective outcome reporting in the 'Risk of bias' assessment.

Data synthesis

We used a random-effects model for all meta-analyses.

Subgroup analysis and investigation of heterogeneity

From previous analyses we expected heterogeneity in terms of treatment effects across different populations and types of interventions and we planned to examine these. Our primary analysis was collaborative care versus usual primary care. Other planned secondary analyses were to examine comparisons of different study

designs, participants and types of collaborative care. This would include:

- types of participants
 - country (United States, other)
 - location of recruitment (primary care, community, specialist, mixed); and location of delivery (primary care, community, specialist, mixed)
 - ethnicity (75% or more white, other)
 - baseline severity (subthreshold, met criteria for major depressive or anxiety disorder, mixed)
- the complexity of the intervention
 - types of professionals (primary care provider and case manager, or primary care provider, case manager and mental health specialist)
 - intervention intensity (measures of sessions, and sessions multiplied by session length)
 - intervention content (medication management alone, psychological intervention alone, and combined).

We had planned to undertake a series of exploratory analyses using meta-regression, to examine the influence of these and other study-level factors in predicting the magnitude and direction of outcomes (Thompson 2002). We had planned to assess the significance of predictive factors (selected a priori and outlined above) in explaining between-study heterogeneity, as measured by the I^2 statistic, according to the method proposed in (Higgins 2004).

We did not undertake these further exploratory analyses due to time constraints, but it is envisaged that we will include them in the review update.

Sensitivity analysis

We conducted sensitivity analyses to assess the effects of excluding certain types of studies: cluster trials; trials including patients on the basis of comorbid physical conditions; studies considered at high risk of bias based on concealment of allocation methods and attrition (studies with > 20% loss to follow-up). We conducted these sensitivity analyses only on depression outcomes (both continuous and dichotomous) at six months.

Following review, we also conducted a posthoc sensitivity analysis on intervention length. Our analysis of outcomes was based on time since randomisation (0 to 6 months, 7 to 12 months, 13 to 24 months, 25+ months), but some collaborative care interventions continue for periods of greater than six months, and it is possible that the longer-term effects of collaborative care (i.e. those in the 7- to 12-month period and beyond) do not reflect any enduring effect of the intervention, but simply reflect those interventions that are extended beyond the initial outcome period (0 to 6 months). To assess this possibility, we coded studies as to whether the intervention is completed in the 0- to 6-month outcome point, or extended beyond that. In a sensitivity analysis, we removed those studies where the intervention extended beyond six months, to assess whether the effects found at the 7- to 12-month

time point were significantly different when studies with longer-term interventions were excluded.

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RESULTS

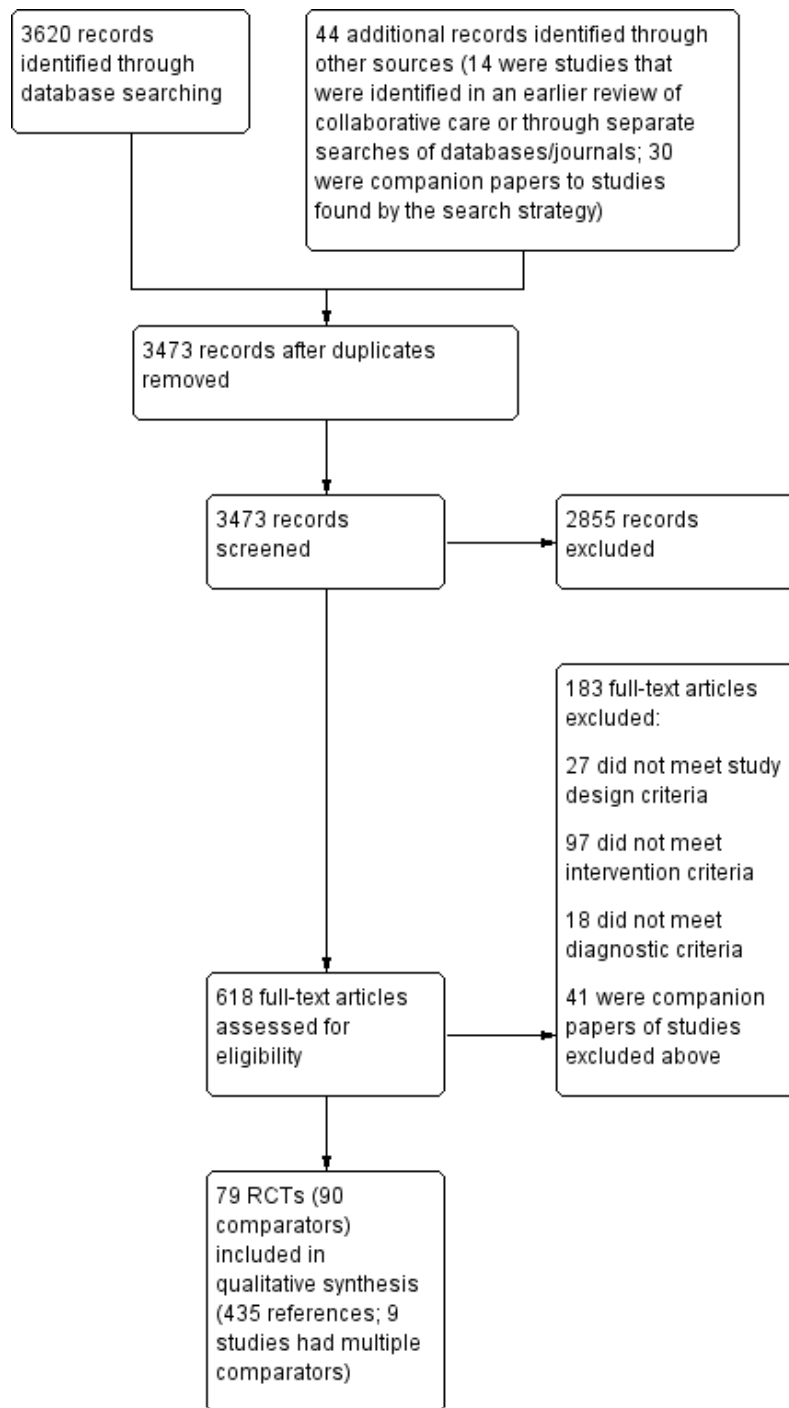
Description of studies

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Results of the search

After removal of duplicates, we identified 3473 references from the searches. After assessing the titles and abstracts we checked 618 full-texts, and included 79 randomised controlled studies (90 individual comparisons) in the review (435 references; nine studies had multiple comparisons) (see flow diagram in [Figure 1](#)).

Figure 1. Study flow diagram.



Included studies

We included 79 randomised controlled trials (RCTs) (90 comparisons) involving 24,308 participants in the review.

The ‘[Characteristics of included studies](#)’ table details the characteristics of the studies, including study design, the characteristics of participants, the characteristics of interventions and outcome measures. These are summarised for the 90 comparisons below (figures are rounded to nearest whole numbers, and so the overall percentage does not always equal 100).

Design

All included comparisons were RCTs; 21 (23%) comparisons used cluster randomisation, where the unit of randomisation was either a primary care practice (n = 19) or a primary care provider (n = 2).

Setting

Sixty-eight comparisons (76%) were conducted in the US; 10 (11%) in the UK; five (6%) in other European countries (Germany, The Netherlands); and seven (8%) from other countries (Canada, Chile, India, Puerto Rico).

Sixty-nine comparisons (77%) recruited participants from primary care; eight (9%) from community settings; 11 (12%) from specialist physical health settings; and two (2%) used a mixture of primary/community/specialist settings.

Participants

Participant characteristics: Seventy-nine comparisons (88%) focused on adults aged 18 to 64 years; two (2%) on adolescents under the age of 18; and nine (10%) on those 65 years or more. For comparisons with available data (n = 70), 33 (47%) included a sample of predominately white origin (classed as 75% or more of the sample). Twenty-one comparisons (23%) included only those who were taking medication for depression and/or anxiety at baseline.

Diagnosis: Eighty-four comparisons (93%) included participants with symptoms of depression or depression and anxiety; six (7%) included only participants with anxiety disorders.

The diagnostic status of participants was identified in 45 comparisons (50%) using Research Diagnostic Criteria (RDC), Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) ([APA 2000](#)) or International Classification Disorder (ICD) ([WHO 1992](#)) criteria. In the remainder, depression or anxiety status at point of entry was defined by self-rated or clinician-rated validated instruments or by the primary care provider without the use of standardised measures or criteria. In three comparisons (3%) participants did not have to have symptoms of depression at baseline ([Bartels 2004](#); [Kroenke](#)

[2010](#); [Williams 2007](#)). As stated in the protocol, we included these studies since at least 50% of participants had depression at baseline, based on mean score of depression outcome measure or numbers provided.

Sixty-five comparisons (72%) included participants with both sub-threshold and diagnosed major depressive or anxiety disorder; 23 (26%) included only those that met diagnostic criteria for major depressive or anxiety disorder; and two (2%) included only sub-threshold patients.

Sixteen comparisons (18%) had physical comorbidity as an inclusion criteria, such as, diabetes ([Bogner 2010](#); [Ell 2010](#); [Katon 2004](#); [Piette 2011](#)), cancer ([Dwight-Johnson 2005](#); [Ell 2008](#); [Kroenke 2010](#); [Strong 2008](#)), epilepsy ([Ciechanowski 2010](#)), post-stroke ([Williams 2007](#)), heart disease ([Huffman 2011](#); [Rollman 2009](#)) or other/mix of conditions ([Bogner 2008](#); [Katon 2010](#); [Pyne 2011](#); [Vera 2010](#)).

Setting: In 82 comparisons (91%) the main healthcare provider was based in primary care; in eight comparisons (9%) a specialist provided general medical care.

Interventions

All comparisons had to meet the four criteria of collaborative care stated in the protocol although there was considerable variability in the exact nature of the intervention.

- A multi-professional approach to patient care: all comparisons involved a primary care provider (generic medical professional) and at least one other health professional (e.g. psychiatrist, nurse, psychologist). In 78 comparisons (87%) the intervention involved contributions from people with three distinct roles (primary care provider, case manager, mental health specialist); 12 (13%) involved two professional roles (primary care provider and case manager, although in these comparisons typically the case manager was a mental health specialist). In 50 comparisons (56%) the case manager was a mental health practitioner; in 40 (44%) the case manager did not have a professional background in mental health.

- A structured management plan: all comparisons included an organised approach to patient care (e.g. evidence based medication algorithm, manualised psychological interventions such as behavioural activation or cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT)). In 48 comparisons (53%) the intervention included medication management and psychological therapy; 37 (41%) included medication management only; and 5 (6%) psychological therapy only.

- Scheduled patient follow-ups: all comparisons included an organised approach to patient follow-up (e.g. scheduled telephone or in-person follow-up appointments). In 49 (54%) of

the comparisons the intervention lasted six months or less, in 31 (34%) comparisons the intervention lasted more than six months, and it was unclear how long the intervention lasted in 10 (11%) comparisons.

- Enhanced inter-professional communication: all comparisons introduced mechanisms to facilitate communication between professionals (e.g. team meetings, individual consultation/supervision, shared medical records, and patient-specific written or verbal feedback between care-givers).

The duration of the intervention varied across studies and data extraction was complex. Detailed data were not always reported, and the intensity of collaborative care interventions is sometimes contingent on short-term outcomes rather than being standardised for all patients, and may be titrated over time so that an initial high intensity intervention is replaced by low intensity monitoring over the longer-term. We estimated that 32 comparisons (36%) included an intervention of more than six months duration. We will explore variability between studies in meta-regression analyses and include this in the updated review.

Comparison group

Thirty-four (38%) comparisons provided no additional intervention in the usual care group. Fifty-two (58%) comparisons did provide additional interventions in the usual care group (such as education (guidelines or brief training session) for primary care providers on the recognition and management of depression, or notification of patient's depression status) but these aspects of the intervention were also applied in the intervention arm. One (1%) comparison enhanced usual care by providing an intervention that the collaborative care arm did not receive (Asarnow 2005). One (1%) comparison did not describe usual care (Uebelacker 2011).

Excluded studies

Of the 3473 records screened, we excluded 2855 (82%) on title and abstract. We retrieved 618 full-text articles and excluded 183 (30%) from the review. Of these, 27 did not meet study design criteria (e.g. not RCTs), 97 did not meet intervention criteria (e.g. the intervention was not focused on the depression or anxiety, only included one professional, did not include enhanced communication or scheduled follow-ups), 18 did not meet diagnostic criteria (e.g. less than 50% of participants were depressed or anxious at baseline), and 41 were companion papers of the excluded ones. The 'Characteristics of excluded studies' table lists those trials which were potentially relevant ($n = 37$) but which did not meet all the inclusion criteria for the review, together with the exact criteria on which they were excluded. We excluded 24 because of the type of intervention used, 11 because of the types of participants included, and two because of study design.

Ongoing studies

Twenty studies are classified as 'ongoing' (Characteristics of ongoing studies). We contacted all lead authors of these studies, and whilst some studies were complete, data were not published/available in time to include in the review.

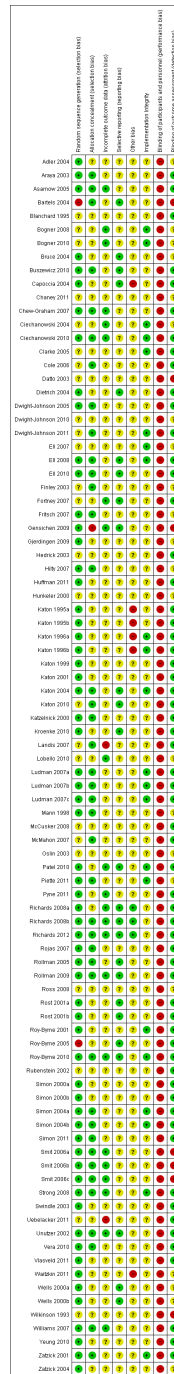
Studies waiting classification

Eight studies are awaiting classification because we either have not been able to contact authors/are awaiting author response, the study is completed and we are awaiting publication of results, or translation was not possible within the time frame of the review (Characteristics of studies awaiting classification).

Risk of bias in included studies

A graphical representation of the risk of bias in included studies is presented in Figure 2.

Figure 2. 'Risk of bias' summary: review authors' judgements about each risk of bias item for each included study.



Allocation

Generation of random sequence

In sixty-three (70%) comparisons random sequence generation was described adequately and we rated these as 'low risk' of bias. In twenty-five (28%) comparisons the description of how the sequence was generated was either missing or there was insufficient information available to make an assessment and we rated these as 'unclear risk' of bias. Two (2%) comparisons described methods which were considered to be at 'high risk' of bias (Bartels 2004; Roy-Byrne 2005).

Allocation

In forty (44%) comparisons there was adequate description of allocation concealment and we rated these as 'low risk' of bias. In forty-nine (54%) comparisons the description of allocation concealment was either missing or there was insufficient information available for assessment and we rated these as 'unclear risk' of bias. One (1%) comparison described methods which were considered to be at 'high risk' of bias (Gensichen 2009).

Blinding

Blinding of participants and personnel was not possible in any case. We therefore rated all comparisons at 'high risk' of bias in relation to this criterion.

Sixty-one (68%) comparisons described adequate blinding of those completing outcome assessment and we rated these at 'low risk' of bias. In twenty-two (24%) comparisons the description of blinding of outcome assessment was either missing or there was insufficient information available for assessment and we rated these as 'unclear risk' of bias. Seven (8%) comparisons described methods which we considered to be at 'high risk' of bias (Bartels 2004; Datto 2003; Gensichen 2009; Smit 2006a; Smit 2006b; Smit 2006c; Wilkinson 1993).

Incomplete outcome data

In terms of the proportion of randomised patients who were lost to follow-up at the 0 to 6 month follow-up, for the 87 comparisons where rates could be calculated, 26 (30%) had 10% or less loss to follow-up, 38 (44%) had 11% to 20%, 14 (16%) had 21% to 30%, 6 (7%) had 31% to 40%, and 3 (3%) had 40% or more loss to follow-up.

In terms of differences in the proportions between collaborative care and usual care arms, seven (8%) comparisons had differences of greater than 10% between trial arms.

Twenty-three (26%) comparisons did not have high rates of loss to follow-up or imbalance and described adequate methods of dealing with incomplete outcome data and we rated these as 'low risk' of bias. In sixty-six (73%) comparisons the rates of loss to follow-up or imbalance were high, the description of methods for dealing with incomplete outcome data was missing, or there was insufficient information available for assessment, and we rated these as 'unclear risk' of bias. One (1%) comparison had high rates of loss to follow-up and described methods of dealing with missing data which were considered to be at 'high risk' of bias (Uebelacker 2011).

Selective reporting

In twenty-five comparisons (28%) the authors had made protocols available and reported on all expected outcomes, therefore we rated these as 'low risk' of bias. Sixty-five comparisons (72%) did not have a protocol available and/or insufficient information was available to judge selective reporting, and we rated these as 'unclear risk' of bias.

Other potential sources of bias

Using the three criteria to assess other potential sources of bias: 1) any potential source of bias related to the specific study design used; 2) study claimed to have been fraudulent; or 3) some other problem, we rated 81 comparisons (90%) as 'unclear risk' of bias, three (3%) as 'low risk' of bias and six (7%) as 'high risk' of bias. We made the high risk of bias judgements based on analytical methods used or cross-contamination, where case managers were specified to provide care for patients in both usual care and collaborative care groups.

Effects of interventions

1. Collaborative care versus usual care (adults)

1.1 and 1.2 Depression

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

Thirty comparisons (5984 participants) reported short-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (standard mean difference (SMD) -0.34, 95% CI -0.41 to -0.27, $I^2 = 34\%$) (Analysis 1.1).

Forty-eight comparisons (11,250 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (risk ratio (RR) 1.32, 95% CI 1.22 to 1.43, $I^2 = 71\%$) (Analysis 1.2).

The funnel plots for the analyses of short-term continuous and dichotomous outcomes are shown in [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#). Neither showed marked evidence of asymmetry.

Figure 3. Forest plot of comparison: I Collaborative care versus 'usual care' (adults), outcome: I.I Improvement in depression symptoms.

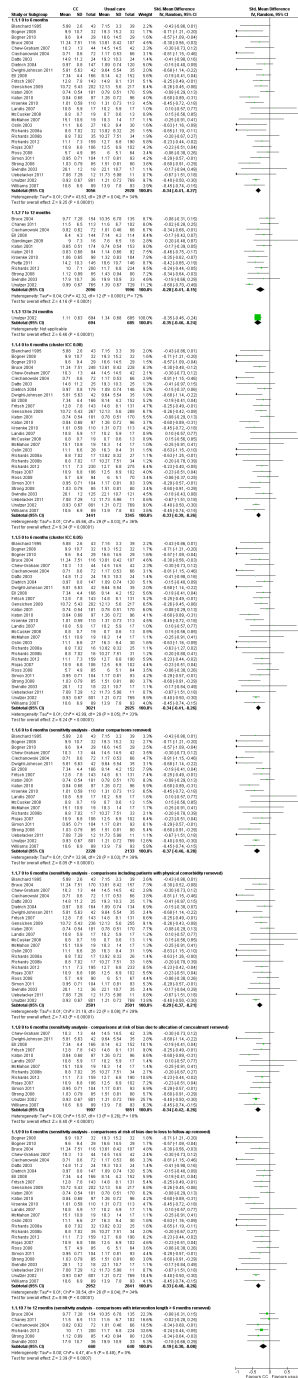
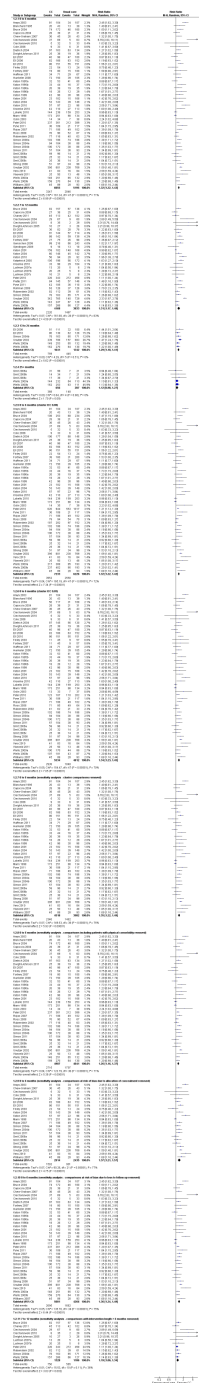


Figure 4. Forest plot of comparison: I Collaborative care versus 'usual care' (adults), outcome: I.2 Depression response.



Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

Thirteen comparisons (4092 participants) reported medium-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD -0.28, 95% CI -0.41 to -0.15, $I^2 = 72\%$) (Analysis 1.1).

Twenty-nine comparisons (8001 participants) reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.31, 95% CI 1.17 to 1.48, $I^2 = 83\%$) (Analysis 1.2).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

One comparison (1379 participants) reported long-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD -0.35, 95% CI -0.46 to -0.24, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 1.1).

Six comparisons (2983 participants) reported long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.29, 95% CI 1.18 to 1.41, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 1.2).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care.

Five comparisons (943 participants) reported very long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.12, 95% CI 0.98 to 1.27, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 1.2).

1.3 Antidepressant medication use

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

Forty-four comparison studies (10,117 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for antidepressant medication use. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.47, 95% CI 1.33 to 1.63, $I^2 = 81\%$) (Analysis 1.3).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

Twenty-six comparisons (6486 participants) reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for antidepressant medication use. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.43, 95% CI 1.26 to 1.61, $I^2 = 78\%$) (Analysis 1.3).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

Six comparisons (2963 participants) reported long-term dichotomous outcomes for antidepressant medication use. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.22, 95% CI 1.03 to 1.45, $I^2 = 54\%$) (Analysis 1.3).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

Three comparisons (232 participants) reported very long-term dichotomous outcomes for antidepressant medication use. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.02, 95% CI 0.87 to 1.21, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 1.3).

1.4 and 1.5 Anxiety

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

One comparison (876 participants) reported short-term continuous outcomes for anxiety for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD -0.30, 95% CI -0.44 to -0.17, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 1.4).

Four comparisons (1248 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for anxiety for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.50, 95% CI 1.21 to 1.87, $I^2 = 55\%$) (Analysis 1.5).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

One comparison (813 participants) reported medium-term continuous outcomes for anxiety for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD -0.33, 95% CI -0.47 to -0.19, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 1.4).

Five comparisons (1374 participants) reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for anxiety for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.41, 95% CI 1.18 to 1.69, $I^2 = 58\%$) (Analysis 1.5).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

One comparison (804 participants) reported long-term continuous outcomes for anxiety for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD -0.20, 95% CI -0.34 to -0.06, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 1.4).

One comparison (804 participants) reported long-term dichotomous outcomes for anxiety for collaborative care versus usual care. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.26, 95% CI 1.11 to 1.42, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 1.5).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous or dichotomous outcomes for anxiety for collaborative care versus usual care.

1.6 Anxiety medication use

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

Three comparisons (1144 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for anxiety medication use. There were no

significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.24, 95% CI 0.93 to 1.63, $I^2 = 56\%$) (Analysis 1.6).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

Four comparisons (1225 participants) reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for anxiety medication use. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.17, 95% CI 1.03 to 1.32, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 1.6).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

One comparison (804 participants) reported longer-term dichotomous outcomes for anxiety medication use. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.09, 95% CI 0.92 to 1.30, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 1.6).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term dichotomous outcomes for anxiety medication use.

1.7 Mental health quality of life

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

Fourteen comparisons (4954 participants) reported short-term continuous outcomes for mental health quality of life. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD 0.26, 95% CI 0.13 to 0.38, $I^2 = 76\%$) (Analysis 1.7).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

Eleven comparisons (3534 participants) reported medium-term continuous outcomes for mental health quality of life. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD 0.20, 95% CI 0.09 to 0.31, $I^2 = 58\%$) (Analysis 1.7).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

Three comparisons (1278 participants) reported long-term continuous outcomes for mental health quality of life. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD 0.25, 95% CI 0.08 to 0.43, $I^2 = 51\%$) (Analysis 1.7).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

Two comparisons (991 participants) reported very long-term continuous outcomes for mental health quality of life. There were no significant differences between the two groups (SMD 0.10, 95% CI -0.03 to 0.23, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 1.7).

1.8 Physical health quality of life

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

Ten comparisons (2957 participants) reported short-term continuous outcomes for physical health quality of life. There were no

significant differences between the two groups (SMD 0.06, 95% CI -0.01 to 0.13, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 1.8).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

Ten comparisons (4552 participants) reported medium-term continuous outcomes for physical health quality of life. There were no significant differences between the two groups (SMD 0.07, 95% CI -0.04 to 0.18, $I^2 = 67\%$) (Analysis 1.8).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

Four comparisons (2657 participants) reported long-term continuous outcomes for physical health quality of life. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD 0.10, 95% CI 0.02 to 0.17, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 1.8).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous outcomes for physical health quality of life.

1.9 and 1.10 Patient satisfaction

Ten comparisons (3333 participants) reported continuous outcomes for patient satisfaction. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (SMD 0.31, 95% CI 0.13 to 0.49, $I^2 = 82\%$) (Analysis 1.9).

Twenty-four comparisons (5500 participants) reported dichotomous outcomes for patient satisfaction. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.27, 95% CI 1.18 to 1.38, $I^2 = 75\%$) (Analysis 1.10).

2. Collaborative care versus usual care (adolescents)

2.1 and 2.2 Depression

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

Two comparisons (471 participants) reported short-term continuous depression outcomes for collaborative care versus usual care in adolescents. There were no significant differences between the two groups (SMD -0.17, 95% CI -0.35 to 0.01, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 2.1).

Two comparisons (460 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care in adolescents. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 0.73, 95% CI 0.56 to 0.96, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 2.2).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

One comparison (114 participants) reported medium-term continuous depression outcomes for collaborative care versus usual care in adolescents. There were no significant differences between

the two (SMD -0.32, 95% CI -0.69 to 0.05, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 2.1).

Two comparisons (441 participants) reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care in adolescents. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.05, 95% CI 0.54 to 2.06, $I^2 = 32\%$) (Analysis 2.2).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

No comparisons reported long-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care in adolescents.

One comparison (322 participants) reported long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care in adolescents. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 0.75, 95% CI 0.51 to 1.11, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 2.2).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous or dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus usual care in adolescents.

2.3 Antidepressant medication use

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

One comparison (335 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for antidepressant medication use. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 0.80, 95% CI 0.47 to 1.35, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 2.3).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

One comparison (327 participants) reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for antidepressant medication use. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 0.80, 95% CI 0.47 to 1.39, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 2.3).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

One comparison (321 participants) reported longer-term dichotomous outcomes for antidepressant medication use. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 0.68, 95% CI 0.36 to 1.30, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 2.3).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term dichotomous outcomes for antidepressant medication use.

2.4 Mental health quality of life

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

Two comparisons (471 participants) reported short-term continuous outcomes for mental health quality of life. There were no

significant differences between the two groups (SMD 0.15, 95% CI -0.03 to 0.33, $I^2 = 0\%$) (Analysis 2.4).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

Two comparisons (441 participants) reported medium-term continuous outcomes for mental health quality of life. There were no significant differences between the two groups (SMD 0.05, 95% CI -0.24 to 0.33, $I^2 = 47\%$) (Analysis 2.4).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

One comparison (322 participants) reported medium-term continuous outcomes for mental health quality of life. There were no significant differences between the two groups (SMD 0.09, 95% CI -0.13 to 0.31, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 2.4).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous outcomes for mental health quality of life.

2.5 Physical health quality of life

Short-term 0 to 6 months

One comparison (127 participants) reported short-term continuous outcomes for physical health quality of life. There were no significant differences between the two groups (SMD -0.25, 95% CI -0.59 to 0.10, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 2.5).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

Two comparisons (114 participants) reported medium-term continuous outcomes for physical health quality of life. There were no significant differences between the two groups (SMD 0.12, 95% CI -0.25 to 0.49, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 2.5).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

No comparisons reported long-term continuous outcomes for physical health quality of life.

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous outcomes for physical health quality of life.

2.6 Patient satisfaction

Two comparisons (471 participants) reported continuous outcomes for patient satisfaction. There were no significant differences between the two groups (SMD 0.09, 95% CI -0.38 to 0.57, $I^2 = 82\%$) (Analysis 2.6).

No comparisons reported dichotomous outcomes for patient satisfaction.

3. Collaborative care versus feedback (adults)

3.1 Depression

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

No comparisons reported continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus feedback.

One comparison (396 participants) reported dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus feedback. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than feedback (RR 1.25, 95% CI 1.02 to 1.53, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 3.1).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

No comparisons reported medium-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus feedback.

No comparisons reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus feedback.

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

No comparisons reported long-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus feedback.

No comparisons reported long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus feedback.

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus feedback.

No comparisons reported very long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus feedback.

4. Collaborative care versus consultation-liaison (adults)

4.1 Depression

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

No comparisons reported continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus consultation-liaison.

One comparison (77 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus consultation-liaison. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.30, 95% CI 0.43 to 3.89, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 4.1).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

One comparison (77 participants) reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus consultation-liaison. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.14, 95% CI 0.40 to 3.22, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 4.1).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

No comparisons reported long-term continuous or dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus consultation-liaison.

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous or dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus consultation-liaison.

5. Collaborative care plus consultation-liaison versus collaborative care (adults)

5.1 Depression

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

One comparison (128 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus consultation-liaison versus collaborative care. Collaborative care plus consultation-liaison was significantly more effective than usual care (RR 1.27, 95% CI 1.00 to 1.62, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 5.1).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

No comparisons reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus consultation-liaison versus collaborative care.

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

No comparisons reported long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus consultation-liaison versus collaborative care.

Very long-term: 25 months or more

One comparison (133 participants) reported very long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus consultation-liaison versus collaborative care. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.31, 95% CI 0.80 to 2.16, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 5.1).

6. Collaborative care versus enhanced referral (adults)

6.1 Depression

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

One comparison (1220 participants) reported continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus enhanced referral. There were no significant differences between the two groups

(SMD 0.08, 95% CI -0.03 to 0.19, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 6.1).

No studies reported dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus enhanced referral.

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

No comparisons reported medium-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus enhanced referral.

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

No comparisons reported long-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus enhanced referral.

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care versus enhanced referral.

7. Collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication) (adults)

7.1 Depression

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

No comparisons reported continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication).

One comparison (521 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication). There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.00, 95% CI 0.87 to 1.15, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 7.1).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

No comparisons reported continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication).

One comparison (513 participants) reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication). There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.02, 95% CI 0.88 to 1.18, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 7.1).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

No comparisons reported continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication).

One comparison (523 participants) reported long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication). There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.02, 95% CI 0.88 to 1.17, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 7.1).

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication).

One comparison (485 participants) reported very long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication). There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.03, 95% CI 0.90 to 1.18, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 7.1).

8. Collaborative care plus psychotherapy versus collaborative care (adults)

8.1 and 8.2 Depression

Short-term: 0 to 6 months

One comparison (43 participants) reported continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus psychotherapy versus collaborative care. There were no significant differences between the two groups (SMD -0.27, 95% CI -0.87 to 0.33, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 8.1).

Two comparisons (488 participants) reported short-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus psychotherapy versus collaborative care. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.14, 95% CI 0.97 to 1.33, I^2 = 0%) (Analysis 8.2).

Medium-term: 7 to 12 months

No comparisons reported medium-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus psychotherapy versus collaborative care.

One comparison (41 participants) reported medium-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus psychotherapy versus collaborative care. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.17, 95% CI 0.79 to 1.75, I^2 not applicable) (Analysis 8.2).

Long-term: 13 to 24 months

No comparisons reported long-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus psychotherapy versus collaborative care.

No comparisons reported long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus psychotherapy versus collaborative care.

Very long-term: 25 months or more

No comparisons reported very long-term continuous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus psychotherapy versus collaborative care.

One comparison (137 participants) reported very long-term dichotomous outcomes for depression for collaborative care plus

psychotherapy versus collaborative care. There were no significant differences between the two groups (RR 1.43, 95% CI 0.90 to 2.26, I² not applicable) (Analysis 8.2).

Sensitivity analyses

The main analysis of the effects of collaborative care on continuous depression outcomes at six months (SMD -0.34, 95% CI -0.41 to -0.27) was not markedly changed when the intracluster correlation coefficient (ICC) used to analyse cluster comparisons was 0.00 (SMD -0.33, 95% CI -0.39 to -0.26) or 0.05 (SMD -0.34, 95% CI -0.41 to -0.26) (Analysis 1.1).

The main analysis of the effects of collaborative care on continuous depression outcomes at six months (SMD -0.34, 95% CI -0.41 to -0.27) was not markedly changed when sensitivity analysis removed cluster comparisons (SMD -0.37, 95% CI -0.46 to -0.28), comparisons with inclusion criteria of physical comorbidity (SMD -0.29, 95% CI -0.37 to -0.21) or comparisons at unclear or high risk of bias in terms of allocation concealment (SMD -0.34, 95% CI -0.42 to -0.26) or loss to follow-up (SMD -0.33, 95% CI -0.40 to -0.26) (Analysis 1.1).

The effects of collaborative care on continuous depression outcomes at 12 months (SMD -0.28, 95% CI -0.41 to -0.15) changed to SMD -0.19 (95% CI -0.30 to -0.08) when comparisons including intervention beyond six months were removed.

The main analysis of the effects of collaborative care on dichotomous depression outcomes at six months (RR 1.32, 95% CI 1.22 to 1.43) was not markedly changed when the estimates of the ICC used to analyse cluster comparisons were 0.00 (RR 1.32, 95% CI 1.22 to 1.42) or 0.05 (RR 1.34, 95% CI 1.23 to 1.45) (Analysis 1.2).

The main analysis of the effects of collaborative care on dichotomous depression outcomes at six months (RR 1.32, 95% CI 1.22 to 1.43) was not markedly changed when sensitivity analysis removed cluster comparisons (RR 1.35, 95% CI 1.22 to 1.49), comparisons with inclusion criteria of physical comorbidity (RR 1.26, 95% CI 1.16 to 1.37) and comparisons at unclear or high risk of bias in allocation concealment (RR 1.37, 95% CI 1.21 to 1.57) or loss to follow-up (RR 1.36, 95% CI 1.24 to 1.49) (Analysis 1.2). The effects of collaborative care at 12 months (RR 1.31, 95% CI 1.17 to 1.48) changed to RR 1.19 (95% CI 1.06 to 1.34) when comparisons including intervention beyond six months were removed.

DISCUSSION

We have summarised a large body of evidence from 79 randomised controlled trials (RCTs) (90 comparisons) which predominantly compare collaborative care with usual care, although there are a

small number of comparisons of types of collaborative care, or comparisons of collaborative care and other active interventions. This is the first Cochrane review of this body of evidence and our main findings are outlined below.

Summary of main results

Collaborative care versus usual care (adults)

In terms of primary outcomes, collaborative care for patients with depression is more effective than usual care in terms of depression outcomes at around six months, 12 months, and 24 months, although the effects were not significant after 24 months. Collaborative care for patients with anxiety is more effective than usual care in terms of anxiety outcomes at around six months, 12 months and 24 months.

In terms of secondary outcomes, collaborative care for patients with depression increases rates of antidepressant use at around six months, 12 months and 24 months, although the effects are not significant beyond 24 months. Collaborative care for patients with anxiety led to significantly higher rates of anxiety medication use at 12 months.

Collaborative care is more effective than usual care in terms of mental health quality of life at around six months, 12 months and 24 months. Collaborative care is more effective than usual care in terms of physical health quality of life at around 24 months only. Collaborative care is more effective than usual care in terms of patient satisfaction post-intervention.

Other comparisons

Collaborative care was not significantly more effective than usual care in adolescents with depression at around six months or 12 months when measured using continuous outcomes, although the intervention was significantly more effective than usual care at six months when measured using dichotomous outcomes. Collaborative care for adolescents with depression had no significant effects on antidepressant use. There were no significant differences in mental or physical health quality of life or patient satisfaction. There were a limited number of randomised comparisons of collaborative care versus other interventions. Collaborative care was significantly more effective than feedback alone, but no more effective than consultation-liaison or enhanced referral. There was limited evidence that adding consultation-liaison to collaborative care was significantly more effective than collaborative care alone at around six months only. There were no significant differences between collaborative care and psychotherapy compared with collaborative care alone. There were no differences between collaborative care based on a psychotherapy model, and collaborative care based on a medication model.

Overall completeness and applicability of evidence

This review has included 79 RCTs (90 comparisons) of collaborative care most of which focus on improving mental health outcomes for adults with depression in primary care. This means that collaborative care for anxiety and depression is one of the most well evaluated interventions in mental health in primary care.

Types of study design

Most studies were individually randomised trials but a proportion (21; 23%) used cluster randomisation. Cluster-RCTs are recommended for testing systems-level interventions such as collaborative care (Ukoumunne 1999), as patient randomised trials may be vulnerable to contamination i.e. changes in the behaviour of primary care providers influenced by system-level changes such as advice from mental health specialists and routine screening and feedback of patients' mental health status (Richards 2008a). However, cluster-RCTs generally require larger patient samples and may be vulnerable to other sources of bias (selective patient recruitment after cluster randomisation; baseline imbalance due to the smaller number of clusters recruited; loss of clusters; and incorrect analysis). This review explored the inclusion of cluster-RCTs in sensitivity analysis and there was no evidence that the main outcomes were sensitive to the inclusion of such trials, or the estimates of the level of clustering used to estimate outcomes in the meta-analysis.

Types of participants

Although the majority of the included studies have been conducted in the US, more studies are being conducted worldwide, and the positive outcomes reported in the US do seem to be replicated in other countries in Europe (Chew-Graham 2007; Gensichen 2009; Richards 2012) and wider contexts (Araya 2003; Patel 2010; Rojas 2007). However, given the more limited evidence base, the main findings of the review need to be interpreted with more caution when considering other settings.

Originally, collaborative care studies were conducted on patients with depression. However, more recently the study of collaborative care has diversified, recruiting participants with anxiety disorders, and patients with diagnosed physical health conditions (e.g. specialist centres treating people with lung cancer or diabetes). Clinical diagnosis was not necessarily a prerequisite for inclusion in the studies and therefore we included a wide range of symptoms and/or disorders (subthreshold, mild and major depression, chronic, postnatal). Studies that use diagnostic criteria to screen participants for eligibility are often prioritised over studies that use self-report outcome measures or clinician judgement, particularly as evidence based guidelines often exclude the latter from their reviews of the literature (NICE 2010). Whilst positive outcomes may be more likely when interventions are targeted to a specific

diagnostic group (Roth 1996), studies where interventions are offered based on levels of symptoms rather than research diagnoses may be more representative of routine practice.

Types of intervention

Collaborative care is a complex intervention which is difficult to define precisely. This review based inclusion and exclusion criteria on a published definition of collaborative care (Gunn 2006). Whilst this was considered the most comprehensive and internally consistent definition to date, there was still variation in what was delivered as part of a collaborative care model in relation to all four intervention criteria.

In terms of a multi-professional approach some studies included just two health professionals (primary care provider and case manager/and or mental health specialist), while others included a primary care provider, case manager and a mental health specialist. There was variation in the amount of structure in the management plan, where some studies were highly prescriptive (e.g. providing a written manual for the primary care provider and/or the case manager to follow) and others were less so (providing written treatment guidelines and encouraging individualised treatment plans). There was variation also in the intensity of the intervention in each study in terms of number of follow-ups scheduled (ranging from 1 to 20+); method of delivery (face-to-face, telephone or a combination); and session duration. This variation in 'key ingredients' of collaborative care complicates the interpretation of the results.

We excluded studies from this review examining stepped care models where access to collaborative care was restricted and reserved for a small proportion of participants meeting specific criteria, as it would have been impossible to assess the added value of the collaborative care element. This may be an important consideration, particularly in the UK where stepped care is the recommended service model for depression and anxiety (NICE 2010).

Types of comparison

Most of the studies compared collaborative care with 'usual care'. A limitation of this review is that 'usual care' is hard to define and included studies did not clearly describe the key elements. Many of the most traditional 'usual care' studies also included some limited level of intervention (distribution of treatment guidelines, informing patients of depression status, training and education of primary care practitioners). The evidence for these interventions delivered in isolation is limited (Bower 2005) but such interventions could result in a lower treatment effect.

Several studies have compared collaborative care with another active treatment (such as consultation-liaison or enhanced referral) but the numbers of available comparisons is low and confidence in the conclusions about their relative value is limited.

Quality of the evidence

Most of the 90 comparisons were included in analyses of depression outcomes, enabling estimates of the effects of collaborative care in the short-term and medium-term with a high level of precision.

We found clinical and methodological heterogeneity in terms of participants, interventions, comparisons and outcome measures. In primary analyses, the value of the I^2 statistic for the continuous measure of depression outcome at six months was 34%; 'moderate' according to recommended criteria (Deeks 2011). For dichotomous measures of depression outcome at six months it was 71% indicating 'substantial' heterogeneity according to recommended criteria. Using the same criteria, 'considerable' heterogeneity was apparent in the analysis of antidepressant use at six months (I^2 statistic = 81%). The 95% confidence intervals around the I^2 estimate, calculated using the Stata command *heterogi*, are presented in Appendix 2. We used random-effects models in all analyses.

We did not identify any adverse outcomes. Trials in this area of research rarely record adverse events.

Applying 'Risk of bias' criteria to the studies has identified methodological limitations in the studies, although some of these (e.g. blinding of participants and clinicians) reflect the reality of conducting complex intervention trials in practice. Some studies rated as 'high risk' of bias for 'blinding of participants' used self-reported outcomes which may not be as vulnerable to bias as an unblinded external observer. There was no evidence that removing studies at high risk of bias (assessed in terms of allocation concealment) had a large effect on the estimate of treatment effect in the main analyses. Studies varied in whether they reported outcomes in terms of continuous measures or dichotomous outcomes, and there is a risk of bias if this represents selective reporting. However, this is very difficult to judge without access to study protocols.

Potential biases in the review process

Since the published protocol, we have made several changes in response to peer review, and as a result of internal discussions, on the best way to synthesise data about a complex and multifaceted intervention. These changes are documented in line with good practice.

We did not contact all authors to collect missing data. Given the size and complexity of the review this would have required multiple requests for data from many authors and study timelines did not allow for this task.

There are a number of analyses that we had planned, but given the size and complexity of the review we have been unable to complete such analyses because of time constraints.

We were unable to conduct a rigorous and reliable analysis of social function outcomes in the time frame of the review, as the measures

reported were highly varied and their comparability difficult to judge without extensive work on individual scales. We will add these outcomes at a later date.

The protocol discussed several subgroup analyses and exploratory meta-regression. We analysed outcomes separately for adolescents and adults, and for interventions targeting patients with depression and anxiety. We did not conduct subgroup analyses for country, location of recruitment, ethnicity, or aspects of the intervention, or conduct the exploratory meta-regression. Exploration of the impact of such factors will benefit from a multivariate approach which can assess the relative importance of factors, rather than a series of single subgroup analyses which may be confounded with other important factors. Such a meta-regression analysis will require extensive imputation of missing outcome data, and translation of continuous and dichotomous outcomes into a common format. These activities could not be completed in the time frame of the review, but we will add these at a later date.

We did not extract data from studies that reported antidepressant medication as a continuous outcome only, or from studies that reported quality of life as a dichotomous outcome only, or as a general quality of life measure only that combined physical and mental health. In all cases this represented less than 5% of studies. We extracted data on satisfaction at six months only. Although it is possible that satisfaction could change over time, our judgement was that satisfaction measures are fundamentally associated with views of the treatment process, and thus measures close to treatment receipt are much more likely to be accurate and unfounded by memory issues.

We have included analyses of collaborative care plus enhancement versus collaborative care. We accept that such studies provide an assessment of the effects of the enhancement, not collaborative care. However, we felt that such analyses were of relevance, as it is an important clinical issue as to whether the effects of collaborative care can be increased by adding other features to the basic model. Our analysis split outcomes into four time periods based on time since randomisation. The nature of collaborative care means that interventions are sometimes provided over longer periods of time, and thus it is possible that long-term effects of collaborative care (i.e. those in the 12-month period and beyond) do not reflect any enduring effect of the intervention, but simply reflect those interventions that are extended beyond the initial outcome period (0 to 6 months). We conducted a sensitivity analysis, removing studies where the intervention extended beyond six months, to assess whether the effects found at the 7- to 12-month time point were significantly different when studies with longer-term interventions were excluded. In both outcomes, the effect of collaborative care at 7 to 12 months was reduced, which supports the suggestion that long-term effects on outcome are more likely when the intervention is also conducted over the longer-term. However, the effects of collaborative care are still statistically significant at both time points even with longer-term interventions removed, and this issue needs further research.

We did not contact all first authors or experts in the field to check for additional studies to those found through our searches.

Agreements and disagreements with other studies or reviews

A number of reviews have examined the effectiveness of collaborative care, enhanced care, disease management and complex system interventions (Badamgarav 2003; Bijl 2004; Gensichen 2009; Gilbody 2006; Gunn 2006; Kates 2007; Neumeyer-Gromen 2004). These reviews have used a mixture of narrative and meta-analyses to examine outcomes including: depression symptoms and caseness, patient satisfaction, adherence to treatment and cost-effectiveness.

These reviews mainly include RCTs. A previous review conducted in 2006 included 37 RCTs of collaborative care (Gilbody 2006) using broader inclusion criteria for collaborative care (Katon 2001). A recent review (Thota 2012) identified a further 32 studies between 2004 and 2009. The current review demonstrates the increase in activity in the implementation and evaluation of collaborative care, although some of the differences in the numbers of studies included in different reviews represent differences in exact inclusion and exclusion criteria.

Like the current review, all of the published reviews concluded collaborative care was effective in the short-term and medium-term, and some reviews also considered longer-term outcomes, reporting trends for significant effects up to five years (Gilbody 2006).

Less evidence has been reported for other outcomes such as quality of life and patient satisfaction although some previous reviews have reported potential positive outcomes for collaborative care in terms of patient satisfaction (Badamgarav 2003; Neumeyer-Gromen 2004; Thota 2012).

We did not identify any reviews that examined collaborative care for adults with anxiety; across different age ranges (including adolescents and older age) and compared with other active treatments (such as consultation-liaison and enhanced referral).

AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS

Implications for practice

This review has demonstrated clear and robust evidence of effectiveness for collaborative care in improving depression outcomes in the short- and medium-term.

These findings have important implications for current clinical guidelines for depression. The overall finding that collaborative care is associated with improvements in depression is based on a large and varied database and is highly likely to be rigorous. However, debate will continue over the magnitude of the benefits. The

standardised mean difference (SMD) demonstrated in the main analyses, although significant, is modest by current convention (Lipsey 1990), and less than some important comparison treatments (such as cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT)) when evaluated in contexts other than primary care (Churchill 2002; NICE 2010). Although there is a lack of consensus on 'minimally clinically important differences' in mental health, a SMD of 0.5 has been used previously as a criteria for adoption in the UK, and the data in this review shows effects which are less than this, and some benefits (such as those on physical health quality of life) are statistically significant but potentially of limited clinical significance.

However, the benefits of collaborative care are similar to other treatments (such as CBT and other psychological therapies) when delivered in primary care settings (Cape 2010) and it is important to note that the benefits, although modest, do seem to endure over time, possibly reflecting the chronic disease management basis of the collaborative care intervention.

Currently the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) in the UK only recommends collaborative care at step 3 for people with long-term physical conditions and depression (NICE 2009). This current review did not find that excluding studies in patients with long-term physical conditions made a substantive difference to the findings of the review (main analysis SMD -0.34; sensitivity analysis excluding studies in patients with comorbidity SMD -0.29). As noted previously, such simple comparisons are problematic, as there are many additional differences between studies that could account for this variation, beyond the types of patients recruited. For example, collaborative care is a complex intervention and there is significant variation in the exact nature of the intervention in the included studies, as well as differences in patient populations, contexts, comparisons, and design. Replication of an earlier meta-regression including the new studies is required (Bower 2006), accounting for the full range of studies and relevant characteristics, and we will conduct this as an update to this review.

Implications for research

The evidence for the effectiveness of collaborative care for depression in the short- and medium-term is robust. There is a need for further research in collaborative care for anxiety, in patients with depression and long-term physical health conditions, and in different age groups (adolescents and older age). Comparisons of collaborative care models with other interventions would also be useful to better determine its optimal place in current clinical pathways.

Exploration of the moderators and mediators of the effects of collaborative care (Kraemer 2002) might provide useful guidance on how current models could enhance effectiveness through greater focus on 'active ingredients' and better targeting of patient populations most likely to benefit.

Improvements in the way research is reported are required. We were unable to make accurate judgements about many risk of bias issues, and we could not include large numbers of outcomes in the analyses because key data were missing. Researchers should also be encouraged to include more consistent data on the actual interventions included in collaborative care studies and report adverse events.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDIES

Characteristics of included studies *[ordered by study ID]*

Adler 2004

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Met DSM-IV criteria for MDD and/or dysthymia. Established DSM-IV criteria using PC-SAD© self-administered</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Received care from a PCP, 18 years or older, able to read and understand English, no acute life threatening condition with a terminal prognosis of 6 months, not pregnant/not given birth within the past 6 months</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current alcoholism (defined as more than one positive response on the CAGE, plus one item assessing current usage), bipolar disorder, and/or psychotic disorders</p> <p>Age: Mean 42.3 years</p> <p>Gender: 72% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 72% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 533, intervention 268, control 265</p>
Interventions	<p>Treatment: Pharmacist intervention</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: PCP, pharmacist (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: The pharmacist intervention protocol was based on AHCPR guidelines and emphasised: 1) obtaining medication history, 2) assessing side effects or drug interactions, 3) monitoring drug efficacy and toxicity, 4) educating patients about depression and ADs, 5) encouraging patients to start and maintain AD therapy, and 6) facilitating communication with PCP 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Medication = nine times over 18 months (2, 4, 6, 8, 12 weeks, and 6, 9, 12, and 18 months) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM facilitated communication with a patient's PCP, MH specialist provided clinical supervision as needed <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs received results of depression screen indicating a DSM-IV diagnosis of major depressive disorder and/or dysthymia</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (mBDI): 3, 6, 12, 18 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6 months</p>
Notes	<p>AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; MDD: major depressive disorder; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; AHCPR: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; PC-Sad: Primary Care Screener for Affective Disorders; mBDI: modified Beck Depression Inventory</p>
<i>Risk of bias</i>	

Adler 2004 (Continued)

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computerised coin-flip
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (mBDI) was: overall 149/533 (28%), 75/268 (28%) intervention and 74/265 (28%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided at 6 months. Intention-to-treat analysis reported, conducted an extensive analysis of the potential bias introduced by missing data using available data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Araya 2003

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Current DSM-IV major depression. A score of 5 or more on the general health questionnaire (GHQ-12) at 2 screenings, mini international neuropsychiatric interview (MINI) to ascertain a DSM-IV diagnosis</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Low-income, female, primary care patients aged 18 to 70 years</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current psychotic symptoms, serious suicidal risk, history of mania, or current alcohol abuse, psychiatric consultation or admission to hospital in the 3 months before the interview</p> <p>Age: Mean 42.6 (SD 13.6) years</p> <p>Gender: 100% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: Chile</p>

	Sample size (randomised): Total participants 240, intervention 120, control 120	
Interventions	Treatment: Stepped care Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: PCP, nurse or social worker group leaders (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Step 1: those scoring 19 or less on HRSD received psychoeducational group and those scoring > 19 received psychoeducational group plus assessment for ADs. Step 2: after 6 week reassessment those scoring 12 or less received two booster sessions at weeks 9 and 12 and those scoring > 12 were referred for PCP reassessment to initiate ADs or adjust ADs. Psychoeducation topics included a manual with information on symptoms and causes of depression, treatment options, scheduling positive activities, problem-solving techniques, and basic cognitive and relapse-prevention techniques. PCPs delivered a brief structured pharmacotherapy protocol using a standard medication algorithm to ensure adequate dose and duration of treatment (fluoxetine, amitriptyline, or imipramine). Group leaders monitored medication adherence and attendance at follow-up visits for patients receiving pharmacotherapy 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: The CM psychoeducational intervention group consisted of seven weekly sessions and two booster sessions at weeks 9 and 12. CM monitored AD adherence and attendance at follow-up visits for patients receiving pharmacotherapy 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM co-ordinated further management with PCPs if needed and usually communicated with doctors through alert notes and arranging appointments for patients, MH specialist provided clinical supervision Control: Treatment as usual plus prior to the start of the study PCPs in the control group received guidelines on how to treat depression in primary care	
Outcomes	Depression (HRSD): 3, 6 months Medication use: 6 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 6 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; HRSD: Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; SD: standard deviation	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated random numbers in blocks of 20
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Standard block size. Sealed numbered envelopes opened by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HDRS < 50%) was: overall 29/240 (12%), 16/120 (13%) intervention and 13/120 (11%) control.

Araya 2003 (Continued)

		Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Asarnow 2005

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Either of 2 criteria: (1) endorsed “stem items” for major depression or dysthymia from the 12-month Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI-12 [Core version 2.1]) modified slightly to conform to diagnostic criteria for adolescents, 1 week or more of past month depressive symptoms, and a total CES-D score of 16 or greater (range of possible scores, 0-60); or (2) a CES-D score of 24 or greater</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 13 to 21 years and presenting at clinic for primary care visit</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Having previously completed screening, not English-speaking, clinician not in the study, and sibling already in the study</p> <p>Age: Mean 17.2 (SD 2.1) years</p> <p>Gender: 78% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 56% Hispanic/Latino</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 418, intervention 211, control 207</p>
Interventions	<p>Treatment: Quality improvement intervention</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: PCP, psychotherapists with MH nursing or nursing backgrounds (CM), study team (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: (1) expert leader teams at each site adapted and implemented the intervention; (2) CMs supported PCPs with patient evaluation, education, medication and psychosocial treatment, and linkage with specialty MH services; (3) trained CMs delivered manualised CBT; and (4) patient and clinician choice of treatments (CBT, medication, combined CBT and medication, care manager follow-up, or referral). The CBT manual included a session introducing the treatment model, three 4-session modules emphasising different CBT components (activities/social skills, cognition, and communication/problem solving), and a final session emphasising relapse

	<p>prevention. The Texas Medication Algorithms for MDD guided medication treatment and emphasised SSRI's as the first-stage medication choice</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 1 x 45 session with CM and 1 x 15 minute with PCP then a) medication or medication and psychotherapy (follow-up visits and/or telephone calls by CM and/or PCP) b) psychotherapy (CBT initiated and PCP and/or CM follow-up arranged) c) no treatment (CM follow-up). CBT = 14 weekly sessions, CMs followed up with patients during the 6-month intervention period</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs supported PCPs with patient evaluation, education, medication and psychosocial treatment, and linkage with specialty mental health service. Regular consultation from study team to support fidelity to the treatment model and provide case-specific training in CBT and patient outreach/engagement strategies</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced by providing PCPs with training and educational materials (manuals, pocket cards) on depression evaluation and treatment</p>	
Outcomes	<p>Depression (CES-D): 6, 12, 18 months</p> <p>Medication use: 6, 12 and 18 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (physical and mental health): 6, 12, 18 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 6, 12, 18 months</p>	
Notes	<p>CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CES-D: Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression; CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; CM: case manager; MDD: major depressive disorder; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; SSRI: selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor</p>	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation conducted by an individual not involved in patient recruitment after a time delay (median, 21 days)
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (CES-D) was: overall 74/418 (18%), 41/211 (19%) intervention and 33/207 (16%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons for missing data across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Bartels 2004

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Speciality settings and primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Significant psychological distress on the General Health Questionnaire, a positive response to suicidal ideation questions modified from the PRIME-MD, or at-risk alcohol consumption based on quantity/frequency criteria of more than seven drinks/week or more than two binge episodes in the past 3 months consisting of more than three drinks on a single occasion. Assessed by using the Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview, CES-D scale, Beck Anxiety Inventory, an alcohol quantity/frequency scale, and a detailed medication review</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Met criteria for target conditions (depression, anxiety, and at-risk drinking) assessed by using the Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview, CES-D scale, Beck Anxiety Inventory, an alcohol quantity/frequency scale, and a detailed medication review</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Patients who had received mental health/substance abuse treatment in the preceding 3 months and patients with severe cognitive impairment (≥ 16 on the Brief Orientation Memory Concentration Test). Primary care providers were given the opportunity to withdraw patients with positive screens for medical reasons; patients with a positive assessment on the Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview for psychosis, mania, or hypomania, patients with incomplete data</p> <p>Age: Mean 73.5 (SD 6.2) years</p> <p>Gender: 26% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 52% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 2022, intervention 999, control 1023</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Integrated care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: PCP, social workers, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, psychiatrists, and counsellors (CM) 2) a structured management plan: Integrated models included: 1) mental health and substance abuse services co-located in the primary care setting (including counselling, case management, psychotherapy, and pharmacological treatment); 2) services provided by licensed mental health/substance abuse providers (including social workers, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, psychiatrists, and counsellors); 3) verbal or written communication between the MH specialist and PCP; and 4) an appointment within 2 to 4 weeks following the PCP visit. Specific clinical interventions were not required. Patients with at-risk drinking were offered a manualised Brief Alcohol Intervention

	<p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Alcohol = 3 counselling sessions, depression = the intervention varied across sites</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Verbal or written communication about the clinical evaluation and treatment plan between the CMs and PCP. PCPs were required to remain involved in the patients' care and document their role in the medical record, and communicate with the CMs. PCPs were notified in the event that a patient failed to attend the initial clinical visit</p> <p>Control: Enhanced referral model which provided mental health/substance abuse services in a specialty setting that was physically separate and designated as a mental health/substance abuse clinic. The minimum criteria for the enhanced referral model included 1) referral within 2-4 weeks of the PCP appointment; 2) comply with model requirements, including time to first appointment and coordinated follow-up contacts if the patient failed to make the first scheduled visit; 3) assistance with transportation; and 4) assistance in meeting the costs of treatment</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (CES-D): 3, 6 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and mental health): 3, 6 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 3 months</p>
Notes	CES-D: Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; SD: standard deviation

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	High risk	Computer generated blocks, the computer system malfunctioned for 2 weeks and 44 patients did not conform to randomisation procedure. Some patients assigned using social security number (even or odd)
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Researchers telephoned an independent person to receive patient allocation
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (CES-D) was: overall 311/1531 (20%), 159/758 (21%) intervention and 152/773 (20%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Bartels 2004 (Continued)

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Assessor was potentially aware of treatment allocation

Blanchard 1995

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Community and primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depression measured by short-CARE. Short-CARE contains a diagnostic depression scale (DPDS) which identifies subjects who are likely to be suffering from pervasive depression, a level of depression warranting clinical interventions</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Older adults</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Not stated</p> <p>Age: Mean 76.3 years</p> <p>Gender: 86% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United Kingdom</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 96, intervention 47, control 49</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Community nurse management</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General practitioner (PCP), community psychiatric nurse (CM), old age psychiatry team (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Initial assessment by psychiatrist and information then presented to MH specialist team and individually-tailored care plans developed and implemented by CM. Interventions were negotiated with the patient and their PCP. Interventions included: medication trial and review, increasing social network, counselling when specific interpersonal/bereavement problems were identified, behaviour therapy and review of physical health 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 12 weekly face-to-face sessions 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM worked in close liaison with PCP who remained clinically responsible. Interventions were negotiated with the PCP. The CM was in regular contact with the MH specialist and could use them at any time in a consultative capacity <p>Control: Initial assessment with psychiatrist and case then presented to MH specialist (old age psychiatry team) and an individual management plan was developed which was shared with the PCP after the intervention period. PCPs were made aware of severity of depressive symptoms of patients</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (short CARE): 3 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3 months</p>
Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Short CARE DPDS) was: overall 14/96 (15%), 4/47 (9%) intervention and 10/49 (20%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons for missing data across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis not reported, no description of methods for managing missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Bogner 2008

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: A diagnosis of depression or a prescription for an antidepressant medication within the past year</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 50 years and older, a systolic blood pressure of 140 mm Hg or greater or diastolic blood pressure of 90 mm Hg or greater for non-diabetic patients, or a systolic blood pressure of 130 mm Hg or greater or a diastolic blood pressure of 80 mm Hg or greater for patients with diabetes on at least 2 visits in the previous year, or a prescription for an antihypertensive medication within the past year</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Cognitive impairment, unable to communicate in English, residing in a care facility that provides medications on a schedule, unable to use Medication Event</p>

	Monitoring System (MEMS) caps (AARDEX, Zug, Switzerland), which are microelectronic monitoring devices Age: Mean 58.6 (SD 6.8) years Gender: 77% female Ethnicity: 83% African American Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 64, intervention 32, control 32
Interventions	Intervention: Integrated care Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Family physician (PCP), research coordinator (CM), academic PCP (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Intervention focused on depression and hypertension and aimed to promote patients' adherence to antihypertensive and AD treatment. CM collaborated with physicians to help patients understand and recognise depression in the context of hypertension, offered patients guideline-based treatment recommendations, monitored treatment adherence and clinical status, assessed for side-effects and assistance in their management, and provided appropriate follow-up or referral. Individualised programme congruent with patients' social and cultural context 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 face-to-face, 2 phone contacts in 4-week period 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM acted as liaison between the PCP and patient to help patients recognise depression in the context of hypertension. CM received weekly supervision from MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual
Outcomes	Depression (CES-D): 2, 4, 6, 12 weeks Medication use: 2, 4, 6 weeks
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CES-D: Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; SD: standard deviation

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (CES-D) was: overall 0/64 (0%), 0/32 (0%) intervention and 0/32 (0%) control Intention-to-treat analysis not reported
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Bogner 2008 (Continued)

Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Bogner 2010

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary Care</p> <p>Diagnosis: A diagnosis of depression or a prescription for an antidepressant within the past year</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Diabetics aged 50 and older, an A1C > 7 at their last primary care office visit or a prescription for an oral hypoglycaemic agent within the past year, older African Americans prescribed pharmacotherapy for type 2 diabetes mellitus and depression from physicians at a large primary care practice</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Not stated</p> <p>Age: Mean 60 years</p> <p>Gender: 85% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 100% African American</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 58, intervention 29, control 29</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Integrated care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Family physician (PCP), research coordinator (CM), academic PCP (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Intervention focused on depression in the context of type 2 diabetes mellitus and aimed to promote patients' adherence to an oral hypoglycaemic agent and AD. CM collaborated with PCP to help participants understand and recognise depression in the context of type 2 diabetes mellitus, offered guideline-based treatment recommendations, monitored adherence and clinical status, assessment for the presence of side effects and assistance in their management, and provided appropriate follow-up or referral. Individualised programme congruent with patients' social and cultural context 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 face-to-face, 2 phone contacts in 4-week period 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM acted as liaison between PCP and the elderly depressed patient with type 2 diabetes mellitus in promoting adherence to medication. CM received weekly supervision from specialist <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>

Bogner 2010 (Continued)

Outcomes	Depression (CES-D): 12 weeks Medication use: 2, 4, 6, 12 weeks	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CES-D: Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (CES-D) was: overall 0/58 (0%), 0/29 (0%) intervention and 0/29 (0%) control. Intention-to-treat analysis not reported
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Bruce 2004

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Primary care Diagnosis: All patients with a CES-D score higher than 20 as well as a 5% random sample of patients with lower scores. Patients scoring 20 or lower and not selected randomly were recruited if they responded positively to supplemental questions about prior depressive episodes or treatment Inclusion criteria: Age 60 years or older, ability to give informed consent, Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) score of 18 or higher, and ability to communicate in English

	Exclusion criteria: Not stated Age: Range 60 to 94 years Gender: 72% female Ethnicity: 67% white Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 20, intervention 10, control 10; Total participants 598, intervention 320, control 278	
Interventions	Intervention: Primary care intervention Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: PCP, social workers, nurses, and psychologists (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: The Prevention of Suicide in Primary Care Elderly: Collaborative Trial (PROSPECT) intervention had two major components (1) PCP worked with a clinical algorithm for treating geriatric depression in a primary care setting which recommended a first-line trial of a SSRI (citalopram), (2) When a patient declined medication therapy, the PCP could recommend IPT from the CM. CMs monitored depressive symptoms, medication adverse effects, and treatment adherence 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: CM interacted with patients at scheduled intervals or when clinically necessary 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Practice based CMs collaborated regularly with PCPs and received weekly supervision from MH specialist and additional monthly IPT supervision Usual care: Treatment as usual enhanced by educating PCPs about the treatment guidelines and notifying them when a patient met criteria for depression diagnosis	
Outcomes	Depression (BDI-II): 3, 6, 12, 18, 24 months Medication use: 24 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 24 months	
Notes	BDI: Beck Depression Inventory; CES-D: Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression; CM: case manager; IPT: interpersonal psychotherapy treatment; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; SSRI: selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor	
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Coin-toss
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HRSD) was: overall 122/598 (20%), 72/320 (23%) intervention and 50/278 (18%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Buszewicz 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Two or more documented episodes of depression within the previous three years, evidence of recurrent and/or chronic depression (measured with the Composite International Diagnostic Interview), a score of 14 indicating mild depression on the BDI-II</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Men and women aged 18 and over, sufficient English to be able to complete self-report questionnaires</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current psychotic symptoms, impaired cognitive function, incapacitating alcohol or drug dependence</p> <p>Age: Mean 48.4 years</p> <p>Gender: 75% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 90% white British</p> <p>Country: United Kingdom</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 558, intervention 282, control 276</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Proactive care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General Practitioner (PCP), practice nurse (CM), study team of General Practitioner with Special Interest in MH and psychologist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Baseline assessment including current treatment and side-effects, potential treatments (medication, psychological therapies or social interventions) and an educational booklet about depression and its treatment. Social factors were explored (for example social isolation, low physical activity, unemployment, finance, housing) and appropriate advice given or referrals to other agencies made. A collaborative individualised plan was formulated and reviewed during follow-ups, together with clinical review and progress towards goals. Plan also included relapse prevention 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 10 appointments over a two-year period at baseline, after one month, then two months later and every three months for the remainder of

	the 24 month period. Reviews could be over telephone 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: If practice based CMs were concerned they discuss patient with the GP. CMs had regular telephone contact (every three to four months) with the MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual and it was stipulated that the participants should not see the practice nurse for any MH intervention, although they might see the nurse for physical health problems	
Outcomes	Depression (BDI-II): 3, 6, 12, 18 and 24 months Antidepressant use: 24 months Social: 24 months Quality of Life: 24 months Other: Primary care and mental health utilisation, informal care, costs	
Notes	BDI: Beck Depression Inventory; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Independent computer service
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Central independent allocation
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (BDI-II) was: overall 190/558 (34%), 81/282 (29%) intervention and 109/276 (39%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis, multiple imputation used to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: A new episode of depression and started on an antidepressant medication. Depression assessed using the Primary Care Evaluation of Mental Disorders (PRIME-MD)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Diagnosed with a new episode of depression (PRIME-MD) and started on an antidepressant medication</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Age of < 18 years, terminal illness, psychosis, recent (within the past 3 months) alcohol (AUDIT score of > 8) or substance abuse, two or more suicide attempts, pregnancy or nursing, limited command of the English language, and unwillingness to use the University of Washington Family Medical Centre as a source of care for the next 12 months</p> <p>Age: Mean 38.7 (SD 13.5) years</p> <p>Gender: 77% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 78% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 74, intervention 41, control 33</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Enhanced care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: PCP, pharmacist (CM), study psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs addressed depressive symptoms and medication-related concerns. The initial contacts focused on support and education, as well as medication dosage adjustment and the management of adverse effects including change or discontinuation of ADs, and provision of additional pharmacotherapy for insomnia or sexual dysfunction, as needed. Appointments with mental health providers were also facilitated 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 13 contacts during 12 month period. Weekly telephone calls for the first four weeks, followed by phone contact every two weeks through week 12. During months 4-12, the subjects received a telephone call every other month 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: PCPs were informed of medication changes made by CM and shared computerised medical records used. On a bi-monthly basis, the CM and MH specialist reviewed individual cases. Patients were referred to PCP and/or psychiatrist if suicidal ideation detected (also to psychiatrist if no symptom improvement) <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as case managers assessed patients and patients encouraged to use available resources</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HSCL-20): 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p>
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider
<i>Risk of bias</i>	

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-20 > 50%) was: overall 4/74 (5%), 2/41 (5%) intervention and 2/33 (6%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	High risk	Case managers had some contact with patients in the control group
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Chaney 2011

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Probable major depression based on a PHQ-9 score of 10 or above. Patients with subthreshold depression (an initial PHQ-9 between five and nine) who also had a) a prior history of depression, or b) dysthymia were also eligible</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: At least one primary care appointment in the preceding 12 months in a participating practice, and having one pending appointment scheduled within the three months post-selection</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Conditions that required urgent care (acute suicidality, psychosis), inability to communicate over the telephone, or prior naturalistic referral by the patient's PCP to the CM</p> <p>Age: Mean 64.2 years</p> <p>Gender: 4% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 87% white</p>

	Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 10, intervention 7, control 3; Total participants 761, intervention 386, control 375	
Interventions	Intervention: Translating Initiatives for Depression into Effective Solutions (TIDES) Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care clinician (PCP), nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: PCPs were educated and CMs conducted a telephone assessment and sent the patient education materials. For each patient’s treatment plan (i.e. watchful waiting, medication, or referral to CBT/mental health specialist), the CM provided follow-up, assessed symptom severity, medication adherence and side-effects, as well as relapse prevention 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Watchful waiting = 1 call at 3 months, Medication = 5 telephone calls at 1 or 2 weeks, 1, 2, 3 and 6 months, CBT/MH referral = 2 telephone calls at 1 or 2 weeks and 6 months 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM communicates assessment to PCP who initiates referral or medication. CM completes follow-ups in collaboration with PCP and MH specialist. CM has weekly supervision with MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (PHQ-9): 7 months Medication use: 7 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 7 months Satisfaction: 7 months	
Notes	CBT: cognitive behaviour therapist; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9	
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors’ judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9) was: overall 215/761 (28%), 98/386 (25%) intervention and 117/375 (31%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up given, similar reasons for missing data across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis, methods for handling missing data not reported
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Chaney 2011 (Continued)

Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Chew-Graham 2007

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary Care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Clinically identified as depressed. Score of 5 or more on the Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS) and 24 or more on the Mini-Mental State Exam (MMSE)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Over the age of 60</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Not stated</p> <p>Age: Mean 75.5 years</p> <p>Gender: 72% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United Kingdom</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 105, intervention 53, control 52</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: GP (PCP), community psychiatric nurse (CM), old age psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: The complex intervention included education about depression, advice about antidepressant medication, a manualised facilitated self-help intervention (SHADE), and sign-posting to other services, particularly voluntary agencies 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: The intervention lasted for 12 weeks and consisted of six face-to-face sessions in each patient's home and five sessions delivered via the telephone 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM liaised closely with PCPs and had regular access to advice from MH specialist according to a defined protocol. The protocol did not define how often the CM liaised with the PCP (by post, email, telephone, or face-to-face) but the CM sent a written report to the PCP at assessment, 4, 8 and 12 weeks. In between, the CM liaised with the PCP in-person if changes in medication were required or if there were concerns about concordance or risk. CM reviewed patients' progress with MH specialist every 4 weeks or sooner if CM had concerns <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as all practices were supplied with hand delivered guidelines which outlined diagnostic criteria, suggestions of appropriate investigations, and the primary care management of depression in older people</p>

Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): 4 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; GP: general practitioner; HSCL: Hopkins Sympton Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation conducted by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Proportion with 5+ symptoms on SCID) was: overall 17/105(16%), 8/53(15%) intervention and 9/52(17%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Ciechanowski 2004

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Community Diagnosis: DSM-IV minor depression or dysthymia diagnostic criteria. 2-item Primary Care Evaluation of Mental Disorders (PRIME-MD) depression screening tool and Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID) as a second-level screen Inclusion criteria: Aged 60 years or older receiving services from senior service agencies

	or living in senior public housing Exclusion criteria: No depression, major depression, bipolar disorder, psychosis, substance abuse, cognitive impairment Age: Mean 73 (SD 8.5) years Gender: 79% female Ethnicity: 42% ethnic minority Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 138, intervention 72, control 66	
Interventions	Intervention: Programme to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS) Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physicians (PCPs), social workers (CM), study psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: PST sessions were modified to provide greater emphasis on social and physical activation. The goal of physical activation was to assist patients in developing a regular physical activity programme consistent with national recommendations for moderate activity of at least 30 minutes' duration at least 5 days per week. Physical activation began during the third or fourth PST session, allowing patients to develop familiarity with problem-solving skills. The goal of social activation was to increase patients' interactions outside the home by using a resource list under the guidance of the CM. Each session included selecting and engaging in pleasant activities, using a suggestion list if necessary 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Eight 50-minute in-home sessions over 19 weeks, in weeks 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 15, and 19. After 19 weeks, monthly brief telephone contact to assess clinical progress and use of PST 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM and MH specialist met weekly or biweekly to review patients. MH specialist contacted PCP for patients lacking progress to recommend initiating or adjusting ADs and to assess potential medical and substance abuse aetiologies for depression. The MH specialist occasionally clarified details by contacting PCPs Control: Treatment as usual enhanced by letters sent to PCPs and social workers reporting depression diagnosis with recommendations to continue treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): 6, 12 months Medication use: 6, 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 12 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; HSCL: Hopkins Sympton Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; SD: standard deviation; PST: problem solving therapy	
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Block randomisation using a 50:50 randomisation allocation ratio in blocks of 10 (changed to 60:40 after 11 blocks)

Ciechanowski 2004 (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Standard block size. An individual not involved in patient recruitment created envelopes containing concealed assignment codes assigned sequentially by a research associate
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL response ≥ 50 decrease) was: overall 6/138 (4%), 3/72 (4%) intervention and 3/66 (5%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Ciechanowski 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist setting</p> <p>Diagnosis: Clinically significant depression based on a score ≥ 10 on the PHQ-9</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: English reading and speaking, 18 years or older, had an ICD-9 epilepsy diagnosis, and had attended the UW Regional Epilepsy Centre or neurology clinics within 2 years of recruitment</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Pregnancy or nursing, bipolar or psychotic disorder, current psychiatric treatment, substance abuse based on the CAGE questionnaire, cognitive impairment</p> <p>Age: Mean 43.9 (SD 11) years</p> <p>Gender: 53% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 8% ethnic minority</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 80, intervention 40, control 40</p>

Interventions	Intervention: Programme to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS) Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Neurologist (PCPs), social workers (CM), study psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: PST sessions were modified to provide greater emphasis on social and physical activation. The goal of physical activation was to assist patients in developing a regular physical activity programme consistent with national recommendations for mild to moderate activity of 30 minutes 5 days per week that would provide benefits but not increase risk for inducing seizures. Physical activation began during the third or fourth PST session, allowing patients to develop familiarity with problem-solving skills. The goal of social activation was to increase patients' interactions outside the home by using a resource list under the guidance of the CM. Each session included selecting and engaging in pleasant activities, using a suggestion list if necessary 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Eight 50-minute in-home sessions over 19 weeks, in weeks 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 15, and 19. After 19 weeks, monthly brief telephone contact to assess clinical progress and use of PST 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM and MH specialist met weekly or biweekly to review patients. MH specialist contacted PCP for patients lacking progress to recommend initiating or adjusting ADs and to assess potential medical and substance abuse aetiologies for depression. The MH specialist occasionally clarified details by contacting PCPs Control: Treatment as usual enhanced by letters sent to PCPs and social workers reporting depression diagnosis with recommendations to continue treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): 6, 12, 18 months Medication use: 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12, 18 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; HSCL: Hopkins Sympton Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9; SD: standard deviation	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks using 50:50 allocation ratio
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	An individual not involved in the intervention generated randomisation sequence, enrolled and allocated patients
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL20) was: overall 15/80 (19%), 8/40 (20%) intervention and 7/40 (18%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar rea-

		sons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Clarke 2005

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: At least one recent dispense of an SSRI antidepressant medication prescribed by a paediatric PCP. Current, research-ascertained DSM episode of major depression</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Adolescents 12 to 18 years old</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Chart indication of schizophrenia or significant developmental/intellectual disability. Extreme suicidal risk that resulted in hospitalisation</p> <p>Age: Mean 15.3 years</p> <p>Gender: 78% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 14% ethnic minority</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 152, intervention 77, control 75</p>
Interventions	<p>Treatment: Brief CBT plus treatment as usual SSRIs</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Paediatric primary care provider (PCP), psychologist/CBT (CM), psychologist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: All patients were being treated with an SSRI at enrolment. In addition those in the treatment group received brief CBT based on adult and adolescent depression programmes. Acute phase: After initial decision making session (session 1), CBT began with a choice of either four sessions of cognitive restructuring or four sessions of behavioural activation. A workbook was provided. After completion of the first module (sessions 2-5) progress was evaluated and if appropriate the second module commenced (if recovered the youth entered maintenance phase). The second module (sessions 6-9) consisted of the skills training approach not delivered in the first module. The acute phase also aimed to maximise SSRI medication adherence by review-

	<p>ing compliance, reported benefits/side effects, and risk of discontinuation. Limited psychoeducation about the benefits of SSRI medication and the importance of adherence was provided</p> <p>Maintenance phase: CM made brief telephone calls after completing acute sessions</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Acute phase: 6-9 sessions of CBT delivered by CM; maintenance phase: CMs made brief telephone calls to patients 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9 months after completing acute sessions. Also option to request as many as six additional, in-person sessions during the year long continuation phase</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: On-going communication with PCP was part of protocol. CMs received weekly supervision from study psychologists</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as all patients were being treated with an SSRI at enrolment</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (CES-D): 6, 12, 26, 52 weeks</p> <p>Medication use: 12 weeks</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12, 26, 52 weeks</p> <p>Satisfaction: 6, 12, 26, 52 weeks</p>
Notes	<p>CM: case manager; CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CES-D: Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression; DSM: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; SSRI: selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor</p>

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Block randomisation. Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (CES-D) was: overall 25/152(16%), 12/77(16%) intervention and 13/75(17%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation
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Cole 2006

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist setting and primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Major depression (as defined by DSM-IV criteria) assessed using the Diagnostic Interview Schedule</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: All patients aged 65 years and over admitted from the emergency department to medical services and scored 4 or less on the Short Portable Mental Status Questionnaire (indicating at most mild cognitive impairment)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Admitted to the intensive care unit or cardiac monitoring unit for more than 48 hours, had an imminently terminal illness, did not speak or understand English or French; and did not live on the Island of Montreal</p> <p>Age: Mean 78</p> <p>Gender: 69.4% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: Canada</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 157, intervention 78, control 79</p>
Interventions	<p>Treatment: Systematic detection and multidisciplinary care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Family physician (PCP), research nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: (1) assessment and treatment by MH specialist in the hospital's geriatric service; (2) follow-up by the CM; and (3) follow-up by the patient's PCP. Treatment involved supportive psychotherapy and drug therapy with an AD, prescribed according to clinical practice guidelines. Contacts involved monitoring condition, providing supportive psychotherapy, ensuring maximum compliance with their treatment and liaising with the family, MH specialist and PCP 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Pre-discharge: at least weekly. Post-discharge: CM visited or telephoned weekly for 24 weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM liaised with PCP and MH specialist and updated MH specialist when patient followed up by PCP. Regular meetings between CM and MH specialist to assure consistency in diagnosis and management of depression <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients were advised of depression diagnosis and advised to inform PCP</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HAM-D): 6 months</p> <p>Medication use: 6 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6 months</p>
Notes	<p>AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; HAM-D: Hamilton Depression Rating Scale; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider</p>

<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Block randomisation (size varied randomly) using 1:1 allocation ratio
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	An individual not involved in patient recruitment prepared sealed envelopes allocated in order
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome ($\geq 50\%$ decrease in HAMD) was: overall 93/157 (59%), 45/78 (58%) intervention and 48/79 (61%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons for missing data across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis reported based on the assumption data is missing at random
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Datto 2003

Methods	Study design: Pilot cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Primary care Diagnosis: Significant depressive symptoms (Community Epidemiologic Survey of Depression, CES-D, score at least 16) Inclusion criteria: Significant depressive symptoms (as above) Exclusion criteria: Significant suicidal risk, ongoing substance abuse problems, current psychotic symptoms, or evidence for bipolar affective disorder Age: Mean 47.6 (SD 16.7) years Gender: 61% female Ethnicity: 80% white

	Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 35, intervention 17, control 18; Total participants 61, intervention 30, control 31	
Interventions	Treatment: Telephone disease management Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physicians (PCP), nurse with MH experience (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Baseline assessment and then telephone assessments (structured but not scripted) to assess symptoms and gaining information on treatment recommendations and assessing adherence. Prompted by computer generation the CM discussed topics such as depression as a treatable medical illness, treatment options (including psychotherapy and medications), coping skills for stress, risk factors for depression, suicide prevention strategies, and reinforcing follow-up with the PCP. Educational materials on these topics were also sent to the patient. Treatment recommendations made by the CM were general and often referred the PCP back to a particular stage of the depression treatment algorithm, modelled after the AHRQ depression guidelines 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Following baseline telephone assessment follow up was attempted every 3 weeks during 16 week treatment period 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: After each assessment the results were fed back to the PCP using summary letters, including the scores of the depression measures and a clinical interpretation of them. All PCPs had contact with the MH specialist as needed. CM had weekly supervision with MH specialist to facilitate treatment planning and follow-up Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as included patient evaluation and diagnosis, patient education, provider education and practice guidelines, final outcome and provider feedback	
Outcomes	Depression (CES-D): 16 weeks	
Notes	CES-D: Community Epidemiologic Survey of Depression; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; AHRQ: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (CESD) was: overall 11/61 (18%), 5/30 (17%) intervention and 6/31 (19%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Intention-to-treat analysis not reported

Datto 2003 (Continued)

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Assessor was potentially aware of treatment allocation

Dietrich 2004

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Meeting criteria for Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders fourth edition for major depressive disorder and dysthymia. Diagnosis determined using a structured interview. The severity of depression was assessed with the Hopkins symptom checklist-20, with a score of 0.5 or more required for enrolment</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: 18 years or older and starting or changing treatment for depression. Participants had to have a telephone and speak English</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Being unobtainable for an evaluation interview within 14 days of their index primary care visit, pregnant, suicidal thoughts, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, or a substance misuse disorder</p> <p>Age: Mean 42 years</p> <p>Gender: 80% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 17% ethnic minority</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 60, intervention 32, control 28; Total participants 405, intervention 224, control 181</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Quality improvement programme</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care clinicians (PCP), primary care or mental health nurses (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: A systematic approach to the assessment and management of depression by PCPs which involved CMs assisting patients in overcoming barriers to adherence to the management plan and supporting self-management practices such as exercise or engaging in social activities 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: One week after initial visit and monthly thereafter until remission 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: PCPs received faxed report about patient progress and care management actions after each call. MH specialists provided suggestions for clinical management to PCPs either via CM faxes or by telephone. PCPs

	can also request advice from MH specialist at specified times in the week Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as clinicians took part in a 45-60 minute programme on diagnosis of depression and assessment of suicidal thoughts
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): 3, 6 months Medication use: 3, 6 months Satisfaction: 3, 6 months
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Coin-toss
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Central randomisation of clinic, those recruiting patients may have been aware of allocation
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-20) was: overall 80/405 (20%), 45/224 (20%) intervention and 35/181 (19%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist</p> <p>Diagnosis: Met study criteria for major depression or dysthymia or had persistent depressive symptoms at both baseline and 1 month later</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Low-income, Latina women at least 3 months past initial diagnosis (to avoid recruiting women with adjustment disorder) with carcinoma of the cervix or breast cancer (stage I-IV) receiving care in the outpatient breast and gynaecology clinics</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: In palliative care, suicidal, history of bipolar or psychotic disorder, evidence of gross cognitive impairment, currently abusing drugs or alcohol, currently receiving psychotherapy, or unable to speak Spanish or English</p> <p>Age: Mean 47.25 years</p> <p>Gender: 100% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 100% Latino</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 55, intervention 28, control 27</p>
Interventions	<p>Treatment: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Oncologist (PCP), social worker (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: an initial assessment and education session linking the importance of depression treatment to cancer treatment adherence, overall health, and well-being. Patients were educated about ADs and manualised problem solving therapy (PST) and allowed to choose either. ADs included: a meeting of the patient, the PCP, and the CM to initiate ADs (according to modified treatment guidelines). PCPs provided medication follow-up for patients during regularly scheduled clinic visits, which the CM attended when possible. The CM used pre-printed forms to assess side effects, medication adherence, and depressive symptom severity; they then provided feedback to the PCP and the MH specialist. Patients who did not experience at least 50% reduction in depressive symptoms were scheduled for an in-person evaluation by the MH specialist to identify potential causes for persistent depressive symptoms and make treatment adjustments 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: PST = initial meeting then 8 weekly follow-ups, medication = regular scheduled visits with PCP which CM attended when possible and CM contacted patients at least every two weeks either face-to-face or by telephone 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Joint CM and PCP meeting to initiate ADs, joint notes kept in medical record, same day telephone consultation available from MH specialist, CM provided feedback on AD follow-ups to PCP and MH specialist, biweekly supervision for CM by MH specialist, consultation with MH specialist for those not progressing fed back to PCP and CM <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients were informed of their depression diagnosis and usual mental health resources available to them. The study recruiters suggested that they talk with their doctor or the clinic social worker and placed a note in the patient's medical record indicating the presence of depressive symptoms</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (Depression symptoms): 4, 8 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 4, 8 months</p>
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Dwight-Johnson 2005 (Continued)

<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Sealed envelope
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (depression symptom improvement $\geq 50\%$) was: overall 2/55 (4%), 1/28 (4%) intervention and 1/27 (4%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Dwight-Johnson 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Probable major depressive disorder or dysthymia, which was determined by using the Primary care evaluation of Mental Disorders (PRIME-MD) and Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Low income Latino patients aged 18 or older and able to speak English or Spanish</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Probable bipolar disorder, cognitive impairment, lifetime psychotic symptoms or disorder, or suicidal ideation</p> <p>Age: Mean 49.8 (SD 12.6) years</p> <p>Gender: 84% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 100% Latino</p> <p>Country: United States</p>

	Sample size (randomised): Total participants 339, intervention 173, control 166
Interventions	<p>Treatment: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), social worker (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs educated patients about depression and its treatment, elicited treatment preferences, and provided active outreach and systematic assessment. Depending on patients' treatment preferences, the CM provided short-term manualised CBT, supported AD medication treatment, or both. Supported AD treatment involved encouraging adherence, assessing side effects and treatment response, and sharing this information with primary care providers. CBT was provided at no cost, and prescriptions were filled at low or no cost 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: CBT = once a week for 12 weeks, medication = about every 2 weeks initially and then at least monthly after that 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs shared AD follow-up detail with PCPs. MH specialist conducted weekly supervision by phone and with both CMs at same time <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients received a letter to take to PCP stating that they had screened positive for depression, an educational pamphlet, and a list of local mental health resources</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (PHQ-9): 4 months</p> <p>Medication use: 4 months</p>
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9) was unclear. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Dwight-Johnson 2010 (Continued)

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Dwight-Johnson 2011

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Probable major depressive disorder assessed using the PHQ-9. Criteria were the reporting of a minimum of five of the nine symptoms assessed and a cut-off score of 10</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Rural areas, self-identified as Latino, spoke English or Spanish</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Bipolar disorder, cognitive impairment, current or lifetime psychotic symptoms or disorder, current substance abuse, acute suicidal ideation</p> <p>Age: Mean 39.8 (SD 10.56) years</p> <p>Gender: 78% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 91% Mexican</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 101, intervention 50, control 51</p>
Interventions	<p>Treatment: Telephone CBT</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), social workers (CM), social workers, psychiatrist, and psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Initial structured assessment of clinical history, motivation for treatment, and use of strategies to enhance patients' motivation to engage in treatment (this session could be face-to-face). Each session focused on a chapter from a patient workbook that had been translated into the Spanish language and made culturally relevant. The sessions emphasised behavioural activation and strategies for identifying, interrupting, and distancing oneself from negative thoughts. Each session included structured assessment of depressive symptoms, review of the previous session, debriefing of homework assignment, introduction of new material, description of the new homework assignment, and a motivational assessment and enhancement exercise focused on the homework assignment. If indicated, CMs made brief supportive telephone contacts between sessions and could refer the patient for case management services for depression care needs, such as assistance in making appointments with clinic providers and referrals to community services. The CM did not take an active role in management of ADs but could discuss medication as a treatment option and ask about medication adherence all questions related to medication were referred back to PCP 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: CBT = 8 telephone sessions. 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs liaised with PCPs when required in relation to medication. Suicide safety plans when necessary were communicated to PCP. CMs had weekly supervision with a team of MH specialists

	Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients were encouraged to talk with their PCP about depression treatment and PCPs received a letter informing them of their patient's depression status and study enrolment
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL and PHQ-9): 6 weeks, 3, 6 months Satisfaction: 6 weeks, 3, 6 months
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Stratified permuted-block randomisation
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation revealed by telephone
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9) was: overall 24/101 (24%), 8/50 (16%) intervention and 16/51 (31%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Intention-to-treat analysis reported based on the assumption data is missing at random
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial	
Participants	Setting: Community Diagnosis: Screened positive for clinically significant depression Inclusion criteria: Home care, 65 and older Exclusion criteria: significant cognitive impairment, participation in another depression study Age: =Mean 78.1 years Gender: 73% female Ethnicity: 72% white Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 311, intervention 155, control 156	
Interventions	Treatment: Stepped care decision support Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), existing staff - nurses, social workers, psychiatric nurses, a telephone case manager and a psychologist (CM), existing staff - psychiatrist, nurses, social workers (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: A stepped care algorithm (based on IMPACT) in which patients were offered a choice of PST or ADs prescribed by PCP, or combined treatment if indicated. Step 1 (8-10 weeks) choice of AD or PST. Patients with full response go to maintenance treatment. Step 2 (4-8 weeks): if AD in step 1 and partial response give different AD type or augment AD, if no response PST. If PST in step 1 and partial response add AD or different AD type, if no response give AD. CMs monitored medication and delivered structured PST 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: PST = 6-12 sessions, medication = as per stepped care algorithm 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM communicated with PCP about medication or if a patient did not improve. Usual supervisory staff had the responsibility of monitoring and supportive supervision Control: Treatment as usual was enhanced by routine depression screening and staff training in depression care management for older adults. Patients PCP informed if a patient screened positive for probable major or minor depression	
Outcomes	Depression (PHQ-9): 4, 8, 12 months Medication use: during study period Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 4, 8, 12 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9; PST: problem solving therapy	
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

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Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9 50% reduction) was: overall 113/311 (36%), 58/156 (37%) intervention and 55/155 (35%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis reported using observed data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

ELL 2008

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist</p> <p>Diagnosis: One of the two cardinal depression symptoms more than half of the days to nearly every day plus a PHQ-9 depression scale score of greater than or equal to 10 indicating major depression and/or two questions from the Structured Clinical Interview for Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Edition indicating dysthymia</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Low income, greater than or equal to 90 days after cancer diagnosis and receiving acute or follow-up care in oncology clinics, 18 years or older</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Acute suicidal ideation, advanced cancer or other condition that limited remaining life expectancy to less than 6 months, a score of 8 or greater on the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test alcohol assessment, recently used lithium/antipsychotic medication, a self-reported adaptation of the Karnofsky Performance Status Scale score of 2 or less on an 11-point scale representing severe functional impairment in cancer patients and inability to speak English or Spanish</p> <p>Age: 49.4% \geq 50 years</p> <p>Gender: 84% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 88% Hispanic</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 472, intervention 242, control 230</p>

Interventions	Treatment: Alleviating Depression Among Patients with Cancer (ADAPt-C) Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Oncologist (PCP), social workers (CM) , psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: A stepped care algorithm (based on IMPACT) in which patients were randomised to AD or PST or combined. The algorithm included CMs who provided psychotherapy and community services navigation (with assistance from patient navigators) through a personalised treatment plan that included patient AD or PST preferences, stepped care management and protocol for PST and CM telephone maintenance/relapse prevention 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: PST= 6-12 weekly sessions, ADs = had as required appointments with psychiatrist. In maintenance CM telephoned patients monthly for up to 12 months post-treatment initiation 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: The CM communicates with the PCP as needed and interacts via written notes or verbally. PCP provides maintenance prescriptions in consultation with MH specialist. MH specialist provides weekly telephone supervision to review the CMs caseload Control: Treatment as usual enhanced by patient/family depression and cancer educational pamphlets and a listing of centre/community financial, social services, transportation, and childcare resources. The treating PCP was informed of patients depression status	
Outcomes	Depression (PHQ-9): 6, 12, 18, 24 months Medication use: 12, 18, 24 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12, 18, 24 months Satisfaction: 18, 24 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9; PST: problem solving therapy	
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Patients chose one of five sealed envelopes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9, 50% reduction) was: overall 154/472 (33%), 76/242 (31%) intervention and 78/230 (34%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, similar reasons for missing data across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis reported using available data and they also conducted analyses using multiple im-

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		putation methods
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

ElI 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Community and primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: One of two cardinal depression symptoms more than half the days to nearly every day and scored greater than or equal to 10 on the PHQ-9, indicating a high likelihood of clinically significant depression</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Low income and predominantly Hispanic, patients with diabetes, aged greater than or equal to 18 years</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Acute suicidal ideation, a score of greater than or equal to 8 on the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test alcohol assessment, recent lithium/antipsychotic medication use, and inability to speak English or Spanish</p> <p>Age: 72.1% \geq 50 years</p> <p>Gender: 82% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 96% Hispanic</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 387, intervention 193, control 194</p>
Interventions	<p>Treatment: Multifaceted Diabetes and Depression Programme (MDDP)</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), social workers (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CM conducted assessment and implemented stepped-care algorithm including 1) culturally adapted PST designed to enhance diabetes and depression self-management and coping with socioeconomic stress provided by CM and/or ADs prescribed by PCP; 2) CM monthly telephone follow-up symptom monitoring, treatment maintenance, and relapse prevention; and 3) care and service system navigation by the CM and an assistant patient navigator. The algorithm included the following:

	<p>Step 1 (weeks 1-8): based on patient preference PST or AD, Step 2 (weeks 9 -12): patients with partial/non-response receive a different AD or the addition of AD or PST, Step 3: patients with full response move to monthly maintenance/relapse prevention telephone monitoring involving monitoring depressive symptoms, provide BA support for engaging in pleasant activities and motivational support for ongoing use of PST skills and medication adherence, and invites to attend an open-ended PST support group. Nonresponsive patients were considered for additional PST, augmentation of low-dose Trazodone for insomnia, and referral to specialty mental health care</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Acute treatment: bimonthly PST and AD monitoring over 4 months = 8-12 sessions plus booster sessions if indicated. Follow-up monthly telephone calls by CM for up to 12 months. A PST open-ended patient support group available up to 12 months post-treatment</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: MH specialist was available to CM and PCP via pager and provided weekly telephone CM supervision. MH specialist recommendations were communicated by the CM to the PCP and, if requested, the MH specialist provided PCP medication telephone consultation</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients were given patient and family-focused depression educational pamphlets and a community, financial, social services, transportation, and child care resource list. PCPs were informed of patient depression diagnoses</p>	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL and PHQ-9): 6, 12, 18, 24 months Medication use: 6, 12, 18, 18-24 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12, 18, 24 months Satisfaction: 24 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Sympton Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9; PST: problem solving therapy	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 10
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Standard block size. Patients chose one of five sealed envelopes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-20 50% reduction) was: overall 85/387 (22%), 42/193 (22%) intervention and 43/194 (22%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, similar reasons for missing data across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis reported using available data and also conducted analyses using multiple imputation methods

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Finley 2003

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depressive symptoms and just commenced antidepressant therapy to treat this</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Not stated</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Evidence that subjects had received an antidepressant during the preceding 6 months; concurrent psychiatric or psychological treatment; current symptoms of mania or bipolar disorder; psychotic symptoms; eminent suicidality; and active substance abuse or dependence. If psychiatric treatment was indicated at baseline or any time during the investigation, subjects were referred to the HMO's psychiatry department for care (or were permitted to self-refer) and subsequently were excluded from further study participation</p> <p>Age: Mean 54.3 years</p> <p>Gender: 85% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 125, intervention 75, control 50</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), pharmacist (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Assessment of severity of psychopathology, potential stressors and other predisposing factors and patient education was provided. Information on depression and the role of ADs was presented (including potential therapeutic effects/adverse effects). Patients were advised of other treatment options and resources available. CMs were permitted to titrate ADs consistent with clinical practice guidelines. CMs could also prescribe ancillary drugs but if a change in AD drugs was indicated, approval from the PCP was required. As patients improved CMs identified neglected activities and encouraged patients to resume them. Patients were advised to contact the clinic if

	they were considering the discontinuation of antidepressants at any time in the future 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Assessment plus 5 telephone calls at key junctures in recovery process and 2 clinic visits at 6 and 24 weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: All contacts were recorded in the medical record in the form of a detailed progress note. CM discussed with PCP by phone or messaging system any need for change to ADs. At the end of treatment a comprehensive summary of the treatment course and patient disposition was entered into records. Weekly case conferences with CMs and MH specialist clarified diagnostic issues and more clearly delineate treatment plans. MH specialists were also available for off-site telephone consultation on an as-needed basis for more pertinent issues Control: Treatment as usual including brief information on the AD, therapeutic end points, and side effects in a manner consistent with patient education routinely delivered by the pharmacy. The referring PCP was notified of assignment and subsequent treatment and follow-up were left to the provider's discretion	
Outcomes	Depression (BIDS): 6 months Medication use: 114 days, 231 days, 3, 6, months Satisfaction: 6 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Sealed envelope
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Percentage with 50% reduction) was: overall 47/125 (38%) , 21/75 (28%) intervention and 26/50 (52%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not reported Intention-to-treat analysis reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding

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Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
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Fortney 2007

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Screened positive for depression, defined as a PHQ-9 score ≥ 12</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Veterans</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Diagnosis of schizophrenia, current suicidal ideation, recent bereavement, pregnancy, a court-appointed guardian, substance dependence, bipolar disorder, cognitive impairment, or receiving specialty mental health treatment</p> <p>Age: Mean 59.2 (SD 12.2) years</p> <p>Gender: 8% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 75% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 7, intervention 3, control 4; Total participants 395, intervention 177, control 218</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Stepped care Telemedicine Enhanced Antidepressant Management (TEAM)</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), nurse supported by pharmacist (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: stepped-care model including: Step (1) choice of either watchful waiting or AD. CM encounters were conducted via telephone and were scripted and administered using software package. During the initial care management encounter, patients were: (1) clinically assessed; (2) educated and activated; and (3) assessed for treatment barriers. Follow-up encounters monitored symptoms, medication adherence, and side-effects. Step (2) If the patient did not respond to the initial AD, the pharmacist conducted a medication history and provided pharmacotherapy recommendations to PCPs via an electronic progress note. The pharmacist also provided non-scripted medication management over the phone to patients experiencing severe side-effects or problems with non-adherence. Step (3) If the patient did not respond to 2 AD trials, the protocol was to recommend a telepsychiatry consultation followed by additional treatment recommendations to the PCP 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Acute = Telephone calls scheduled every 2 weeks Watchful waiting or continuation = every 4 weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: All feedback was provided to PCPs using the electronic medical record. Progress notes reporting failed trials requested an electronic co-signature from the PCP. CM had weekly supervision with MH specialist and pharmacist. Telepsychiatry consultation was followed by additional treatment recommendations to the PCP <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as provider education (via interactive video and website) and patient education (via mail and website) were provided. Depression screening results were entered into the electronic medical record</p>

Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): 6, 12 months Medication use: 6, 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12 months Satisfaction: 6, 12 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Sympton Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire; SD: standard deviation	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Response HSCL-20 50% improvement) was: overall 35/395 (9%), 17/177 (10%) intervention and 18/218 (8%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Fritsch 2007

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Major depression</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Adult women age 18-70 with major depression, without treatment in last 3 months and at least one child between 6 and 16 living with her</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Alcohol or drug abuse, previous bipolar, current or past psychotic symptoms, mental or physical disability which impedes their ability to participate in activities and evaluations of the study, pregnancy and high risk of suicide</p> <p>Age: Mean 37.4 years</p> <p>Gender: 100% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: Chile</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total Participants 345, intervention 175, control 170</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Pharmacological intervention</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), non-professional (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: A medication adherence programme via telephone where the CM used a protocol to provide education about medication, monitor adherence and side effects and reinforce attendance to PCP 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 6 telephone calls at 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Psychiatrist and PCP had monthly meetings to discuss cases <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced by consultation with PCP, pharmacotherapy, individual or group psychotherapy with psychologists at clinics, referral to psychiatrist</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HRSD): 3, 6 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 6 months</p>
Notes	CM: case manager; HRSD: Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Centrally allocated
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HRSD) was: overall 71/345 (21%), 32/175 (18%) intervention and 39/170 (23%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not reported. In-

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		tention-to-treat analysis reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Gensichen 2009

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosis of major depression with indication for any antidepressive treatment. Diagnosis of major depression was based on a score of more than 9 points and a categorical diagnosis in the PHQ-9, and was confirmed by the family physician by using the checklists in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV), and International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Age 18 to 80 years, access to a private telephone, ability to give informed consent, and ability to communicate in German</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Confirmed pregnancy, severe alcohol or illicit drug consumption, or acute suicidal ideation assessed by the family physician</p> <p>Age: Mean 51.1 years</p> <p>Gender: 76% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: Germany</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 74, intervention 35, control 39; Total participants 626, intervention 310, control 316</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Case management</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Family physician (PCP), healthcare assistant (CM) 2) a structured management plan: CMs monitored depression symptoms and adherence to medication using a protocol. Having been trained in behavioural activation CMs encouraged patients to follow self-management activities, such as medication adherence and activation for pleasant or social activities 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 19 telephone contacts twice weekly for first month then monthly for 11 months

	4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs provided PCP with information on patient's in a structured report Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs received training on evidence-based depression treatment guidelines	
Outcomes	Depression (PHQ-9): 6,12 months Medication use: 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 12 months Satisfaction: 12 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9:Patient Health Questionnaire-9	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	High risk	Central randomisation of clinic. Those recruiting patients were aware of allocation
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9) was: overall 71/626(11%), 43/310 (14%) intervention and 28/316 (9%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Assessor was potentially aware of treatment allocation

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Women who became positive on Structured Clinical Interview for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (SCID) at 0 to 6 months postpartum. Participants were also given the opportunity to self-diagnose depression through a 9-month survey question with a yes/no answer: "Since your baby was born, have you been depressed or diagnosed with depression?"</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Being a mother of a 0- to 1-month-old infant who was registered at one of the participating clinics, being English literate, and being greater than or equal to 12 years old</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Not stated</p> <p>Age: Mean 27.6 years</p> <p>Gender: 100% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 62% non-white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 39, intervention 19, control 20</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Stepped collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary physician (PCP), nurse with MH experience (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: The stepped care intervention included (1) referral to the PCP for initial treatment (AD and/or psychotherapy referral); (2) regular telephone follow-up with a CM; (3) decision support for PCPs (e.g. advice regarding specific ADs, additional treatment, or mental health referral); (4) consultation or referral to MH specialist for complex cases (e.g., psychiatrists conducted psychiatric evaluations and adjusted medications and therapists provided psychotherapy using CBT, interpersonal psychotherapy (IPT), or other therapies depending on patient need); and (5) patient education provided through the PCP, CM, and a mailed postpartum depression brochure. Telephone calls addressed depressive symptoms, mental health visits, treatment adherence and side effects, social support, suicidal ideation/plans, and lifestyle issues 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 18 calls, conducted every two weeks until symptom remission for up to 9 months 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: The content of each call was documented on a form and a copy was faxed to the PCP. If a participant's symptoms were not resolving as expected, this was specifically communicated <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients were informed of their depression diagnosis and referred to their PCP. The PCPs of some control patients were also PCPs of patients in the intervention arm</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (PHQ-9): 1, 9 months</p> <p>Medication use: 9 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 1, 2, 9 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 9 months</p>
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9

<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 10
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Standard block size. Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9) was: overall 5/39 (13%), 3/19 (16%) intervention and 2/20 (10%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Intention to treat not reported
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Hedrick 2003

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Current major depressive episode, dysthymia, or both. Assessed using Primary care evaluation of Mental Disorders (PRIME-MD) and additional questions from the Structured Clinical Interview for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (SCID)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Veterans</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Recent visit to mental health specialty clinic or who had scheduled a future appointment, requiring treatment for substance abuse or PTSD prior to initiating depression treatment, acute suicidality, psychosis or other condition requiring immediate treatment</p> <p>Age: Mean 57.2 years</p> <p>Gender: 5% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 80% caucasian</p>

	Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 4, intervention 2, control 2; Total participants 354, intervention 168, control 186	
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), social worker (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist)</p> <p>2) a structured management plan: The team (CM, MH specialist, psychologist and psychologist technician) met weekly to develop treatment plans and conduct 6 and 12 week progress evaluations for each patient. Using Veteran Affairs Major Depression Guidelines treatment options were: AD medication; add an adjunctive medication; a CBT group; schedule with the psychologist or psychiatrist; or refer to MH speciality care. Options were selected beginning with the least resource- intensive option based on previous treatments and patient preference. Patients were stepped up if non-response at 6 or 12 weeks. A videotape and workbook were mailed to each patient. CMs telephoned patients on a regular schedule to encourage adherence, address treatment barriers, and assess response</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Acute = 3 to 5 telephone calls, maintenance = 3 to 5 calls, plus for those also receiving CBT = 6 sessions</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: The team liaised with PCP re medication prescribing and treatment plans using electronic progress notes and if not acted upon the team contacted the PCP directly. The MH specialist contacted PCPs where there was question about treatment recommendations</p> <p>Control: Consultation-liaison (CL) in which the PCP was responsible for initiating and coordinating the patient's care, with consultation from or referral to a psychiatrist if necessary. PCPs were notified of the patient's diagnosis and were able to refer patients to the psychiatrist, psychologist, and/or social workers, based in the organisation. The CL mental health providers provided treatment directly during individual visits with patients who were deemed manageable in the primary care setting</p>	
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HSCL): 3, 9 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 9 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 3, 9 months</p>	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Sympton Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

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Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL $\geq 50\%$) was: overall 26/354 (7%), 12/168 (7%) intervention and 14/186 (8%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Hilty 2007

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Major depression assessed using a structured diagnostic interview (i.e. mood and psychotic sections of the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV [SCID-I, research version] and self-report measures - Beck Depression Inventory (BDI-13), Symptom Checklist-90 Revised (HSCL-90-R), Medical Outcomes Study Short Form 36 (SF-36)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Rural primary care. Subjects were English-speaking men and women, between ages of 18 and 80 years, who were willing to take an antidepressant medication</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Bipolar, schizoaffective, and schizophrenic disorders, no primary diagnosis of major depression, suicidal intention or plans. Patients with dementia, pregnancy, terminal illness, and plans to move in the next 12 months were not enrolled</p> <p>Age: Mean 46 years</p> <p>Gender: 80% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 90% caucasian</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 93, intervention 52, control 41</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Intensive Disease Management Module</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), study nurse or investigator (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Patients received a handout and a video on the biology of depression and how ADs work and had 5 scheduled PCP visits in 16 weeks. CM

	<p>telephoned patients to assess adherence and side effects of medication, with referral to the PCP or MH specialist if needed and proactive follow-up for missed appointments. Five telepsychiatric consultations were offered in 18 weeks</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: CM telephone calls at 2 and 4 weeks</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: PCP and the telepsychiatrist discussed cases by telephone or via televideo after each telepsychiatric consultation. The MH specialist trained the PCP to administer care in accordance to national guidelines. PCP contacted the MH specialist by telephone regarding questions. For urgent issues the study coordinator notified the MH specialist, CM and PCP</p> <p>Control: Disease Management Module and some patients received a one-off telepsychiatry visit as per pre-trial standard</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (BDI-13): 3, 6, 12 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 6, 12 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 3, 6, 12 months</p>
Notes	<p>BDI: Beck Depression Inventory; CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider</p>

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Random table of numbers
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation conducted by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (BDI) was unclear. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist, primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Clinical depression defined as a PHQ-9 score greater than or equal to 10, with 5 or more symptoms (including either depressed mood or anhedonia) present more than half the days for at least the preceding 2 weeks</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Hospitalised cardiac patients. Eligible patients were admitted to 1 of 3 inpatient cardiac units at an urban academic medical centre for acute cardiac disease, defined as admission for myocardial infarction, unstable angina, decompensated heart failure, or arrhythmia</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Bipolar disorder, psychotic symptoms, active substance abuse, active suicidal ideation, unable to speak English or unable to provide informed consent due to cognitive problems or the severity of their current medical illness</p> <p>Age: Mean 62.4 years</p> <p>Gender: 49% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 92% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 175, intervention 90, control 85</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary medical physician including cardiologist (PCP), social worker (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: In hospital interventions: CM provided written and verbal education about depression and its impact on cardiac disease, helped the patient to schedule pleasurable activities after discharge, and described treatment options (pharmacotherapy or psychotherapy referral). CM then consulted with MH specialist, who developed individualised depression treatment recommendations based on previous/current treatment and preference including SSRI and/or referral for therapy. CM worked to coordinate these recommendations with inpatient and outpatient medical care providers. Post-discharge interventions: Post-discharge interventions lasted 12 weeks. For patients with clinical depression at any follow-up, a multi-component intervention (similar to the in-hospital intervention) was undertaken. CM discussed the case with the MH specialist, written treatment recommendations were generated (e.g., increase AD, therapy referral). These were discussed with the patient and the PCP (and faxed to the PCP), and the CM worked to coordinate implementation 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Inpatient = unclear, post-discharge = 3 telephone calls in 12 weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Treatment recommendations discussed with and faxed to PCP. CM and MH specialists held weekly team meetings <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as CM informed the inpatient treatment team of the patient's depression and recommended that the patient receive treatment. If patients met criteria for clinical depression at follow-up, the PCP was informed via written communication that the patient had ongoing depression and would benefit from treatment</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (PHQ-9): 6, 12 months</p> <p>Medication use: 6 weeks</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6 weeks, 3, 6 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 6 months</p>

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Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Random number generator
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9 50% decrease) was: overall 37/175 (21%), 19/90 (21%) intervention and 18/85 (21%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not reported by group. Intention-to-treat analysis reported using random-effects regression models to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Hunkeler 2000

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosed by PCP as having major depressive disorder or dysthymia and given a prescription for a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) antidepressant</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Major depressive disorder or dysthymia as diagnosed by PCP</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Had received a previous antidepressant drug prescription within the past 6 months, had an inadequate command of the English language, reported current problems with substance abuse, showed current suicide risk, or reported thoughts of violence, required referral to other treatment, currently receiving an anti-depressant drug or psychotherapy or refusing prescribed SSRI</p>

	Age: Mean 55.4 years Gender: 69% female Ethnicity: 63% white Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 302, intervention 179, control 123
Interventions	Intervention: Nurse telehealthcare (with or without peer support) Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), nurse (CM), psychologist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: During telephone calls CM inquired about medication, managed minor side effects, and emphasised the importance of taking medication regularly. CMs also offered emotional support and helped patients identify active and pleasurable activities reviewing activities of the previous week and developing an action plan with the patient. Peer support was provided by trained volunteer health plan members who had experienced a successfully treated episode of major depression or dysthymia. Peers contacted patients by telephone or visited them at least once and continued support over 6 months 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 12 to 14 telephone calls in 16 weeks, 1 to 2 per week for first 2 weeks, 1 per week in weeks 3 to 8 and then fortnightly up to week 16 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs gave regular feedback on the progress of each patient to the patient's PCP. CMs received weekly telephone and monthly visits for supervision from MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs received training on assessment and treatment of depression
Outcomes	Depression (BDI): 6 weeks, 6 months Medication use: 6 weeks, 6 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6 weeks, 6 months Satisfaction: 6 weeks, 6 months
Notes	BDI: Beck Depression Inventory; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (BDI 50% improvement) was: overall 47/302 (16%), 29/179 (16%) intervention and 18/123 (15%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided by group. Intention to treat not

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		reported
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Katon 1995a

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosed by the primary care physician as meeting criteria for definite or probable major depression and who had agreed to antidepressant therapy. A 20-item Symptom Checklist (HSCL) depression screening score of 0.75 or greater</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged between 18 and 80 years and willingness to take antidepressant medication</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current alcohol abuse, current psychotic symptoms, serious suicidal ideation or plan, dementia, pregnancy, terminal illness, limited command of English; and plan to disenroll from the insurance plan within the next 12 months</p> <p>Age: Mean 51.3 years</p> <p>Gender: 73% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised: Minor depression): Total participants 126, intervention 59, control 67</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Multifaceted intervention programme</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), psychiatrist (CM/MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Patients received a brief booklet on the biology of depression, the mechanism of action of ADs, a second booklet on simple CBT techniques and a videotape covering similar material. Patients were asked to write down any questions in preparation for their initial meeting. The CM educated the patient about depression and ADs and side-effects and also reviewed stressful life events. Changes in ADs could be initiated by PCP or CM after verbal consultation. CM monitored automatic pharmacy data to assess adherence 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 2-4 visits over 4 to 6 weeks interspersed with 2 scheduled

	visits with PCP 7-10 days apart 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs and PCPs held monthly case conferences and case by case consultations. CMs helped PCPs choose alternative medication for patients. Change in ADs could be initiated by the PCP or CM after verbal consultation. PCPs received a typed psychiatric consultation note within one week. CMs notified PCPs when patients failed to refill AD prescriptions Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 4 months Medication use: 1, 4 months Satisfaction: 4 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Sympton Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 8
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL 50% improvement) was: overall 13/126 (10%), 6/59 (10%) intervention and 7/67 (10%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	High risk	Reported analysis not by randomised group but by participants with a) minor and b) major depression
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Katon 1995b

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial	
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosed by the primary care physician as meeting criteria for definite or probable major depression and who had agreed to antidepressant therapy. Symptom Checklist (HSCL-20) depression screening score of 0.75 or greater</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged between 18 and 80 years and willingness to take antidepressant medication</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current alcohol abuse, current psychotic symptoms, serious suicidal ideation or plan, dementia, pregnancy, terminal illness, limited command of English; and plan to disenroll from the insurance plan within the next 12 months</p> <p>Age: Mean 42.8 years</p> <p>Gender: 83% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised: Major depression): Total participants 91, intervention 49, control 42</p>	
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Multifaceted intervention programme</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), psychiatrist (CM/MH specialist)</p> <p>2) a structured management plan: Patients received a brief booklet on the biology of depression, the mechanism of action of ADs, a second booklet on simple CBT techniques and a videotape covering similar material. Patients were asked to write down any questions in preparation for their initial meeting. The CM educated the patient about depression and ADs and side-effects and also reviewed stressful life events. Changes in ADs could be initiated by PCP or CM after verbal consultation. CM monitored automatic pharmacy data to assess adherence</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 2-4 visits over 4 to 6 weeks interspersed with 2 scheduled visits with PCP 7-10 days apart</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs and PCPs held monthly case conferences and case by case consultations. CMs helped PCPs choose alternative medication for patients. Change in ADs could be initiated by the PCP or CM after verbal consultation. PCPs received a typed psychiatric consultation note within one week. CMs notified PCPs when patients failed to refill AD prescriptions</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>	
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HSCL): 4 months</p> <p>Medication use: 1, 4 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 4 months</p>	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement

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Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 8
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL 50% improvement) was: overall 10/91 (11%), 5/49 (10%) intervention and 5/42 (12%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	High risk	Reported analysis not by randomised group but by participants with a) minor and b) major depression
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Katon 1996a

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosed by Primary Care Physician as meeting criteria for definite or probable major depression and who scored 0.75 or greater on the 20-item depression symptom checklist (HSCL-20). Stratified into moderate and severe depression groups based on their HSCL-20 score (moderate, 0.75 to < 1.75, severe, 1.75 to 4.0)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 to 80 years, willingness to take antidepressant medication</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current alcohol abuse, current psychotic symptoms, serious suicidal ideation or plan, dementia, pregnancy, terminal illness, limited command of English and plan to withdraw from the insurance plan within the next 12 months</p> <p>Age: Mean 48.2 years</p> <p>Gender: 73% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised: Minor depression): Total participants 88, intervention 46, control 42</p>

Interventions	Intervention: Multifaceted intervention programme Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), psychologist (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Programme involved teaching cognitive behavioural skills to manage depression and counselling to improve medication adherence. Sessions 1-4 involved education, skills training, and homework assignments or behavioural experiments. Optional sessions (5 & 6) involved skills training, problem-solving, and relaxation training. A relapse prevention plan was also developed. Patients received a brief booklet on the biology of depression, the mechanism of action of ADs, a second booklet on simple CBT techniques and a videotape covering similar material. Non-response patients could be referred to the MH specialist for direct visit 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 4-6 contacts within 6 weeks and 4 telephone calls at 2, 4, 12 and 24 weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Case-by-case consultation occurred between CM and PCP and CM's provided PCPs with a handwritten consultation note after each patient contact. A copy of the relapse prevention plan was put in the patient's medical notes. CM and MH specialist met weekly for supervision and CM recommended medication changes (which had been made by the MH specialist) to the PCP Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 4 months Medication use: 1, 4, 7 months Satisfaction: 4 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 8
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL 50% improvement) was: overall 14/88 (16%), 7/46 (15%) intervention and 7/42 (17%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	High risk	Reported analysis not by randomised group but by participants with a) minor and b)

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		major depression
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Katon 1996b

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosed by PCP as meeting criteria for definite or probable major depression and who scored 0.75 or greater on the Symptom Checklist (HSCL-20). Stratified into moderate and severe depression groups based on their HSCL-20 score (moderate, 0.75 to < 1.75, severe, 1.75 to 4.0)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 to 80 years, willingness to take antidepressant medication</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current alcohol abuse, current psychotic symptoms, serious suicidal ideation or plan, dementia, pregnancy, terminal illness, limited command of English and plan to withdraw from the insurance plan within the next 12 months</p> <p>Age: Mean 44 years</p> <p>Gender: 75% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised: Major depression): Total participants 65, intervention 31, control 34</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Multifaceted intervention programme</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), psychologist (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Programme involved teaching cognitive behavioural skills to manage depression and counselling to improve medication adherence. Sessions 1-4 involved education, skills training, and homework assignments or behavioural experiments. Optional sessions (5 & 6) involved skills training, problem-solving, and relaxation training. A relapse prevention plan was also developed. Patients received a brief booklet on the biology of depression, the mechanism of action of ADs, a second booklet on simple CBT techniques and a videotape covering similar material. Non-response patients could be referred to the MH specialist for direct visit 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 4-6 contacts within 6 weeks and 4 telephone calls at 2, 4, 12 and 24 weeks

	4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Case-by-case consultation occurred between CM and PCP and CM's provided PCPs with a handwritten consultation note after each patient contact. A copy of the relapse prevention plan was put in the patient's medical notes. CM and MH specialist met weekly for supervision and CM recommended medication changes (which had been made by the MH specialist) to the PCP Control: Treatment as usual
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 4 months Medication use: 1, 4, 7 months Satisfaction: 4 months
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 8
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL 50% improvement) was: overall 10/65 (15%), 5/31 (16%) intervention and 5/34 (15%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	High risk	Reported analysis not by randomised group but by participants with a) minor and b) major depression
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosis of depression or anxiety and patients at high risk for persistent depression. The first-stage screen included the telephone Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-III-R (SCID). Criteria for selection for the second-stage interview were having 4 or more residual major depressive symptoms, recurrent depression (2 or more prior episodes), or dysthymia. Four or more major depressive symptoms on the SCID and a score of 1.0 or greater on the 20 depression items of the Hopkins Symptom Checklist (HSCL-20) or having fewer than 4 DSM-IV major depressive symptoms but with a score of 1.5 or greater on the HSCL-20.16</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients between the ages of 18 and 80 years who received a new antidepressant prescription (no prior prescriptions within the last 120 days) from a primary care physician</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: A screening score of 2 or more on the CAGE alcohol screening questionnaire, being pregnant or currently nursing, planning to pull out from the Group Health Cooperative insurance plan within the next 12 months, currently seeing a psychiatrist, having limited command of English, and recently using lithium or antipsychotic medication</p> <p>Age: Mean 47 (SD 13.7) years</p> <p>Gender: 75% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 80% White</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 228, intervention 114, control 114</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Stepped collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), psychiatrist (CM/MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: All patients were prescribed an AD 8-9 weeks before initial intervention visit in which CM assessed clinical status and current medication adherence and side effects. CM helped the patient and PCP alter AD medication and monitored medication adherence by checking automated pharmacy data and alerted the PCP if premature discontinuation occurred. CMs also referred patients with severe psychosocial stressors for psychotherapy or support groups 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 2 in 4 weeks with 2 additional if non-response with a brief telephone call in between (2 calls in total) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM informed PCP of non-adherence. After final visit, the CM sent PCP a standardised note of the AD prescribed, recommended duration of treatment, residual depressive symptoms and recommendations for therapy <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (SCID): 3, 6 months</p> <p>Medication use: 1, 3, 6 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 1, 3, 6 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 3, 6 months</p>
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

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<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 8
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Asymptomatic by SCID) was: overall 36/228(16%), 18/114(16%) intervention and 18/114(16%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Katon 2001

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosis of depression or anxiety and patients at high risk of relapse. The first-stage screen included the depression section of the telephone Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-III-R (SCID), Selection criteria for the second stage interview were either having a high epidemiologic risk of relapse or 4 or more residual major depressive symptoms. Fewer than 4 DSM-IV major depressive symptoms and a history of 3 or more episodes of major depression or dysthymia or 4 residual depressive symptoms but with a mean Symptom Checklist (HSCL-20) depression score of less than 1.0 and a history of major depression/dysthymia</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients between the ages of 18 and 80 years from 1 of 4 primary care clinics who received a new antidepressant prescription (no prior prescriptions within the last 120 days) from a primary care physician</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Screening score of 2 or more on the CAGE alcohol screening questionnaire, being pregnant or currently nursing, planning to disenroll from insurance plan</p>

	within the next 12 months, currently seeing a psychiatrist, having limited command of English, and recently using lithium or antipsychotic medication Age: Mean 46 years Gender: 74% female Ethnicity: 90% White Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 386, intervention 194, control 192	
Interventions	Intervention: Relapse prevention programme Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), psychologist, nurse, social worker (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Patients were provided a book and videotape aimed at increasing patient education and enhancing self-treatment of their depression. CM assessed clinical status and biopsychosocial history. The intervention aimed to improve long-term adherence to ADs, increase self-monitoring and relapse prevention strategies such as early help seeking. Other goals were increasing pleasant activities, exercise, and socializing, and identifying potential high-risk situations to promote problem-solving ability, coping, and self-efficacy for managing depression. Follow-up telephone calls and personalised mailings monitored progress and adherence to the plan 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 2 visits and telephone calls at 1, 4 and 8.5 months after session 2. Personalised mailings at 2, 6, 10 and 12 months 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: PCPs received intermittent verbal and written consultation about patient progress and a copy of the relapse prevention plan. CMs had weekly supervision with MH specialists Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs were notified of group allocation	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 3, 6, 9, 12 months Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 6, 9, 12 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 8
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL) was: overall 35/386 (9%), 13/194 (7%) intervention and 22/192 (11%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided.

Katon 2001 (Continued)

		Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Katon 2004

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Although patients were not required to meet criteria for major depression, they were required to have a score of 10 or greater on the PHQ-9 in the initial screening and persistent symptoms, as evidenced by a Symptom Checklist (HSCL-90) depression mean item score of higher than 1.1 at a second telephone screen 2 weeks later</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Diabetic patients, ambulatory, English speaking, had adequate hearing to complete a telephone interview, and planned to continue to be enrolled in insurance plan during the next year</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Currently in care with a psychiatrist, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia, use of antipsychotic or mood stabiliser medication, mental confusion on interview suggesting significant dementia</p> <p>Age: Mean 58.4 years</p> <p>Gender: 65% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 79% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 329, intervention 164, control 165</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Stepped collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), nurse (CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist)</p> <p>2) a structured management plan: Step 1: Initial choice of ADs or problem solving therapy (PST). Step 2: If poor response after 10 to 12 weeks they could (1) switch to a different AD; (2) switch to the alternative treatment (from PST to medication or vice versa); (3) receive augmentation with PST or AD; or (4) receive a psychiatric consultation. Step 3: For continued non-response a referral was made to specialty care. Once patients reached a significant decrease in clinical symptoms CMs began continuation phase treatment, which consisted of monthly scheduled telephone contacts</p>

	3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Acute phase: Assessment plus twice-a-month telephone and in-person appointments. Continuation phase: monthly telephone calls or monthly continuation groups 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs interacted regularly (via written notes and verbally) with PCP. CMs had supervision twice a month with a MH specialist team to review new cases and patient progress. On alternate weeks, CMs reviewed cases by telephone with the psychiatrist supervisor Control: Treatment as usual and patients were advised to consult with their PCP regarding depression	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-90): 3, 6, 12, 24 months Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12, 24 months Satisfaction: 6, 12 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	An individual not involved in patient recruitment conducted allocation
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-90 depression \geq 50% decrease) was: overall 37/329 (11%), 21/164 (13%) intervention and 16/149 (10%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding

Katon 2004 (Continued)

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation
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Katon 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Cut-off points of 3 or higher on the Patient Health Questionnaire 2 (PHQ-2) and 10 or higher on the PHQ-9 used to identify patients who were eligible for the trial</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients with diagnoses of diabetes, coronary heart disease, or both coded according to the International Classification of Diseases (ICD9), or Current Procedural Terminology codes for coronary-artery interventions. These patients had one or more measures of poor disease control within the previous 12 months, including: blood pressure above 140/90 mm Hg (based on two blood-pressure readings at separate visits within 12 months), a low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol level above 130 mg per decilitre (>3.4 mmol per litre), or a glycated haemoglobin level of 8.5% or higher. Patients who were ambulatory, spoke English, and planned to be enrolled in a health-maintenance-organization (HMO) plan for 12 months</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Terminal illness, residence in a long-term care facility, severe hearing loss, planned bariatric surgery within 3 months, pregnancy or breastfeeding, ongoing psychiatric care, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia, use of an antipsychotic or mood-stabiliser medication, and observed mental confusion suggesting dementia</p> <p>Age: Mean 56.9 years</p> <p>Gender: 52% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 79% White</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 214, intervention 106, control 108</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), nurse (CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs motivated and coached patients to solve problems and set goals for improved medication adherence and self-care (e.g. exercising and self-monitoring of blood-pressure and glucose levels). Self-care materials, including a help book, a video compact disk on depression care, a booklet and other materials on chronic disease management, and self-monitoring devices (e.g., blood-pressure or blood-glucose meters) were provided. Patients worked collaboratively with CMs and PCPs to establish individualised clinical and self-care goals. CMs monitored the patient's progress with respect to management of depression, control of medical disease, and self-care activities. Treatment protocols guided adjustments of commonly used medicines in patients who did not achieve specific goals. CMs followed patients proactively to provide support for medication adherence 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Assessment plus telephone or in-person contact once or twice a month until the patient achieved his or her treatment goals (treat-to-target)

	<p>. After completion of recovery and a maintenance plan, patients were followed every 4 to 6 weeks by telephone calls from the CM to review adherence, lab test results and depression score</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM communicated recommended medication changes to PC. CMs received weekly supervision with MH specialist team to review new cases and patient progress</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients were advised to consult with their PCP to receive care for depression, diabetes and/or CHD. With patient permission, PCPs were notified about depression and poor medical disease control. All study laboratory reports and results were entered into the electronic medical record</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HSCL-20): 6, 12 months</p> <p>Medication use: 12 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 6, 12 months</p>
Notes	CHD: coronary heart disease; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ: Patient Health Questionnaire

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Permuted-blocks of 4, 6 or 8 (randomly selected)
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Central allocation
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-20) was: overall 21/214 (10%), 9/106 (8%) intervention and 12/108 (11%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Katzelnick 2000

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Current major depression or major depression in partial remission assessed using a modified version of the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID). Also a score of 15 or more on the Hamilton Depression Rating Scale (HAM-D)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 25 to 63 years with continuous health plan enrolment for the previous 2 years. High utilisers of health care defined as ambulatory visit counts above the 85th percentile for both of the 2 previous years. Ambulatory office visits were defined as primary care visits, medical specialty visits, and walk-in clinic visits</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Recent treatment for alcohol or other substance abuse; past treatment for schizophrenia or bipolar disorder; life-threatening medical disorders (e.g., metastatic malignant neoplasm), active treatment for depression (defined as current specialty mental health treatment or minimal adequate trial of antidepressant medication), contraindications to taking an antidepressant, receiving treatment by a psychiatrist within the past 4 months, pregnancy, planned pregnancy within the next year, breastfeeding, positive screen for alcohol abuse, and intent to disenroll from the Health Maintenance Organisation</p> <p>Age: Mean 45.5 years</p> <p>Gender: 78% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 83% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 163, intervention 82, control 81; Total participants 407, intervention 218, control 189</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Depression management</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), treatment co-ordinator (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Patient education using RHYTHMs which included detail on nature of depression, use of ADs and adherence and a booklet and videotape. Specific ADs were used and CMs reviewed patient prescription refills and office visits to identify unplanned treatment discontinuation and monitored treatment adherence, treatment response and medication adverse effects 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Telephone calls at 2 and 10 weeks and if necessary at 18, 30, 42 weeks. Scheduled visits with PCP at weeks 1, 3, 6 and 10 weeks then every 10 weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs provided a written response to PCPs or a call if progress was not as expected or patient discontinued treatment. PCPs had periodic case reviews and as needed telephone consultation with the MH specialist <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HAMD): 6 weeks, 3, 6, 12 months</p> <p>Medication use: 6 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 12 months</p>
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; HAM-D: Hamilton Depression Rating Scale; MH: mental health; PCP:

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	primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Sealed envelopes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HAMD) was: overall 26/407(6%), 16/218(7%) intervention and 10/189(5%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Kroenke 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist</p> <p>Diagnosis: At least moderately severe depression, defined as a PHQ-9 score of 10 or higher and endorsement of either depressed mood, anhedonia; or both</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients presenting for oncology clinic visits who screened positive for either pain or depression. Pain had to be (1) definitely or possibly cancer related; (2) at least moderately severe, (3) persistent despite trying at least 1 pain medicine</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Unable to speak English, moderately severe cognitive impairment, schizophrenia or other psychosis, had a pending pain related disability claim, were pregnant, or were in hospice care</p> <p>Age: Mean 58.9 years</p> <p>Gender: 68% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 80% White</p>

	Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 405, intervention 202, control 203	
Interventions	Intervention: Care management Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Oncologist (PCP), nurse (CM), pain-psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs assessed symptom response and medication adherence; provided pain and depression specific education; and made treatment adjustments according to evidence based guidelines. Automated symptom monitoring was also performed between sessions using interactive voice recorded telephone calls or web based surveys. Participants who preferred not to take ADs were encouraged to consider a referral for psychotherapy and speak to their oncologist re this 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 4 in 12 weeks: at baseline, 1, 4 and 12 weeks plus automated contact 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Treatment recommendations were provided to PCP. CM had weekly supervision with MH specialist who was available between sessions Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients were informed of their depressive and pain symptoms, and their screening results were provided to PCP	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): 1, 3, 6, 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 1, 3, 6, 12 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 4, 8 and 12 (randomly selected)
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-20) was: overall 182/405(45%), 92/202(46%) intervention and 90/203(44%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons for missing data across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis reported with appropriate imputation methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported

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Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Landis 2007

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Significant depression determined by a score of 10 or more on the PHQ-9. The primary care physician verified the presence of major depression by clinical exam</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Willing to begin or continue antidepressant medication</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Bipolar disorder, psychotic symptoms, active suicidal ideation requiring psychiatric admission</p> <p>Age: Mean 39.7 (SD 10.7) years</p> <p>Gender: 96% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 62% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 45, intervention 22, control 23</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Care management</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), mental health graduate (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs provided patient education about depression and instruction in self-management skills and goals and monitored adherence and side effects 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Acute: telephone or in-person every 2 weeks for up-to 12 weeks, maintenance: every 4 weeks until 6 months post-initial session 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs coordinated with the PCP and received bi-weekly telephone supervision from MH specialist <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCP was informed of diagnosis</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (PHQ-9): 3, 6 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 6 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 3, 6 months</p>
Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9

<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Random assignment of 200 study numbers pre-trial. Stratified by newly diagnosed and already treated with AD medication
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Sealed envelope
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9) was: overall 11/45 (24%), 5/22 (23%) intervention and 6/23 (26%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Intention-to-treat analysis not reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Lobello 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Primary diagnosis of major depressive disorder assessed using a modified Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI), and a diagnosis of major depressive disorder, single or recurrent episode without psychotic features, was confirmed according to Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders(DSM-IV) criteria. Patients were required to have a minimum Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HAM-D17) score of 14</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Male and female outpatients aged 18 years or older. Sexually active women of child bearing potential were required to use medically acceptable contraception</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current treatment with venlafaxine or previously failed venlafaxine treatment at adequate dose and duration; significant risk of suicide based on clinical</p>

	judgment; pregnancy or breastfeeding; introduction or change in cognitive behavioural therapy, interpersonal therapy, or other psychotherapy within 3 months before randomisation; and concomitant use of other psychopharmacologic drugs Age: Mean 44.5 years Gender: 73% female Ethnicity: 87% white Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 537, intervention 268, control 269	
Interventions	Intervention: Venlafaxine ER plus Dialogues programme Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), nurse (CM) 2) a structured management plan: The Dialogues programme included a welcome kit that included the first issue of the Dialogues Magazine, a Straight Talk booklet (on side effects), and a tip sheet (points to discuss with PCP). Over a 4-month period, patients also received a comprehensive resource guide, 2 additional issues of the Dialogues Magazine, and 3 additional Straight Talk booklets (progress, managing stress, long-term therapy) 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 planned periodic calls (weeks 1, 5 and 13) and access to a 12-hour daily help line 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: After each telephone call a contact report was sent to the PCP Control: The venlafaxine ER group received venlafaxine ER as part of the standard practice of care for the treatment of major depression	
Outcomes	Depression (HAM-D): 14, 45, 112, 135, 180 days Medication use: 14, 45, 112, 135, 180 days Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 14, 45, 112, 135, 180 days Satisfaction: 14, 45, 112, 135, 180 days	
Notes	CM: case manager; HAM-D: Hamilton Depression Rating Scale; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HAMD remission total score ≤ 7) was: overall 45/537 (8%), 29/268 (11%) intervention and 16/269 (6%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat anal-

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Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Ludman 2007a

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Community, primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Persistent symptoms of depression despite at least six months of antidepressant treatment prescribed in specialty care. Assessed by a score of 0.75 or above on a 20-item depression scale extracted from the 90-item Hopkins Symptom Checklist (HSCL-90). At least one major depressive episode in the past two years as diagnosed by a structured interview and a history of either recurrent major depression (more than three episodes in the past five years) or dysthymia. All patients met criteria for recurrent major depression or dysthymia, but were heterogeneous with respect to current mood state (dysthymia, chronic major depression, partial remission, relapse, or recurrence) and current antidepressant treatment</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 and older who had initiated antidepressant treatment at least 180 days previously, had a visit diagnosis of major depressive disorder at the time of initial antidepressant prescription, and were continuously enrolled in insurance group for at least the previous 180 days</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: History of mania or hypomania, cognitive impairment, near-terminal medical illness, intent to disenroll from insurance group within the next 12 months, emergent clinical needs (for example, risk of harm to self or others), diagnosis of bipolar disorder or psychotic disorder or prescription for a mood stabiliser or antipsychotic medication in the past two years</p> <p>Age: Mean 50.3 years</p> <p>Gender: 69% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 87% caucasian</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 52, intervention 26, control 26</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Telephone care management.</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), counsellor</p>

	(CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Using computer-assisted scripts, CMs provided education about medication adherence and management of side effects and incorporated motivational enhancement strategies. CM also provided any needed outreach and care coordination, including facilitation of follow-up care 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: CM=3 monthly telephone calls plus others if required. Peer group=6 weekly sessions plus additional bimonthly group. Psychotherapy group=10 weekly sessions plus 3 booster sessions 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: After each contact, CMs sent the PCP a report of current symptoms, medication use, side effects, prior treatment, and algorithm-based recommendations. In the case of moderate or severe symptoms CMs communicated with the PCP by telephone within 24 hours Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 3, 6, 9, 12 months Medication use: 12 months Satisfaction: 6, 9, 12 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated block randomisation
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation conducted by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL depression) was: overall 7/52(13%), 5/26(19%) intervention and 2/26(8%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)

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Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Ludman 2007b

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Community, primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Persistent symptoms of depression despite at least six months of antidepressant treatment prescribed in specialty care. Assessed by a score of 0.75 or above on a 20-item depression scale extracted from the 90-item Hopkins Symptom Checklist (HSCL-90). At least one major depressive episode in the past two years as diagnosed by a structured interview and a history of either recurrent major depression (more than three episodes in the past five years) or dysthymia. All patients met criteria for recurrent major depression or dysthymia, but were heterogeneous with respect to current mood state (dysthymia, chronic major depression, partial remission, relapse, or recurrence) and current antidepressant treatment</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 and older who had initiated antidepressant treatment at least 180 days previously, had a visit diagnosis of major depressive disorder at the time of initial antidepressant prescription, and were continuously enrolled in insurance group for at least the previous 180 days</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: History of mania or hypomania, cognitive impairment, near-terminal medical illness, intent to disenroll from insurance group within the next 12 months, emergent clinical needs (for example, risk of harm to self or others), diagnosis of bipolar disorder or psychotic disorder or prescription for a mood stabiliser or antipsychotic medication in the past two years</p> <p>Age: Mean 50.7 years</p> <p>Gender: 69% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 85% caucasian</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 52, intervention 26, control 26</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Telephone care management plus a peer-led chronic-disease self-management group programme</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), counsellor (CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Using computer-assisted scripts, CMs provided education about medication adherence and management of side effects and incorporated motivational enhancement strategies. CM also provided any needed outreach and care coordination, including facilitation of follow-up care 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: CM = 3 monthly telephone calls plus others if required. Peer group=6 weekly sessions plus additional bimonthly group. Psychotherapy group=

	10 weekly sessions plus 3 booster sessions 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: After each contact, CMs sent the PCP a report of current symptoms, medication use, side effects, prior treatment, and algorithm-based recommendations. In the case of moderate or severe symptoms CMs communicated with the PCP by telephone within 24 hours Control: Treatment as usual
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 3, 6, 9, 12 months Medication use: 12 months Satisfaction: 6, 9, 12 months
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated block randomisation
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation conducted by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL depression) was: overall 4/52 (8%), 2/26 (8%) in intervention and 2/26 (8%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Community, primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Persistent symptoms of depression despite at least six months of antidepressant treatment prescribed in specialty care. Assessed by a score of 0.75 or above on a 20-item depression scale extracted from the 90-item Hopkins Symptom Checklist (HSCL-90). At least one major depressive episode in the past two years as diagnosed by a structured interview and a history of either recurrent major depression (more than three episodes in the past five years) or dysthymia. All patients met criteria for recurrent major depression or dysthymia, but were heterogeneous with respect to current mood state (dysthymia, chronic major depression, partial remission, relapse, or recurrence) and current antidepressant treatment</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 and older who had initiated antidepressant treatment at least 180 days previously, had a visit diagnosis of major depressive disorder at the time of initial antidepressant prescription, and were continuously enrolled in insurance plan for at least the previous 180 days</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: History of mania or hypomania, cognitive impairment, near-terminal medical illness, intent to disenroll from insurance plan within the next 12 months, emergent clinical needs (for example, risk of harm to self or others), diagnosis of bipolar disorder or psychotic disorder or prescription for a mood stabiliser or antipsychotic medication in the past two years</p> <p>Age: Mean 50.5 years</p> <p>Gender: 73% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 81% caucasian</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 52, intervention 26, control 26</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Telephone care management plus a professionally led depression psychotherapy group</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), counsellor (CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Using computer-assisted scripts, CMs provided education about medication adherence and management of side effects and incorporated motivational enhancement strategies. CM also provided any needed outreach and care coordination, including facilitation of follow-up care 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: CM = 3 monthly telephone calls plus others if required. Peer group = 6 weekly sessions plus additional bimonthly group. Psychotherapy group = 10 weekly sessions plus 3 booster sessions 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: After each contact, CMs sent the PCP a report of current symptoms, medication use, side effects, prior treatment, and algorithm-based recommendations. In the case of moderate or severe symptoms CMs communicated with the PCP by telephone within 24 hours <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HSCL): 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p> <p>Medication use: 12 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 6, 9, 12 months</p>

Ludman 2007c (Continued)

Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated block randomisation
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation conducted by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL depression) was: overall 6/52 (12%), 4/26 (15%) intervention and 2/26 (8%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Mann 1998

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: General Practitioners assessed as depressed. Severity defined after referral by use of the Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) and Nurse Assessment Interview</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients aged 18-74 years, who had been depressed for at least four weeks. Those currently receiving treatment from their GP for depression or presenting with a new episode were included</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Suicidal ideation, those whose depression represented a phase in a manic-depressive psychosis, and those currently receiving treatment for depression from</p>

	specialist psychiatric services Age: Mean 45.7 years Gender: 78% female Ethnicity: Not stated Country: United Kingdom Sample size (randomised): Total participants 419, intervention 271, control 148	
Interventions	Intervention: Nurse assisted follow-up care Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General Practitioner (PCP), nurse (CM) 2) a structured management plan: CMs assessed patients using a depression measurement tool and reported result to PCP. CMs worked to a manual that covered: strategies to improve compliance (the CM explained the rationale of treatment by medication, helped manage side-effects, and discussed dose changes with PCP), education of patients (leaflets on depression were included in the manual for CMs to explore and explain depression and, if necessary, provide to patients), initiation of social interventions (CMs made contact with local support agencies that might help depressed patients) and CMs also made contact with the local specialist psychiatric services 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Regularly during first month with no specific regimen thereafter 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: The CM discussed each patient with the PCP, who decided upon treatment. CMs could discuss a patient with the PCP at any time. Nurses received supervision from other nurses who had done similar work previously Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (DSM-III depression): 4 months Medication use: 4 months	
Notes	BDI: Beck Depression Inventory; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Random number table
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Sealed envelope
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (DSM-III depression) was: overall 34/419 (8%), 20/271 (7%) intervention and 14/148 (9%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

McCusker 2008

Methods	Study design: Pilot cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: A positive response to either of the PHQ-2 screening questions, followed by a screen for major depression using a Structured Clinical Interview (SCID)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Able to speak English or French well enough to be able to complete study questionnaires, aged 60 or over, reside in an area easily accessible for the depression care worker, with a maximum travel time of 45 minutes in each direction, see the participating family physician as their principal primary care physician</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: In active treatment with a Psychiatrist or Psychologist, bipolar, psychosis, hearing impairment, and ability to provide consent (no or only minimal cognitive impairment)</p> <p>Age: Mean 73.3 years</p> <p>Gender: 67% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: Canada</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 68, intervention 36, control 32</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Depression Care Practitioner</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Family physician (PCP), social worker/psychologist (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Patients were provided with an educational brochure and a video prepared for the IMPACT study. CMs assessed and worked with each patient and PCP to develop a treatment plan that could include pharmacotherapy using an evidence-based medication algorithm and 4 sessions of problem solving therapy (PST). During follow-up CMs monitored the patient's progress 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Assessment plus 4 weekly sessions (telephone or face-to-face) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs sent the PCP a copy of the assessment and all details of follow-up sessions. CMs had weekly supervision with MH specialist. The MH specialist reviewed all medication recommendations proposed by PCP, was available for rapid verbal consultations with physicians and CMs, and offered an immediate consultation when needed

	Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs were informed of patients diagnosis	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 2 months Medication use: 2 months Satisfaction: 2 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Physicians were randomised based on their preference and size and type of practice, in the patient randomised arm a prepared list of random numbers in blocks of 4 were used
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Standard block size. Allocation of patients conducted by study coordinator
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL) was: overall 2/34 (6%), 0/19 (0%) intervention and 2/15 (13%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided and only observed in control group. Intention-to-treat analysis not reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial	
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) diagnostic criteria for a depressive illness, suffering from a moderate to severe episode (using the Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview), and scoring at least 14 on the Hamilton Depression Rating Scale (HDRS17), indicating that they were not in remission</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18-65 years, currently prescribed an antidepressant and had been on this for at least 8 weeks</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Secondary care mental health involvement, a recorded diagnosis of personality disorder, an organic brain disorder, alcohol or drug dependency, pregnancy, or learning disability</p> <p>Age: Inclusion aged 18 - 65 years</p> <p>Gender: Not stated</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United Kingdom</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 62, intervention 30, control 32</p>	
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Case management</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General Practitioner (PCP), graduate mental health worker (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist)</p> <p>2) a structured management plan: Patients were prescribed a recommended AD which was monitored by the CM who recommended an increase in dosage to the PCP, where appropriate and minimal supportive counselling was provided throughout</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 6 contacts in 16 weeks (face-to-face at weeks 1, 4 and 16 and telephone at weeks 2, 6 and 10)</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM recommended medication dose changes at weeks 4 and 10 where appropriate. CMs received weekly supervision from MH specialist, who was also available for telephone consultation when needed</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as all patients received a prescription for an alternative AD within a week of their baseline assessment and PCPs were instructed to prescribe an AD of their choice, in line with NICE guidelines</p>	
Outcomes	<p>Depression (BDI): 3, 6 months</p> <p>Medication use: 6 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 6 months</p>	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; BDI: Beck Depression Inventory; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; NICE: National Institute for Clinical Excellence; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

McMahon 2007 (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Central allocation by independent person
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (BDI) was: overall 26/62 (42%), 11/30 (37%) intervention and 15/32 (47%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not sufficiently provided. Intention-to-treat analysis reported, with last-observation-carried-forward used to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Oslin 2003

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Signs and symptoms of a depressive disorder (major depression, dysthymia, or persistent minor depression). Major depression and dysthymia were determined using Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM-IV) diagnostic criteria with inclusive strategies for the evaluation of symptoms in patients with medical illness using the MINI psychiatric interview. Persistent minor depression is defined as having DSM provisional criteria for minor depression for a minimum of 4 weeks. The baseline assessment instruments completed included the Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI) modules for depression and anxiety disorders and a scripted version of the Hamilton Rating scale for Depression (HDRS-24)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: 18 years or older, male or female, meet criteria for at-risk drinking as defined by drinking more than 21 standard drinks per week (14 for women or those older than age 65), or binge drinking (> 3 binges in 3 months), or positive CAGE responses combined with any drinking</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Active suicidal ideation, regular use of illicit substances, current hallucinations and delusions or a history of a primary psychotic disorder, a history of mania or hypomania, and having a high potential for alcohol withdrawal symptoms as indicated by a score more than 14 on the Alcohol Dependence Scale (ADS)</p> <p>Age: Mean 61.6 years</p>

	Gender: 4% female Ethnicity: 50% white Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 37, intervention not stated, control not stated; Total participants 97, intervention 46, control 51	
Interventions	Intervention: Telephone disease management Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary physician (PCP), nurse (CM) , psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs developed a treatment plan, monitored outcomes and adverse effects, assessed and encouraged adherence and offered support and education. Contacts were manualised for both depression and at-risk drinking. Where indicated patients were prescribed an AD following AHRQ treatment guidelines. Non-response at 6 and 12 weeks resulted in re-evaluation of the treatment plan, to intensify or enhance treatment. For those with at-risk drinking CMs monitored outcomes and used motivational skills to review individual goals and the risks and benefits of drinking using a workbook that was mailed to the patient after each visit. Non-response at 4 months resulted in a recommendation for referral to the Addiction Recovery Unit being made to the patient and PCP 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Assessment followed by 7 telephone calls in 24 weeks (1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 weeks) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs acted as physician extender giving behavioural health, medication and referral recommendations to the PCP. CM had weekly supervision with MH specialist who was also available for consultation Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs were educated about existing treatment guidelines, patients attending clinics were screened and PCPs were provided with written diagnostic information for patients and encouraged to refer patients to the behavioural health clinic	
Outcomes	Depression (Response to treatment - depression or alcohol): 4 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; AHRQ: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Response to treatment - depression or alcohol) was: overall 23/97(24%), 11/46(24%) intervention and 12/51(24%) control. Reasons

Oslin 2003 (Continued)

		for loss to follow-up not provided across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis not reported, unclear methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Patel 2010

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Common mental disorder assessed using a score of over 5 on the General Health Questionnaire (GHQ)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Age >17 years, not requiring urgent medical attention, not already screened in the previous 2 weeks; and not already receiving the intervention. Those who fulfil the following criteria also invited to participate in the outcome evaluation of the trial: resident in Goa for the subsequent 12 months; speak one of the three primary study languages (Konkani, Marathi, English)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Do not suffer from a serious impairment (hearing, speech, cognition) which interferes with participation in an interview</p> <p>Age: Mean 46.3 (SD 13.3) years</p> <p>Gender: 83% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 96% Indian</p> <p>Country: India</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 24, intervention 12, control 12; Total participants 2796, intervention 1360, control 1436</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative stepped care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Physician/General Practitioners (PCP), lay health counsellor (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Step 1: Psychoeducation including strategies to alleviate symptoms, e.g. breathing exercises for anxiety and scheduling activities for depression. Step 2: Management of moderate or severe cases included ADs or interpersonal psychotherapy (IPT) and adherence was encouraged and information provided on social/

	welfare organisations when needed. Step 3: Non-response patients offered AD and IPT and adherence management. Step 4: Continue existing treatments and refer to clinical specialist 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: IPT: minimum of 6 sessions, with an optimum of 8 and maximum of 12 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM collaborated closely with PCP and MH specialist, PCP could request a patient consultation with the MH specialist if necessary. MH specialists visited the practice once a month and were available for telephone consultation Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCP received screening results and were given the treatment manual that provided information about commonly available drugs and their side-effects and costs	
Outcomes	Depression (ICD-10 recovery): 2, 6, 12 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; IPT: interpersonal psychotherapy treatment; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated cluster randomisation
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Clinics were centrally allocated by an individual not involved in recruitment, those involved in patient recruitment may have been aware of clinic allocation
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (ICD10 recovery) was: overall 281/2242 (13%), 154/1098 (14%) intervention and 127/1144 (11%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Piette 2011

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depression assessed by PHQ-9 score of greater than 11 and BDI score of over 14</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: At least 21 years old, diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and using antihyperglycaemic medication</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Bipolar disorder or schizophrenia, or in active treatment for another serious illness such as severe heart failure, severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or end-stage renal disease. Patients using antidepressant medication at the time of the screening were excluded if they reported a change in the prior 30 days in either their antidepressant medication or the physician prescribing their antidepressants, unable to walk either 1 block or 10 minutes without rest, scored < 21 on the Short Orientation Memory Concentration Test, or they reported drug or alcohol problems during the prior 3 months as measured by a modified version of the CAGE questionnaire</p> <p>Age: Mean 56 (SD 10.1) years</p> <p>Gender: 52% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 84% White</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 339, intervention 172, control 167</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Telephone CBT</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), MH/primary care nurses (CM), CBT therapist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Telephone CBT focused on patients' depressive symptoms, introduced a walking programme, and emphasised the links between depression, physical activity, and diabetes outcomes. CMs and patients used a manual to guide sessions and monitored each week's CBT goals. CMs monitored patients' depressive symptoms and their activity levels. Patient manuals were used to record homework exercises and monitor progress. PCPs were informed of any: suicidal ideation, discontinuation of ADs, persistent elevated depressive symptoms, need for a prescription refill. Additional contacts to discuss patients other health problems were at the CMs discretion 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Acute = 12 weekly telephone CBT sessions, maintenance = 9 monthly booster sessions 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: PCPs received written diagnosis detail after assessment and every 3 months thereafter. PCPs were alerted by fax and telephone in the event of any: suicidal ideation, discontinuation of ADs, persistent elevated depressive

	symptoms, or need for a prescription refill. CMs received weekly group supervision from the MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients received a self-help book on CBT for depression, educational materials about depression and walking and diabetes, and a list of local resources for depression. With permission PCPs were notified about their depression scores	
Outcomes	Depression (BDI): 12 months Medication use: 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 12 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; BDI: Beck Depression Inventory; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Random numbers table
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Sealed envelopes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (BDI mean) was: overall 48/339 (14%), 27/172 (16%) intervention and 21/167 (13%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial	
Participants	Setting: Specialist Diagnosis: PHQ-9 depression score of 10 or higher Inclusion criteria: Current treatment in the Veteran Affairs HIV clinic Exclusion criteria: No access to a telephone, current acute suicidal ideation, significant cognitive impairment and history of bipolar disorder or schizophrenia Age: Mean 49.8 years Gender: 3% female Ethnicity: 63% African American Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 276 (249), intervention 138 (123), control 138 (126)	
Interventions	Intervention: Stepped care (HITIDES) Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: HIV or mental health clinician (PCP), nurse (CM), pharmacist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs, using written scripts, delivered education and activation, assessment of treatment barriers and solutions, depression and substance abuse monitoring, and instruction in self-management. The 5-step model included the following plus CM monitoring: (1) watchful waiting, (2) counselling or guideline pharmacotherapy, (3) review by pharmacist, (4) combination pharmacotherapy and counselling, and (5) referral to specialty mental health 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: depended on response. Acute = every 2 weeks (until 50% reduction in depression score), watchful waiting or continuation = every 4 weeks (for 2 months after maintaining remission or 6 months after maintaining a 50% decrease in depression score) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs communicated with PCPs via electronic medical record progress notes. CMs communicated with MH specialist once a week and as needed by telephone or in-person and made treatment recommendations to PCPs Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as all HIV health care providers received 1 hour of HIV and depression training and were informed of depression scores. Specialty mental health referral procedures were reviewed	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): 6, 12 months Medication use: 6, 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire	
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Envelopes labelled by patient number
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-20 response 50% decrease) was: overall 50/276 (18%), 29/138 (21%) intervention and 21/138 (15%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Richards 2008a

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosed as depressed by a General Practitioner, confirmed by a score of ≥ 5 on the depression section of the Standard Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients aged over 18 with a newly identified episode of major depression, defined as a current episode of GP-initiated treatment of not more than 1 months duration</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Postnatal, bereavement or physical causes for depression, active suicidal plans and primary drug or alcohol dependence</p> <p>Age: Mean 42.2 years</p> <p>Gender: 78% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 85% white</p> <p>Country: United Kingdom</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 24, intervention 12, control 12; Total participants 76, intervention 41, control 35</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General practitioner (PCP), primary care MH workers (CM), psychiatrist/psychological therapist (MH specialist)</p>

	2) a structured management plan: Structured management plan of medication support and behavioural activation 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 10 in 3 months (initial face-to-face then weekly for 5 weeks, then fortnightly predominantly telephone calls) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Three levels of communication: Level 1: treatment plan entered into medical record and brief record after each contact where patient was progressing/engaging satisfactorily, Level 2: CMs informed PCPs of changes to treatment plan by specific note, Level 3: CMs communicated in-person or by telephone with PCP for urgent issues. CMs had weekly telephone supervision with MH specialists Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (PHQ-9): 3 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Clusters (PCP practice) were centrally allocated by independent service. PCPs were not informed of their allocated group
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9) was: overall 14/76 (18%), 6/41 (15%) intervention and 8/35 (23%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Low risk	The study appears free of other sources of bias
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding

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Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation
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Richards 2008b

Richards 2008		
Methods	Study design: Randomised control trial (within cluster randomised trial)	
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosed as depressed by a General Practitioner, confirmed by a score of ≥ 5 on the depression section of the Standard Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients aged over 18 with a newly identified episode of major depression, defined as a current episode of GP-initiated treatment of not more than 1 months duration</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Postnatal, bereavement or physical causes for depression, active suicidal plans and primary drug or alcohol dependence</p> <p>Age: Mean 42.8 years</p> <p>Gender: 77% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 90% white</p> <p>Country: United Kingdom</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 79, intervention 41, control 38</p>	
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General practitioner (PCP), primary care MH workers (CM), psychiatrist/psychological therapist (MH specialist)</p> <p>2) a structured management plan: Structured management plan of medication support and behavioural activation</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 10 in 3 months (initial face-to-face then weekly for 5 weeks, then fortnightly predominantly telephone calls)</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Three levels of communication: Level 1: treatment plan entered into medical record and brief record after each contact where patient was progressing/engaging satisfactorily, Level 2: CMs informed PCPs of changes to treatment plan by specific note, Level 3: CMs communicated in-person or by telephone with PCP for urgent issues. CMs had weekly telephone supervision with MH specialists</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>	
Outcomes	<p>Depression (PHQ-9): 3 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3 months</p>	
Notes	CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement

Richards 2008b (Continued)

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Within the treatment cluster group patients were centrally allocated by an independent service
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9) was: overall 10/79 (13%), 6/41 (15%) intervention and 4/38 (11%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Low risk	The study appears free of other sources of bias
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Implementation integrity not assessed prior to outcome assessment, subsequent analyses demonstrate good integrity/adherence
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Richards 2012

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depression assessed using the Clinical Interview Schedule (CIS-R)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: 18 years and above and who are not currently receiving treatment for depression from specialist mental health services. Also included patients suffering from peri- or postnatal depression, with either co-morbid physical illness or co-morbid non-psychotic functional disorders, such as anxiety. In line with the pragmatic nature of this trial, we will reflect usual GP care and participants will be eligible to participate whether they are in receipt of antidepressant medication or not</p> <p>Exclusion Criteria: Patients whose risk of suicide is sufficiently acute to demand immediate management by a specialist mental health crisis team. Patients with psychosis; both</p>

	type I and type II bi-polar disorder, patients where the low mood is better explained by the death of someone close to them and patients whose primary presenting problem is alcohol or drug abuse. Patients who are currently receiving specialist treatment for their depression will also be excluded Age: Mean 44.8 (SD 13.3) years Gender: 72% female Ethnicity: 85% white Country: United Kingdom Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 51, intervention 24, control 27; Total participants 581, intervention 276, control 305	
Interventions	Intervention: Collaborative care Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General practitioner (PCP), primary care MH workers (CM), psychiatrist/psychological therapist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Involved a structured management plan including education about depression, medication management, behavioural activation and relapse prevention. CMs reinforce the information given by PCP and help problem solve any difficulties with medication concordance. Behavioural activation focused on reducing avoidance and increasing activity. Relapse prevention involved the development of individualised recovery plans to identify symptoms and encourage reinstating pharmacological and psychological depression management strategies 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 6-12 telephone and face-to-face contacts in 14 weeks (initial face-to-face then weekly for 5 weeks, then fortnightly predominantly telephone calls) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs helped PCPs and patients problem solve any difficulties with medication. CMs receive weekly supervision from MH specialists Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (PHQ-9): 4, 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 4, 12 months Satisfaction: 4, 12 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; GP: general practitioner; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Clusters randomised using a sequence generated by the trial statistician
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation was conducted by central independent service and research workers were blind to cluster allocation and hence to patient allocation

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Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9) was: overall 76/581 (13%), 46/276 (17%) in-intervention and 30/305 (10%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Intention to treat not reported
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Low risk	The study appears free of other sources of bias
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Implementation integrity not assessed prior to outcome assessment, subsequent analyses demonstrate good integrity/adherence
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Rojas 2007

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Mothers meeting criteria for major depression according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of mental disorders (DSM-IV) were eligible. Any depression detected within 12 months after delivery assessed with the Edinburgh postnatal depression scale (EPDS) scores of over 10 at 2 time points. Used the clinician-administered Mini International Neuropsychiatry Interview (MINI) to ascertain clinical diagnoses</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Mothers at any stage during their first postnatal year from three clinics in deprived urban areas. Included mothers with an unrecognised and untreated postnatal depression whose symptoms persisted at least for 2 weeks</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Women who had received any form of treatment for depression during their current postnatal period, those who were pregnant, or those with psychotic symptoms, serious suicidal risk, history of mania, or alcohol or drug abuse</p> <p>Age: Mean 26.7 years</p> <p>Gender: 100% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: Chile</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 230, intervention 114, control 116</p>

Interventions	<p>Intervention: Multi-component</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), non-professional (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist)</p> <p>2) a structured management plan: The intervention included nurse psychoeducational groups (problem solving and behavioural activation), CM structured pharmacotherapy if needed, systematic monitoring of clinical progress and treatment compliance, further training to doctors, and specialist supervision on a regular basis. CMs monitored attendance and provided support and advice about AD use following a structured format</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: psychoeducation = 8 weekly, medication = 8 in 6 months (weeks 2 and 4 then monthly)</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: Nurses had weekly supervision. PCPs made pharmacotherapy decisions following training and had weekly supervision with MH specialist</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs were informed of the baseline assessment</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (EPDS): 3, 6 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 6 months</p>
Notes	<p>CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider</p>

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Numbered sealed envelopes opened by an individual not involved in patient recruitment and registered centrally
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (EPDS) was: overall 22/230 (10%), 8/114 (7%) intervention and 14/116 (12%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Rollman 2005

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Anxiety symptoms assessed using the brief self-administered patient questionnaire portion of the PRIME-MD, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-IV) criteria for panic or generalised anxiety disorder assessed by PRIME-MD anxiety module. At least moderate levels of anxiety severity as defined by a score of 14 or higher on the 14-item structured interview guide for the Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale (SIGH-A)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 to 64, not receiving treatment from a mental health professional, no history of bipolar disorder; and no plans to leave the study practice within the following year</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Dementia, psychotic illness, unstable medical condition, 2 or fewer positive responses on the CAGE alcohol screening questionnaire, and language or other communication barriers</p> <p>Age: Mean 44.2 (SD 10.7) years</p> <p>Gender: 81% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 95% Caucasian</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 191, intervention 116, control 75</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Telephone care management</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), non-behavioural health specialist (CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CM conducted telephone assessment, provided basic psychoeducation about anxiety, and assessed treatment preferences. Patients chose any combination of the following: (1) a self-management workbook with CM follow-up; (2) a guideline-based trial of anxiolytic pharmacotherapy; or (3) referral to a community mental health specialist. CMs telephoned patients to promote adherence and assess clinical response 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Acute = 8 telephone (at 1 week then every two weeks for first 2-4 months), maintenance = 8 telephone calls (every 1-3 months for up to 12 months) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs informed PCPs of patient progress and in consultation with MH specialists recommended specific medication and dose or referral to PCP. CM received weekly supervision from MH specialists <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs were informed of diagnosis by interactive e-mail alert and an electronic letter. The messages encouraged the PCP to follow up</p>

	patients to determine whether treatment was required. Patients were also informed of diagnosis and provided with a disorder-specific brochure	
Outcomes	Anxiety (SIGH-A): 2, 4, 8, 12 months Medication use: 12 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 4, 12 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 25 or 30
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Opaque sequentially numbered sealed envelopes opened by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary anxiety outcome (SIGH-A) was: overall 63/191 (33%), 38/116 (33%) intervention and 25/75 (33%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis reported, used random regression models to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist, primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: PHQ-9 scores of 10 or greater confirmed the prior PHQ-2 screen results and indicated at least a moderate level of depressive symptoms</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Post-CABG (Coronary Artery Bypass Graft) patients, mental competence to provide consent, have no current alcohol dependence or other substance abuse disorder; not be in treatment with a mental health specialist, express active suicidality, or have a history of psychotic illness or bipolar disorder, be discharged home or to short-term rehabilitation; and to speak English, have no communication barriers, and have telephone access</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Not stated</p> <p>Age: Mean 64 years</p> <p>Gender: 61% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 91% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 302, intervention 150, control 152</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Telephone collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CM conducted telephone assessment, provided basic education about depression (its impact on cardiac disease, and various self-management strategies) and assessed treatment preferences. Patients were supplied with written educational materials and offered a variety of treatment options: (1) initiation or adjustment of AD; (2) referral to community mental health service; (3) a combination of the above; or (4) watchful-waiting. CMs advised all patients to: (1) get sufficient rest; (2) engage in appropriate exercise and other pleasurable activities; and (3) avoid tobacco, alcohol, and unhealthy foods. CMs sent out a workbook that integrated both a psychotherapeutic and pharmacologic approach to managing depression and worked with patients and PCPs to promote adherence. For non-adherence or non-response after 6 weeks, combined treatment was recommended. For continued non-response CMs recommended referral to MH services and CMs monitored attendance and continued to telephone the patient monthly to: (1) monitor mood; (2) relay clinical information to PCP and MH specialist; and (3) promote adherence with follow-up appointments 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Acute=4-8 telephone calls (fortnightly for 2-4 months), maintenance = 4-8 (every 1 to 2 months until end of 8 month) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM reported back to the PCP clinical progress, reasons for non-adherence and treatment recommendations via fax, telephone or mail after each case review with MH specialist. CMs discussed AD prescriptions with PCP. An end-of-intervention letter was sent to PCP describing current level of depressive symptoms, care preferences, and final treatment recommendations. CMs had weekly case review with MH specialist <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients and PCPs were informed of diagnosis</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HRSD): 2, 4, 8 months</p> <p>Medication use: 2, 4, 8 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 2, 4, 8 months</p>

Notes	CM: case manager; HRSD: Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 4 using a 1:1 allocation ratio
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Prepared by an individual not involved in patient recruitment and entered into computer assisted programme and concealed until after the patient was recruited
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome ($\geq 50\%$ decline in HRSD) was: overall 50/302 (17%), 24/150 (16%) intervention and 26/152 (17%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Ross 2008

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Primary care Diagnosis: PHQ scores ranging from 0-16 without a diagnosis of major depression or other severe axis 1 disorders. Minor depression (those with 2, 3, or 4 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual depression criteria) and those with distress or depressive symptoms not meeting minor depression criteria. Measured with the PHQ-9 for depression; the MINI International Neuropsychiatric Interview modules for mania, psychosis, panic

	<p>disorder, generalised anxiety disorder (GAD), PTSD, and alcohol abuse/dependence</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Clinical concern generated by the PCP and on the results of the Behavioural Health Laboratory assessment. Subjects were eligible for inclusion if they were referred by their PCP for a behavioural health concern and did not meet for any exclusion criteria</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current PTSD, panic disorder, alcohol dependence, suicidal ideation, illicit drug use (past year), or if they had a history of or current bipolar or psychotic disorder. Subjects were also excluded if they were being followed by a MH clinician or if they were currently taking any antidepressants benzodiazepines, antipsychotics, addiction medications, or mood stabilisers</p> <p>Age: Mean 59.2 (SD 15.9) years</p> <p>Gender: 7% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 43% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total clusters unclear (54 practitioners but randomised by clinic); Total participants 223, intervention 130, control 93</p>		
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Telephone close monitoring programme</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care clinician (PCP), nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Telephone contacts were manualised and included recommending the PCP initiated ADs and CMs frequent monitoring of adverse effects, adherence and depressive symptoms. CMs also provided support and education about depressive disorders and for any other MH problems the CM formulated an appropriate treatment plan which could include referral to specialty care or care management for anxiety 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 5 calls in 12 weeks (at weeks 2, 4, 6, 9, 12) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs recommended PCPs initiate ADs and received supervision from MH specialist <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as all subjects were assessed by the Behavioural Health Laboratory and PCPs were given a report with suggestions for ongoing monitoring of depressive symptoms and had the option to request referral of patients to a mental health clinic. Patients received a letter following assessment that included self-help advice for any significant depression symptoms and encouragement to discuss his or her symptoms with PCP</p>		
Outcomes	<p>Depression (PHQ-9): 6 months</p> <p>Medication use: 6 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6 months</p>		
Notes	<p>CM: case manager; GAD: generalised anxiety disorder; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire; PTSD: post-traumatic stress disorder</p>		
<i>Risk of bias</i>			
Bias	<table> <tr> <th>Authors' judgement</th><th>Support for judgement</th></tr> </table>	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
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Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ total) was: overall 59/223 (26%), 36/130 (28%) intervention and 23/93 (25%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons for missing data across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Rost 2001a

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Patients screened first-stage positive for depression if they reported on Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI) questions they had experienced 2 weeks or more during the last year when they felt sad, empty, depressed, or lost interest in things they normally enjoyed and reported 1 week or more of these symptoms during the past month. Second stage screening: reporting 5 or more of 9 criteria for major depression in the past 2 weeks on the Inventory to Diagnose Depression. Meeting DSM-III-R criteria for major depression in the past two weeks. Depression severity measured by a modified 23 item Centre for Epidemiologic Studies depression scale (mCES-D)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Age 18 or over, not pregnant, breastfeeding or less than 3 months post-partum, sufficient literacy in English and cognitive function to complete surveys requiring 6-month recall, no acute life threatening physical conditions; and access to a telephone</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Depressive symptoms had begun after the loss of a loved one within the last 2 months to exclude patients with bereavement. Patients were also excluded if</p>

	they noted that they did not intend to receive ongoing care in the clinic during the next year to target the intervention to patients who could participate in it over time. Screening positive by self-report for lifetime mania, use of lithium, or current alcohol dependence Age: 42.6 (SD 13.1) years Gender: 84% female Ethnicity: 16% ethnic minority Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 12, intervention 6 (4 urban and 2 rural), control 6 (4 urban and 2 rural); Total participants (Recently treated) 479, intervention 239, control 240	
Interventions	Intervention: Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), nurse (CM), social worker/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs assessed patients, evaluated treatment preferences (pharmacotherapy, psychotherapy, watchful waiting), and addressed barriers to care. A checklist was then provided to the PCP who then saw the patient. CMs provided written information on preferred treatment, the homework assignment they had agreed upon, and the time/place of next CM contact. CMs used a similar protocol to guide subsequent sessions. With PCP supervision, CMs provided medication samples to patients who could not afford them 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Face-to-face assessment followed by 5 weekly telephone or face-to-face contacts with the option of extending the protocol for 2 additional weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs provided information from assessment and follow-up to PCPs. PCPs were offered MH specialist consultation. CMs received supervision from MH specialist (social worker) Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (mCESD): 6 months Medication use: 6 months Satisfaction: 6 months	
Notes	CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; SD: standard deviation	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Clusters were randomised in blocks of 2, with 1:1 allocation ratio, using coin-toss
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Clusters were identified by a number and paired by the Principle Investigator based on proportions

Rost 2001a (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (mCESD) was: overall 26/268 (10%), 12/124 (10%) intervention and 14/144 (10%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Rost 2001b

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Patients screened first-stage positive for depression if they reported on Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI) questions they had experienced 2 weeks or more during the last year when they felt sad, empty, depressed, or lost interest in things they normally enjoyed and reported 1 week or more of these symptoms during the past month. Second stage screening: reporting 5 or more of 9 criteria for major depression in the past 2 weeks on the Inventory to Diagnose Depression. Meeting DSM-III-R criteria for major depression in the past two weeks. Depression severity measured by a modified 23 item Centre for Epidemiologic Studies depression scale (mCES-D)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Age 18 or over, not pregnant, breastfeeding or less than 3 months post-partum, sufficient literacy in English and cognitive function to complete surveys requiring 6-month recall, no acute life threatening physical conditions; and access to a telephone</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Depressive symptoms had begun after the loss of a loved one within the last 2 months to exclude patients with bereavement. Patients were also excluded if they noted that they did not intend to receive ongoing care in the clinic during the next year to target the intervention to patients who could participate in it over time. Screening positive by self-report for lifetime mania, use of lithium, or current alcohol dependence</p> <p>Age: 42.6 (SD 13.1) years</p> <p>Gender: 84% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 16% ethnic minority</p>

	Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 12, intervention 6 (4 urban and 2 rural), control 6 (4 urban and 2 rural); Total participants (patients starting new treatment episode) 479, intervention 239, control 240	
Interventions	Intervention: Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), nurse (CM), social worker/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs assessed patients, evaluated treatment preferences (pharmacotherapy, psychotherapy, watchful waiting), and addressed barriers to care. A checklist was then provided to the PCP who then saw the patient. CMs provided written information on preferred treatment, the homework assignment they had agreed upon, and the time/place of next CM contact. CMs used a similar protocol to guide subsequent sessions. With PCP supervision, CMs provided medication samples to patients who could not afford them 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Face-to-face assessment followed by 5 weekly telephone or face-to-face contacts with the option of extending the protocol for 2 additional weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs provided information from assessment and follow-up to PCPs. PCPs were offered MH specialist consultation. CMs received supervision from MH specialist (social worker) Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (mCESD): 6 months Medication use: 6 months Satisfaction: 6 months	
Notes	CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; SD: standard deviation	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Clusters were randomised in blocks of 2, with 1:1 allocation ratio, using coin-toss
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Clusters were identified by a number and paired by the Principle Investigator based on proportions
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (mCESD) was: overall 22/211(10%), 18/115 (16%) intervention and 4/96 (4%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Intention-to-treat analysis reported, used random regression analysis to manage missing data

Rost 2001b (Continued)

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Roy-Byrne 2001

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Meeting Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-IV) criteria for Panic Disorder, with at least 1 panic attack in the past month. Assessment included portions of the Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI), modified for DSM-IV, the PDSS, the Anxiety Sensitivity Inventory (ASI), the Fear Questionnaire; and the Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale (CES-D)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Between age 18 and 65, English-speaking and have a telephone to participate in follow-up assessments</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Patients currently receiving psychiatric treatment and patients currently receiving or applying for disability benefits. Potentially life threatening comorbidities (e.g., active suicidal ideation or terminal medical illness) or those that would limit patient participation or adherence (psychosis, current substance abuse, dementia, and pregnancy)</p> <p>Age: Mean 40.8 (SD 10.3) years</p> <p>Gender: 57% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 67% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 115, intervention 57, control 58</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), psychiatrist (CM/MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs assessed and prescribed SSRI (typically paroxetine). Paroxetine was started at 10 mg daily, increased to 20 mg as tolerated in the second week and, if no response was reported by the fourth week and the patient was able to tolerate it, 40 mg. Patients also received an educational videotape about panic disorder and an educational pamphlet about ADs and adverse effects. These points were systematically re-emphasised during follow-ups at which CMs addressed negative attitudes

	toward medication, ADs or diagnosis. Patients were encouraged to expose themselves, as tolerated, to any feared and avoided situations 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 2 face-to-face and 2 calls in 8 weeks then up to 5 calls between 3 and 12 months. Selected patients also seen for up to 3 extra sessions 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: The PCP received a typed consultation note after each CM contact Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs were informed of diagnosis	
Outcomes	Anxiety (PDSS): 3, 6, 9, 12 months Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12 months Satisfaction: 6, 12 months	
Notes	CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PDSS: Panic Disorder Severity Scale; SSRI: selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Random numbers table
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PDSS Panic) was: overall 23/115 (20%), 12/57 (21%) intervention and 11/58 (19%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial	
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Meeting Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-IV) criteria for panic disorder with at least 1 panic attack in the prior week. The Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI) used to determine eligibility</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Between 18 and 70 years of age, English speaking, access to a telephone, and willing to accept a combined treatment of anti-anxiety medication and CBT</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Potentially life threatening co morbidities (i.e. suicidal ideation, terminal medical illness) or those expected to severely limit patient participation or adherence (e.g., psychosis, current substance abuse, dementia, pregnancy). Patients receiving psychiatric disability benefits or those already seeing a psychiatrist or cognitive-behavioural therapist were excluded</p> <p>Age: Mean 41.2 years</p> <p>Gender: 67% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 66% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 232, intervention 119, control 113</p>	
Interventions	<p>Intervention: CBT</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), graduates (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist)</p> <p>2) a structured management plan: Patients received a video about panic disorder and a workbook including education on medication, its management and synergies with CBT. The medication algorithm involved dose titration of typically a Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI) for at least 6 weeks or adjunctive medications (e.g., benzodiazepines). CMs coordinated care and delivered CBT, which targeted panic symptoms but also included modules to address depressive and social anxiety symptoms if required. Follow-up calls monitored clinical status, reinforced medication use and CBT skills, and make further medication recommendations if necessary</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: CBT = 6 sessions in 3 months (3 face-to-face and then telephone if preferred) then 6 brief booster telephone calls at 6-12 week intervals</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs relayed recommendations from MH specialist to PCP. CMs communicated with PCPs using rapid systems of 2-way communication (i.e. telephone, fax, and e-mail). CM received weekly supervision from MH specialist</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs were informed of diagnosis</p>	
Outcomes	<p>Anxiety (Composite measure of high end state functioning): 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p>	
Notes	CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement

Roy-Byrne 2005 (Continued)

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	High risk	Alternating assignment stratified by referred or screened
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary outcome (composite measure of high end state functioning -current MDD, CESD, SF MCS) was: overall 56/232 (24%), 32/119 (27%) intervention and 24/113 (21%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons for missing data across groups. Intention-to-treat analysis reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Roy-Byrne 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Meeting DSM-IV criteria for one or more of panic disorder, generalised anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder, or post-traumatic stress disorder based on the Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview and scoring at least 8 (moderate anxiety symptoms on a scale ranging from 0-20) on the Overall Anxiety Severity and Impairment Scale (OASIS)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: 18-75 years</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Persons unlikely to benefit from the Coordinated Anxiety Learning and Management (i.e. unstable medical conditions, marked cognitive impairment, active suicidal intent or plan, psychosis, bipolar I disorder, substance abuse of dependence except for alcohol and marijuana abuse), receiving ongoing CBT or medication from a psychiatrist, unable to speak English or Spanish</p> <p>Age: Mean 43.5 (SD 13.4) years</p>

	Gender: 71% female Ethnicity: 57% white Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 1004, intervention 503, control 501	
Interventions	Intervention: Stepped Co-ordinated Anxiety Learning and Management (CALM) Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), social workers, nurses, psychologists (CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Patient choice of CBT, medication or both during 10-12 weeks. The computerised CBT programme included 5 generic modules (education, self-monitoring, hierarchy development, breathing training, and relapse prevention) and 3 modules (cognitive restructuring and exposure to internal and external stimuli) tailored to each anxiety disorder and included psycho-educational materials and instructions for skills practice and exposure. CMs entered data which then created a personalised workbook and homework assignments. The medication algorithm emphasised selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) or serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs), dose optimisation, adverse effect monitoring, followed by second and third step combinations of 2 ADs or an AD and benzodiazepine for non-response. CMs provided adherence monitoring, counselling to avoid alcohol and optimise sleep hygiene and behavioural activity. Non-responders could receive more of the same (stepping up) or the alternative modality (stepping over) for up to 3 more steps of treatment. After treatment completion, patients were entered into continued care and received monthly follow-up telephone calls to reinforce CBT skills, medication adherence, or both. If symptoms re-emerged within the first 9 months patients were referred back a step 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: computerised CBT=6 to 8 weekly sessions in 3 months, maintenance =monthly follow up calls 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs relayed medication suggestions from MH specialist to the PCP. CMs interacted regularly with the PCP both face-to-face and via written communication. MH specialist provided PCPs with a medication algorithm and as needed consultation by telephone or email. CMs had weekly supervision with MH specialist plus cross-site monthly conference supervision calls Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Anxiety (BSI-12): 6, 12, 18 months Medication use: 6, 12, 18 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12, 18 months Satisfaction: 6, 12, 18 months	
Notes	CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Block size was masked to all clinical site study members
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary anxiety outcome (BSI-12 response) was: overall 128/1004 (13%), 57/503 (11%) intervention and 71/501 (14%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Rubenstein 2002

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Major depression based on the Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Consecutive patients attending primary care appointments</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Not stated</p> <p>Age: Mean 47.7 years</p> <p>Gender: 60% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 75% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 9, intervention 6, control 3; Total participants 567, intervention 369, control 198</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Evidence Based Quality Improvement depression care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care clinician (PCP), MH nurse, psychologist, pharmacist (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist)</p>

	<p>2) a structured management plan: Each area were given guidance, training and materials and then left to implement collaborative care which included: provider education and decision support (training and feedback on performance), patient education (classes and written materials), screening/detection (CMs screen for depression, computer reminders, monitoring/enforcement), assessment (provider depression assessment worksheet, provider assessment reminders), care management, collaboration with MH specialists (improved referral process to MH speciality, MH specialist gives feedback to PCP)</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Patient education = 8 sessions</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: PCPs were sent computer reminders re monitoring of care and received feedback from MH specialists</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs were mailed copies of clinical practice guidelines for depression</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (Poor depression response - MDD, CESD, SF, MCS): 6, 12 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 12 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 6 months</p>
Notes	CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; CM: case manager; MDD: major depressive disorder; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly assigned by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (poor depression outcomes) was: overall 133/567 (23%) , 87/369 (24%) intervention and 46/198 (23%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Intention-to-treat analysis not reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation
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Simon 2000a

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depression. Based on antidepressant prescription and also used a 20 item depression scale from the Hopkins symptom checklist</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients at participating clinics who had received new prescriptions for antidepressants, with "new" defined as no antidepressant use in the previous 120 days</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Not been diagnosed with depression at any visit (nondepression indication for prescription); had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder or psychotic disorder in the previous two years; had been diagnosed with alcohol or other substance misuse in the previous 90 days; or had visited a psychiatrist in the previous 90 days</p> <p>Age: Mean 46.6 years</p> <p>Gender: 73% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 392, intervention 196, control 196</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Care management</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs assessed current use of ADs, side effects, and severity of depression. CMs supported PCPs by communicating urgent recommendations, assisting with arranging follow up visits, telephoning patients who had discontinued treatment, and helping with referrals. Telephone contacts sometimes included general support and encouragement but did not include any specific psychotherapeutic content. CMs helped with medication management but were not expected to make prescribing decisions but did recommend dosage changes or changes to different AD 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 telephone calls at beginning, 8 and 16 weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: After each telephone assessment PCPs received a feedback report including computerised data, assessment data, and sophisticated algorithm based recommendations. CMs received weekly supervision from MH specialist <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HSCL-20): 3, 6 months</p> <p>Medication use: 6 months</p>
Notes	<p>AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider</p>

Risk of bias

Simon 2000a (Continued)

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCCL-20 50% decrease) was: overall 20/392 (5%), 10/196 (5%) intervention and 10/196 (5%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Simon 2000b

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depression. Based on antidepressant prescription and also used a 20 item depression scale from the Hopkins symptom checklist</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients at participating clinics who had received new prescriptions for antidepressants, with "new" defined as no antidepressant use in the previous 120 days</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Not been diagnosed with depression at any visit (nondepression indication for prescription); had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder or psychotic disorder in the previous two years; had been diagnosed with alcohol or other substance misuse in the previous 90 days; or had visited a psychiatrist in the previous 90 days</p> <p>Age: Mean 46.7 years</p> <p>Gender: 71% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 417, intervention 196, control 221</p>

Interventions	Intervention: Care management Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs assessed current use of ADs, side effects, and severity of depression. CMs supported PCPs by communicating urgent recommendations, assisting with arranging follow up visits, telephoning patients who had discontinued treatment, and helping with referrals. Telephone contacts sometimes included general support and encouragement but did not include any specific psychotherapeutic content. CMs helped with medication management but were not expected to make prescribing decisions but did recommend dosage changes or changes to different AD 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 telephone calls at beginning, 8 and 16 weeks 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: After each telephone assessment PCPs received a feedback report including computerised data, assessment data, and sophisticated algorithm based recommendations. CMs received weekly supervision from MH specialist Control: Feedback only. PCPs received a detailed report on each patient eight and 16 weeks after the initial prescription. These included computerised data (AD dosage and repeat prescriptions, number of follow up visits, and arranged visits) and treatment recommendations on the basis of a computerised algorithm	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): 3, 6 months Medication use: 6 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-20 50% decrease) was: overall 21/392 (5%), 10/196 (5%) intervention and 11/221 (5%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Simon 2000b (Continued)

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Simon 2004a

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depression assessed by Hopkins Symptom Checklist Depression Scale (HSCL) and Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ). Those already in remission at the baseline assessment (i.e. HSCL depression score < 0.5) were excluded</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Primary care patients beginning antidepressant treatment for depression</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Receiving psychotherapy, those already in remission when contacted, diagnosis of bipolar or schizophrenia in the last 2 years, cognitive, language, or hearing impairment severe enough to preclude participation</p> <p>Age: Mean 44.5 years</p> <p>Gender: 75% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 80% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 402, intervention 207, control 195</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Telephone care management</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), MH clinician (CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Using scripts and motivational enhancement techniques each CM telephone call included a brief, structured assessment of depressive symptoms, AD use, and adverse effects. CMs also provided crisis intervention and referral to mental health specialty care when necessary. Patients received a detailed self-management workbook emphasising behavioural activation, identifying and challenging negative thoughts, and developing a long-term self-care plan. CMs recommended reading the workbook but did not provide any specific counselling 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 telephone contacts (weeks 4, 8 and 16) and 2 written mailings (weeks 26 and 36) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs sent PCPs a structured report of each contact including a summary of clinical progress and computer-generated recommendations regarding medication adjustment. If a change in treatment was recommended, the CM contacted the PCP to facilitate patient-physician communication and follow-up. CMs received weekly supervision from MH specialists <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>

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Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 6 weeks, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 months Medication use: 6 months Satisfaction: 3, 6 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation conducted centrally by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL 50% improvement) was: overall 42/402 (10%), 23/207 (11%) intervention and 19/195 (10%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Simon 2004b

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Primary care Diagnosis: Depression assessed by Hopkins Symptom Checklist Depression Scale (HSCL) and Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ) Those already in remission at the baseline assessment (i.e. HSCL depression score <0.5) were excluded

	<p>Inclusion criteria: Primary care patients beginning antidepressant treatment for depression</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Receiving psychotherapy, those already in remission when contacted, diagnosis of bipolar or schizophrenia in the last 2 years, cognitive, language, or hearing impairment severe enough to preclude participation</p> <p>Age: Mean 44.4 years</p> <p>Gender: 76% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 77% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 393, intervention 198, control 195</p>	
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Telephone care management plus telephone psychotherapy</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), MH clinician (CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist)</p> <p>2) a structured management plan: Using scripts and motivational enhancement techniques each CM telephone call included a brief, structured assessment of depressive symptoms, AD use, and adverse effects. CMs also provided crisis intervention and referral to mental health specialty care when necessary. Patients received a detailed self-management workbook emphasising behavioural activation, identifying and challenging negative thoughts, and developing a long-term self-care plan. CMs recommended reading the workbook but did not provide any specific counselling. CBT sessions lasted 30 to 40 minutes and included: session 1 involved a detailed assessment and motivational enhancement exercises; sessions 2-4 focused on increasing pleasant and rewarding activities; sessions 5-7 focused on identifying, challenging, and distancing from negative thoughts; session 8 focused on creation of a personal self-care plan covering medication use, self-monitoring, and self-management skills</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 telephone contacts (weeks 4, 8 and 16) and 2 written mailings (weeks 26 and 36) plus 8 session CBT with psychotherapist</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs sent PCPs a structured report of each contact including a summary of clinical progress and computer-generated recommendations regarding medication adjustment. If a change in treatment was recommended, the CM contacted the PCP to facilitate patient-physician communication and follow-up. CMs received weekly supervision from MH specialists</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>	
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HSCL): 6 weeks, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 months</p> <p>Medication use: 6, 12, 18 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 3, 6 months</p>	
Notes	<p>AD: antidepressant; CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider</p>	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated

Simon 2004b (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation conducted centrally by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL 50% improvement) was: overall 45/393 (11%), 26/198 (13%) intervention and 19/195 (10%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Simon 2011

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: 20-item depression scale from the Hopkins Symptom Checklist (HSCL) was used</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Age 18 or older, filled a new antidepressant prescription from a participating primary care physician; did not fill any prescription for antidepressant medication in the prior 270 days; had a diagnosis of a depressive disorder associated with the prescription; was registered to use online messaging</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Diagnosis of bipolar disorder or psychotic disorder or any prescription for mood stabiliser or antipsychotic medication in the prior 2 years</p> <p>Age: Mean 45.5 years</p> <p>Gender: 72% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 16% ethnic minority</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 208, intervention 106, control 102</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Depression care management programme</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), MH nurse</p>

	(CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs began each contact with a message containing a link to an online assessment (depression questionnaire, and questions regarding use of ADs, side effects, and reasons for discontinuation). An algorithm generated a suggested response which CMs could tailor. CMs facilitated follow-up visits, supported changes in medication, or facilitated referral for specialty care. Each contact included this cycle: outreach message from CM, patient completion of online assessment, structured response from CM, and follow-up communication with the patient and PCP as needed. Patients were free to send additional messages or telephone the CM if needed. The CM was expected to make outreach telephone calls in case of suicidal ideation or other urgent clinical need 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 4 on-line messaging contacts (baseline and weeks 2, 6 and 10) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs consulted with PCPs and communicated with PCPs using an electronic messaging system within the electronic medical record. CMs had supervision with MH specialist (weekly for 3 months and monthly thereafter) Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 4 months Medication use: 6 months Satisfaction: 4 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL) was: overall 11/208 (5%), 2/106 (2%) intervention and 9/102 (9%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Smit 2006a

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-IV) diagnosis of major depressive disorder, according to the primary care physician and confirmed by an independent structured psychiatric interview (Composite International Diagnostic Interview version 2.0)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 - 70 years</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Patients suffering from a life threatening medical condition, a psychotic disorder, dementia, alcohol addiction or drug abuse, women who were pregnant or nursing, and patients already receiving mental health treatment elsewhere</p> <p>Age: Mean 43.4 years</p> <p>Gender: 65% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: The Netherlands</p> <p>Sample size (randomised: Depression Recurrence Programme): Total participants 184, intervention 112, control 72</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Depression recurrence programme (DRP)</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), MH nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Depression recurrence programme consisted of structured/standardised psychoeducational sessions including medication management, self-care, relapse prevention and support. Patients received a book and videotape about depression, treatment options, relapse prevention and self-management strategies. Face-to-face contact provided overview of programme and collaboration between CM and PCP; personal and medication history, stress reduction techniques, preparation of a recurrence prevention plan, encouraging socialising and scheduling pleasant activities. Telephone contacts included symptom monitoring and changes in recurrence prevention plan and/or medication 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 face-to-face (2-4 weekly) and 4 telephone contacts (2.5 months after last face-to-face session then every 3 months for 3 years) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs sent written feedback to PCP after each face-to-face contact and as needed. CMs also sent PCPs a copy of the recurrence prevention plan and accompanying letter. CMs received regular supervision from MH specialist <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>

Smit 2006a (Continued)

Outcomes	Depression (DSM-IV recovered): 27 weeks Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12, 36 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 36 months Satisfaction: 3 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Centrally by telephone by an individual not involved in patient recruitment, who opened a sealed opaque envelope
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Recovered DSM-IV) was: overall 26/184 (14%), 16/112 (14%) intervention and 10/72 (14%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Assessor was potentially aware of treatment allocation

Smit 2006b

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Primary Care Diagnosis: Current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-IV) diagnosis of major depressive disorder, according to the primary care physician and confirmed by an independent structured psychiatric interview (Composite International Diagnostic Interview

	version 2.0) Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 - 70 years Exclusion criteria: Patients suffering from a life threatening medical condition, a psychotic disorder, dementia, alcohol addiction or drug abuse, women who were pregnant or nursing, and patients already receiving mental health treatment elsewhere Age: Mean 42.6 years Gender: 67% female Ethnicity: Not stated Country: The Netherlands Sample size (randomised: Depression recurrence programme plus psychiatric consultation: Total participants 111, intervention 39, control 72	
Interventions	Intervention: Depression recurrence programme (DRP) plus psychiatric consultation Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), MH nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: DRP consisted of structured/standardised psychoeducational sessions including medication management, self-care, relapse prevention and support. Patients received a book and videotape about depression, treatment options, relapse prevention and self-management strategies. Face-to-face contact provided overview of programme and collaboration between CM and PCP, personal and medication history, stress reduction techniques, preparation of a recurrence prevention plan, encouraging socialising and scheduling pleasant activities. Telephone contacts included symptom monitoring and changes in recurrence prevention plan and/or medication. Prior to DRP a one 1-hour consultation with a psychiatrist was also offered who provided a report to PCP and CM 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 face-to-face (2-4 weekly) and 4 telephone contacts (2.5 months after last face-to-face session then every 3 months for 3 years) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: MH specialist sent PCP and CM report following patient consultation. CMs sent written feedback to PCP after each face-to-face contact and as needed. CMs also sent PCPs a copy of the recurrence prevention plan and accompanying letter. CMs received regular supervision from MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (DSM-IV recovered): 27 weeks Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12, 36 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 36 months Satisfaction: 3 months	
Notes		
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated

Smit 2006b (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Centrally by telephone by an individual not involved in patient recruitment, who opened a sealed opaque envelope
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Recovered DSM-IV) was: overall 17/111 (15%), 7/39 (18%) intervention and 10/72 (14%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Assessor was potentially aware of treatment allocation

Smit 2006c

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-IV) diagnosis of major depressive disorder, according to the primary care physician and confirmed by an independent structured psychiatric interview (Composite International Diagnostic Interview version 2.0)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 - 70 years</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Patients suffering from a life threatening medical condition, a psychotic disorder, dementia, alcohol addiction or drug abuse, women who were pregnant or nursing, and patients already receiving mental health treatment elsewhere</p> <p>Age: Mean 43.5 years</p> <p>Gender: 59.5% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: The Netherlands</p> <p>Sample size (randomised: Depression recurrence programme plus CBT): Total participants 116, intervention 44, control 72</p>

Interventions	<p>Intervention: Depression recurrence programme (DRP) plus CBT</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), MH nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Depression recurrence programme consisted of structured/standardised psychoeducational sessions including medication management, self-care, relapse prevention and support. Patients received a book and videotape about depression, treatment options, relapse prevention and self-management strategies. Face-to-face contact provided overview of programme and collaboration between CM and PCP, personal and medication history, stress reduction techniques, preparation of a recurrence prevention plan, encouraging socialising and scheduling pleasant activities. Telephone contacts included symptom monitoring and changes in recurrence prevention plan and/or medication. CBT provided after DRP involved 1-hour sessions with a CBT therapist 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 3 face-to-face (2-4 weekly) and 4 telephone contacts (2.5 months after last face-to-face session then every 3 months for 3 years) plus 10-12 face-to-face CBT sessions (10-12 weekly) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs sent written feedback to PCP after each face-to-face contact and as needed. CMs also sent PCPs a copy of the recurrence prevention plan and accompanying letter. CMs received regular supervision from MH specialist. At end of CBT the therapist informed CM of content and progress made <p>Control: Treatment as usual</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (DSM-IV recovered): 27 weeks</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12, 36 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 36 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 3 months</p>
Notes	CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Centrally by telephone by an individual not involved in patient recruitment, who opened a sealed opaque envelope
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Recovered DSM-IV) was: overall 18/116 (16%), 8/44 (18%) intervention and 10/72 (14%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Assessor was potentially aware of treatment allocation

Strong 2008

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist, primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Major depressive disorder. Patients with a score of 15 or more on the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale interviewed using the major depression section of the Structured Clinical Interview for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV). A minimum severity of major depressive disorder, defined by a score on the Symptom Checklist-20 (HSCL-20) depression scale of at least 1.75 (higher than the 1.5 which is usually regarded as equivalent to major depressive disorder, to allow for physical symptoms of cancer)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: A cancer prognosis of at least 6 months (to ensure that they could complete the trial); major depressive disorder of at least a month's duration that was not associated with major changes in the patient's cancer or its management (to ensure that we did not include patients with transient adjustment disorders)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Patients who were unlikely to be able to adhere to the intervention: reasons included major communication difficulties such as severe deafness or dementia, inability to attend the cancer centre, concurrent intensive anticancer treatment such as frequent chemotherapy or radiotherapy, or another poorly controlled medical disorder such as epilepsy that dominated their care. We also excluded those who were receiving, or were judged to need, specialist psychiatric care (e.g., chronic major depressive disorder of more than 2 years' duration, severe substance or alcohol misuse, co morbid severe psychiatric disorder such as psychosis, or risk of suicide)</p> <p>Age: Mean 56.6 years</p> <p>Gender: 71% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: United Kingdom</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 200, intervention 101, control 99</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Depression Care for People with Cancer</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General practitioner (PCP), nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist)</p>

	2) a structured management plan: Using a detailed manual CMs delivered patient education about depression and its treatment, problem-solving treatment to teach coping strategies and communication with each patient’s oncologist and PCP. If patients decided to start or change AD the CMs encouraged them to contact PCP and then forwarded details to the PCP 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 10 in three months (mostly face-to-face) then 3 telephone calls (monthly) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs communicated with PCPs and oncologists via phone or fax in relation to patient information or recommendations from MH specialist. CMs received weekly supervision from MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs and oncologists were informed of diagnosis and were given advice on choice of AD on request	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): 3, 6, 12 months Medication use: 3, 6 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 6, 12 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors’ judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Independent central service
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-20 ≥ 50% decrease) was: overall 4/200 (2%), 4/101 (4%) intervention and 0/99 (0%) control. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding

Strong 2008 (Continued)

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation
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Swindle 2003

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Major depression, dysthymia, or partially remitted major depression using PRIME-MD structured diagnostic interview</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: 2 or more general medicine clinic visits during the past year and plans to receive ongoing medical care from insurance group, access to a telephone and provided informed consent</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Incompetent for interview (e.g. active psychosis, dementia), residents of a nursing home, actively suicidal, seen in a Veterans Affairs Medical Centres mental health programme (made a visit during the previous 30 days and had a future appointment scheduled), active cocaine or opiate abuser, history of bipolar disorder, terminally ill (death expected within 12 months)</p> <p>Age: Mean 56.3 years</p> <p>Gender: 3% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 86% Caucasian</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total clusters 2, intervention 1, control 1; Total participants 268, intervention 134, control 134</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Integrated care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), MH nurse specialist (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs and patients developed individual treatment plans including medication prescription (recommendation of initial 8 week course typically SSRI for those not currently on ADs), change in AD or dose (for those still symptomatic on current medication), onward referral to CBT or specialist care (for those with non-response to current medication); and liaison with PCP. CMs monitored progress including depressive symptoms, review side effects, encourage treatment compliance, schedule further visits to themselves or PCPs to modify medication and/or refer to mental health specialists 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 4 contacts at baseline, 2 weeks, one month and two months (face-to-face or telephone) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs communicated the treatment plan to PCPs who discussed and amended as appropriate and discussions between CM and PCP preceded any further modifications. CM records were maintained in medical record. CMs attended monthly meetings and MH specialists were available for CMs when required <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs received training in current treatment strategies for depression and how to use brief diagnostic interview. Patient's diagnosis was placed in medical record</p>

Swindle 2003 (Continued)

Outcomes	Depression (BDI): 3, 12 months Medication use: 12 months Satisfaction: 3, 12 months
Notes	AD: antidepressant; BDI: Beck Depression Inventory; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Coin-toss
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (BDI) was: overall 22/268 (8%), 9/134 (7%) intervention and 13/134 (10%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided by group. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Uebelacker 2011

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Primary care Diagnosis: Meeting Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-IV) criteria for major depression, minor depression, or dysthymia in the past year, or current elevated depressive symptoms (Quick Inventory of Depression Symptoms [QIDS] score). Assessed using Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID) and QIDS to determine whether the participant met all eligibility criteria. If they did, the research staff administered the Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression (CES-D) and World Health Organization

	Disability Assessment Schedule II (WHO-DAS) Inclusion criteria: Membership in the Medicaid Health Maintenance Organisation; self-identified as Latino; having recently filled a prescription for an antidepressant medication for depression, prescribed by a primary care provider; not currently receiving services from a behavioural health specialist Exclusion criteria: Not stated Age: Mean 39.1 years Gender: 95% female Ethnicity: 100% Latino Country: United States Sample size (randomised): Total participants 38, intervention 19, control 19	
Interventions	Intervention: Telephone depression care management (Depression Health Enhancement for Latino Patients: D-HELP) Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), graduates (CM), social worker/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs supported treatment provided by PCPs by use of telephone calls consisting of a) assessment of depression symptoms, b) assessment of medication use/adherence, c) discussion of next follow-up appointment with PCP, and d) setting of depression treatment goals. DCMs assessed barriers toward meeting depression treatment goals and assisted with problem-solving to decrease barriers 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 8 telephone calls (weekly for 4 weeks then fortnightly for 8 weeks) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs provided written feedback to PCPs for a minimum of once per month and more often if required. CMs received weekly supervision from MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual	
Outcomes	Depression (QIDS): 6, 12 weeks Medication use: 3, 6 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12 weeks Satisfaction: 6, 12 weeks	
Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (QIDS) was: overall 15/38 (39%), 7/19 (37%) intervention and 8/19 (42%) control. Reasons for

		loss to follow-up not provided. Intention-to-treat analysis not reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Unutzer 2002

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Current major depression or dysthymic disorder according to the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM (SCID)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Age 60 years or older, plans to use one of the participating clinics as the main source of general medical care in the coming year, English speaking</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Current drinking problems, history of bipolar disorder or Psychosis, ongoing treatment with a psychiatrist, severe cognitive impairment, acute risk for suicide and needing immediate care, lack of transportation or access to a telephone</p> <p>Age: Mean 71.2 (SD 7.5) years</p> <p>Gender: 65% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 23% ethnic minority</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 1801, intervention 906, control 895</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Improving Mood-Promoting Access to Collaborative Treatment (IMPACT)</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), nurse/psychologist (CM), academic PCP/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CM educates using a brochure and a videotape attempting to form a therapeutic alliance and encouraging patient to become an active participant in depression care. CMs discuss treatment preferences (including ADs and psychotherapy), offers follow-up for 1-year period and coordinates depression care with patient's PCP. CMs track clinical progress and monitor treatment side-effects at each contact or delivers problem solving therapy (PST). A 3-step treatment algorithm was developed allowing treatment team to establish a treatment plan for each patient's need

	<p>over time. Step 1: Start AD or PST. Non-response becomes step 2: alternative AD or from AD to PST, or vice versa. Non-response at step 2 is discussed and considered for psychiatric consultation and step 3: combination of treatments. Relapse prevention plans were developed when recovery achieved</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: PST=6-8 sessions. Acute phase CM contact=weekly or biweekly (telephone or face-to-face). Once symptoms in remission, follow-up about once per month</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM coordinates depression care with patient's PCP and receives weekly supervision from MH specialist who also sees patients if necessary</p> <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients were informed of their diagnosis and encouraged to follow-up with PCP</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (HSCL-20): 3, 6, 12, 18, 24 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6, 12, 18, 24 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 3, 6, 12, 18, 24 months</p> <p>Satisfaction: 3, 6, 12, 18, 24 months</p>
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Centrally prepared numbered sealed envelopes, used sequentially
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL-20 depression) was: overall 231/1801 (13%), 105/906 (12%) intervention and 126/895 (14%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation
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Vera 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: PHQ-9 and the depression scale of the Hopkins Symptom Checklist (HSCL) used. Meeting DSM-IV criteria for major depression based on their PHQ-9 score and a mean item score higher than 1.0 on the HSCL-20</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Aged 18 or older, willing to provide informed consent, and had any of the following health conditions diabetes, hypothyroidism, asthma, hypertension, chronic bronchitis, arthritis, heart disease, high cholesterol, or stroke. Spanish speaking and to have stated an intention to use the clinic as their main source of care in the next six-month period</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Serious suicidal risk or terminal illness, a history of bipolar or psychotic disorder or drug or alcohol abuse. Those receiving mental health treatment or applying for disability benefits</p> <p>Age: Mean 55 years</p> <p>Gender: 76% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: Puerto Rico</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 179, intervention 89, control 90</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care physician (PCP), counsellor/psychologist (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs provided patient education and offered ADs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor typically sertraline) or CBT (13 sessions with psychologist). CMs participated in the coordination of treatment initiation and monitored treatment adherence, side effects, and clinical response. CMs facilitated communication between the patient, PCP and MH specialist. In the medication treatment option, CMs provided follow-up based on depression severity. The MH specialist was responsible for prescribing and the CM forwarded recommendations to PCP. In CBT CMs provided mental health specialists with a progress report. Non-response resulted in a switch of modality or combined treatment 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: At least fortnightly initially and then monthly for up to six months (telephone or face-to-face). Additional contacts scheduled as needed 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs facilitated communication between the patient, PCP and MH specialist. In the medication treatment, CMs had weekly case conference with MH specialist and forwarded treatment recommendations to the PCP <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients were informed of their diagnosis and the mental health resources available. The CM encouraged patients to discuss depression treatment options with their PCP. A note was placed in the patient's medical record to</p>

	notify PCPs	
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL): 6 months Medication use: 6 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 20
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Centrally prepared and opened numbered opaque envelopes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HSCL) was: overall 12/179 (7%), 6/89 (7%) intervention and 6/90 (7%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Vlasveld 2011

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Community Diagnosis: Major depressive disorder assessed using the PHQ-9. Workers who reached the cut-off score of 10 were contacted for the administration of a diagnostic interview. Those who met the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-IV) criteria for major depressive disorder according to the mini - International Neuropsychiatric Interview

	<p>(MINI) were included</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Workers on the sick list for between 4 and 12 weeks who give informed consent</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Patients who are suicidal, psychotic or with a primary diagnosis of substance abuse or dependence, as assessed by the MINI interview, patients who do not have sufficient command of the Dutch language to fill in the questionnaires, patients who are pregnant, patients with a legal involvement against their employer, e.g. due to a conflict at work</p> <p>Age: Not stated</p> <p>Gender: 54% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated</p> <p>Country: The Netherlands</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 126, intervention 65, control 61</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Usual occupational physician (PCP), occupational physician (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Contains the following elements: contracting (patient choice of treatment), adherence enhancing techniques (psychoeducation), manual-guided self-help (focuses on behavioural activation, negative thoughts, return to work, and aspects of healthy lifestyle), problem solving therapy (PST), a workplace intervention (CM acts as mediator between patient and employer), active monitoring and, depending on patient preference, prescription of ADs according to a treatment algorithm. Patient starts with PST and the manual guided self-help, and some patients will also immediately start ADs. The workplace intervention will be fitted in during the first weeks of the intervention. Non-response will result in adding an extra 6 sessions of PST, or by adding ADs to the treatment plan or by increasing or changing the AD. Continued non-response at 18 weeks will be referred to specialised mental health care and where medication is prescribed this will be handed over to GP 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 9 contacts in 18 weeks (fortnightly). PST = 6 sessions (plus extra 6 when required) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: The PCP and CM communicated with each other with written informed consent of the patient. CM consulted MH specialist if needed and received regular group supervision with other CMs <p>Control: Treatment as usual in occupational health</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (PHQ-9): 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p> <p>Medication use: 3, 6, 9, 12 months</p>
Notes	<p>AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; GP: general practitioner; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire; PST: problem solving therapy</p>
Risk of bias	
Bias	<p>Authors' judgement</p> <p>Support for judgement</p>

Vlasveld 2011 (Continued)

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ-9 response 50% reduction) was: overall 28/126 (22%), 15/65 (23%) intervention and 13/61 (21%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Intention-to-treat analysis reported, multiple imputation used to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Waitzkin 2011

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosis of depression on the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Not stated</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Suicidal or homicidal ideation (emergency care was provided to such patients), acute bereavement, psychotic or bipolar depression, age under 18; and general health status precluding the interview</p> <p>Age: 18 years and over</p> <p>Gender: 77% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: Not stated, majority Hispanic</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 120, intervention unclear, control unclear</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Enhanced care plus the promotoras contextual intervention</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care practitioners (PCP), promotoras/lay health educators (CM)</p>

	<p>2) a structured management plan: Same process as enhanced care initially as depression was assessed using measurement tool and findings provided to PCPs who then confirmed diagnosis and decided treatment plan (medication and/or counselling/therapy). The PCP and CM discuss plan, decide follow-up and CM leaves contact form in chart. In addition CM interviews patient on contextual sources of depression (unemployment or under-employment, housing, food , trauma) using a protocol and then assists the patient to deal with any issues</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Every two months or dependent on need and decided between CM and PCP</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM provides PCP with depression score and depression guideline who reviews and determines treatment plan (medication and/or counselling/therapy). CM and PCP discuss plan and decide follow-up and communicate orally at least monthly. CMs complete a form at each contact. MH specialist provided consultation or saw patients where necessary</p> <p>Control: Enhanced care as depression was assessed using measurement tool and findings provided to PCPs who then confirmed diagnosis and decided treatment plan (medication and/or counselling/therapy). The PCP and CM discuss plan, decide follow-up and CM leaves contact form in chart</p>	
Outcomes	Depression (PHQ16): 6, 12 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ: Patient Health Questionnaire	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Coin-toss (three out of five)
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (PHQ16 symptom count) was unclear Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided Intention to treat not reported
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	High risk	Case managers collaborated with PCPs to develop treatment plans for patients in the control group
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Wells 2000a

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depression measured by the Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI) and items assessing depressed symptoms in the past month. Defined patients as having probable disorder if they had 2 weeks or more of depressed mood or loss of interest in pleasurable activities during the last year or persistent depression over the year, plus having at least 1 week of depression in the last 30 days</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients who intended to use the clinic as a source of care for the next 12 months</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Younger than 18 years, had an acute medical emergency, did not speak English or Spanish, or did not have either insurance or a public-pay arrangement that covered care delivered by the mental health specialists in the interventions. In the pilot month for the first site, patients screening positive for bipolar disorder or alcoholism were excluded, but not for the main study</p> <p>Age: Mean 43.7 (SD 15) years</p> <p>Gender: 71% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 57% White</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): 31 primary care clinics, intervention 15, control 16; Total participants 867, intervention 424, control 443</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Quality Improvement medication (QI-meds)</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care clinicians (PCP), nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: The programme included 1) institutional commitment, 2) training local leaders to implement interventions 3) training of CMs (patient education and activation based on a written manual and videotape) 4) patient identification. CMs assessed, educated, and activated) patients, sharing the information with PCPs who formulated a treatment plan with the patient. QI-meds involved CMs providing follow-up assessments and supporting adherence and facilitating referral for local psychotherapy where necessary 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 8 sessions (2 and 4 weeks then monthly for 6 months) half were also randomised to receive 3 further sessions in preceding 6 months 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs provided assessment information to PCP who formulated a treatment plan with the patient. PCPs reviewed CM written reports and met with patients when necessary. MH specialists reviewed CM reports and

	met with patients with poor treatment response at 6-8 weeks Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as treatment guidelines, with quick reference guides for clinicians, were sent to medical directors. Patients were told they could inform the PCP of allocation/diagnosis	
Outcomes	Depression (Probable depression): 6, 12, 24, 57 months Medication use: 6, 12, 18, 24 months Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12, 18, 24, 57 months, 9 years	
Notes	CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Clusters were organised into blocks of 3, blocks were randomised using random numbers table
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Probable depression) was: overall 113/867 (13%), 56/424 (13%) intervention and 57/443 (13%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided by group. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Wells 2000b

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depression measured by the Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI) and items assessing depressed symptoms in the past month. Defined patients as having probable disorder if they had 2 weeks or more of depressed mood or loss of interest in pleasurable activities during the last year or persistent depression over the year, plus having at least 1 week of depression in the last 30 days</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients who intended to use the clinic as a source of care for the next 12 months</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Younger than 18 years, had an acute medical emergency, did not speak English or Spanish, or did not have either insurance or a public-pay arrangement that covered care delivered by the mental health specialists in the interventions. In the pilot month for the first site, patients screening positive for bipolar disorder or alcoholism were excluded, but not for the main study</p> <p>Age: Mean 43.7 (SD 15) years</p> <p>Gender: 71% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 57% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): 31 primary care clinics, intervention 15, control 16; Total participants 932, intervention 489, control 443</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Quality improvement therapy (QI-therapy)</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care clinicians (PCP), psychotherapist (CM), psychologist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: The programme included 1) institutional commitment, 2) training local leaders to implement interventions 3) training of CMs (patient education and activation based on a written manual and videotape) 4) patient identification. CMs assessed, educated, and activated) patients, sharing the information with PCPs who formulated a treatment plan with the patient. QI-therapy involved psychotherapists providing manualised individual or group CBT which consisted of 3 modules of 4 sessions with a recommendation for repeating the first one. Patients were provided with a manual for recording clinical progress and homework assignments 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 12-16 individual or group sessions (4 sessions for those with minor depression) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM used feedback forms to communicate with PCPs at beginning, at termination and at module breaks <p>Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as treatment guidelines, with quick reference guides for clinicians, were sent to medical directors. Patients were told they could inform the PCP of allocation/diagnosis</p>
Outcomes	<p>Depression (Probable depression): 6, 12, 24, 57 months</p> <p>Medication use: 6, 12, 18, 24 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 6, 12, 18, 24, 57 months, 9 years</p>
Notes	CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider

Wells 2000b (Continued)

<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Clusters were organised into blocks of 3, blocks were randomised using random numbers table
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Probable depression) was: overall 144/932 (15%), 87/489 (18%) intervention and 57/443 (13%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided by group. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Protocol available and all prespecified outcomes reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Wilkinson 1993

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Primary care Diagnosis: Depressive disorder judged by the General Practitioner to require treatment with antidepressant medication Inclusion criteria: Males and females above the age of consent Exclusion criteria: Use of tricyclic antidepressants was not permitted for the 28 days preceding entry to the study Age: Mean 46 years Gender: 74% female Ethnicity: Not stated Country: United Kingdom Sample size (randomised): Total participants 61, intervention 30, control 31

Interventions	Intervention: Dothiepin plus Practice Nurse supplement Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General practitioner (PCP), practice nurse (CM), 2) a structured management plan: CM aimed to enhance treatment adherence to medication by discussion and encouragement particularly by providing explanation and reassurance about pharmacological adverse events of medication 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 5 face-to-face sessions (days 0, 7, 14, 28, 56) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM care under the supervision of the PCP Control: Treatment as usual plus dothiepin	
Outcomes	Depression (Global clinical effectiveness): 2 months Medication use: 2 months	
Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Random allocation in blocks of 4
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Sealed pre-packed study protocols were selected in turn
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Global clinical effectiveness) was: overall 9/61 (15%), 5/30 (17%) intervention and 4/31 (13%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Intention to treat not reported
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Assessor was potentially aware of treatment allocation

Williams 2007

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial	
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist, primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Diagnosis of major or minor depression. Those endorsing either the depressed mood or the anhedonia item or those with scores ≥ 5 on the PHQ-9 regardless of items endorsed were administered the structured clinical interview for Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) to confirm diagnosis</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Adults 18 years and older with ischaemic stroke, no severe language impairment, no severe cognitive impairment, able to speak and understand English, had a telephone, and who had a life expectancy of at least 6 months</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Hemorrhagic stroke, active psychosis, suicidality, or substance abuse; those currently taking a monoamine oxidase inhibitor; and women pregnant at the time of stroke. Severe aphasia, pre-existing dementia or failed cognitive screening</p> <p>Age: Mean 60 years</p> <p>Gender: 55% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 61% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 188, intervention 94, control 94</p>	
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Care management (Activate-Initiate-Monitor)</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <p>1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider/neurologist (PCP), nurse (CM), study physician (Specialist)</p> <p>2) a structured management plan: CM intervention consisted of 3 steps: (1) Activating stroke survivors and their families to understand and accept depression diagnosis and treatment (a structured psychoeducation session), (2) Initiating ADs (CM recommends PCP prescribe AD using algorithm, typically a Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor); and (3) Monitoring treatment effectiveness (scripted bimonthly telephone calls to assess depression symptoms, medication side effects, and adherence). Non-response after 4 weeks led to increase in AD dose. CMs had weekly meetings with Specialist and treatment recommendations were fed back to PCP by CM</p> <p>3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 7 sessions in 12 weeks (One face-to-face and bimonthly telephone calls)</p> <p>4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs recommended AD to PCP and met with Specialist weekly and fed back treatment recommendations to PCP</p> <p>Control: Patients received an identical number of baseline and telephone sessions to serve as a control for an attention effect. Instead of depression, these sessions focused on recognition and monitoring of stroke symptoms and risks</p>	
Outcomes	Depression (HAMD): 6, 12 months	
Notes	AD: antidepressant; CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated in blocks of 2 and 4 (randomly selected)
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Sealed opaque envelopes prepared by an individual not involved in patient recruitment and opened sequentially
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (HAMD) was: overall 6/188 (3%), 5/94 (5%) intervention and 1/94 (1%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up provided, with similar reasons across groups. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Yeung 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: Depression measured by a score of 10 or above on the Chinese Bilingual Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (CB-PHQ-9)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Chinese American adults (18 years or older) who attended the primary care clinic</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Patients with unstable medical conditions, a high risk of suicide, psychotic disorders, dysthymic disorder, bipolar disorder, and substance use disorders</p> <p>Age: Mean 49.5 years</p> <p>Gender: 68% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 100% Chinese American</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 100, intervention 55, control 45</p>

Interventions	Intervention: Care management Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), bilingual care manager (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs established rapport, explained the roles of the CM, and provided culturally sensitive education on major depression. Follow-ups focused on monitoring of depressive symptoms, adherence to medication treatment, management of adverse events, and knowledge of self-management strategies 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 8 sessions (one face-to-face and 7 telephone at weeks 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs served as a link between patients, PCPs, and consulting MH specialist. CMs received weekly supervision from MH specialist who also had consultations with patients and their PCPs when required Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as patients with major depressive disorder were encouraged to seek treatment from their PCP, who would receive a letter about the patient's diagnosis and a recommended treatment plan	
Outcomes	Depression (HAMD17): Most recent	
Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary depression outcome (Response 50% reduction HAMD 17) was: overall 25/100 (25%), 14/55 (25%) intervention and 11/45 (24%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Intention-to-treat analysis not reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation
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Zatzick 2001

Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Specialist, primary care</p> <p>Diagnosis: The Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale (CES-D), a 20-item self-report instrument to measure levels of depressive symptoms was used. Levels of PTSD symptoms were assessed using the civilian version of the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Checklist (PCL-C)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Hospitalised motor vehicle crash or assault survivors between the ages of 14-65, who were English speaking</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Patients who sustained severe injuries (i.e. Maximum Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS) score ≥ 5), were excluded</p> <p>Age: Mean 33.9 years</p> <p>Gender: 42% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 62% white</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 34, intervention 16, control 18</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Surgical/primary care provider (PCP), nurse specialist/psychiatrist (CM), multidisciplinary team (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: CMs were instructed to develop a therapeutic relationship and follow patients for 4 months through primary care outpatient appointments and community rehabilitation. CM involved collaborative problem definition and shared patient-provider treatment planning (based on post-traumatic concerns). CMs intervened in resolution of these concerns and also provided a psychotherapy module specifically targeting post-traumatic distress and substance use. The psychoeducational component began with a review of the traumatic event, followed by a discussion of related emotions, cognitions, and possible future post-traumatic symptoms, and closed with suggested coping strategies including algorithms for contacting the CM. The motivational enhancement techniques focused on the evaluation of readiness to change and implementation of a motivational interview targeting post-traumatic alcohol and drug use 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Face-to-face whilst inpatient and then follow for 4 months (typically telephone) 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: After discharge CMs had regular contact with PCPs via telephone especially in first month. CMs met with MH specialists weekly to review CM written records <p>Control: Treatment as usual for post-traumatic care</p>
Outcomes	<p>Anxiety (PTSD): 1, 4 months</p> <p>Quality of Life (mental and physical health): 1, 4 months</p>

Zatzick 2001 (Continued)

Notes	CM: case manager; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Random numbers table used to determine which patients to approach. Once recruited an individual not involved in patient recruitment randomised patients in blocks of 6
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation conducted by an individual not involved in patient recruitment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary anxiety outcome (PTSD) was: overall 8/34 (24%), 4/16 (25%) intervention and 4/18 (22%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Intention-to-treat analysis reported, no description of methods to manage missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Low risk	Attempts were made to assess implementation integrity (e.g. direct observation or rating of tapes)
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Assessor was not aware of treatment allocation

Zatzick 2004

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Specialist, primary care Diagnosis: PTSD Checklist Civilian Version (PCL) and the Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale (CES-D) were used. Patients were included if they had a PCL score, ≥ 45 and/or a CESD-D score, ≥ 16 Inclusion criteria: English-speaking survivors of intentional and unintentional injuries,

	<p>18 years and older, who lived within 50 miles of the trauma centre</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Participants were required to have a Glasgow Coma Scale score of 15 and a score of at least 7 on the 2 Mini- Mental State Examination items that assess orientation to location and date. Patients with severe injuries that prevented participation were excluded from the study. Patients who had self-inflicted injuries or active psychosis, who were currently incarcerated, or who had recent histories of violence were also excluded</p> <p>Age: Mean 40.8 years</p> <p>Gender: 33% female</p> <p>Ethnicity: 66% White</p> <p>Country: United States</p> <p>Sample size (randomised): Total participants 121, intervention 60, control 61</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Collaborative care</p> <p>Contains the four elements of collaborative care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: Primary care provider (PCP), masters level case manager (CM), psychologist/psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: The intervention combined case management and psychopharmacological and psychotherapeutic treatments as a stepped-care procedure. For the first 6 months after injury, all patients received continuous case management delivered by CM. CMs and other intervention team members developed a comprehensive care plan that addressed medical and psychosocial complications and coordinated care across surgical inpatient, primary care outpatient, specialty mental health, and community service settings. Patients had 24 hour 7 day a week access to CM pager and CMs developed a therapeutic alliance that facilitated the delivery of evidence-based interventions for alcohol abuse and PTSD. The CM motivational intervention consisted of an inpatient session followed by as-needed booster sessions (test results, pros and cons of alcohol, importance of change, specific goals for alcohol, and action plans). Three months after the injury patients with PTSD were given preference of CBT, pharmacotherapy, or combined treatment (delivered by expert psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy consultants). The CBT intervention included psychoeducation, muscle relaxation, cognitive restructuring, and graded exposure. The psychopharmacological intervention consisted of an initial psychiatric evaluation and medication targeting PTSD. CMs provided education about the diagnosis and facilitated the entry of patients into evidence-based treatments. During the evidence-based PTSD intervention, CMs performed brief assessments of adherence to medication therapy and symptom relapse. The stepped-care procedure included relapse prevention and community integration components. From 6 to 12 months after the injury, non-responsive patients received combination treatments and CMs periodically reassessed symptoms, function, and rehabilitation 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Continuous for 6 months and then periodic 6-12 months for those that remained symptomatic 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs coordinated linkages and interfaced with PCPs and met with MH specialist weekly to review cases and protocol procedures <p>Control: Treatment as usual for post-traumatic care</p>
Outcomes	Anxiety (DSM-IV PTSD): 1, 3, 6, 12 months

Notes	CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PTSD: post-traumatic stress disorder	
<i>Risk of bias</i>		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Computer generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Short-term loss to follow-up based on primary anxiety outcome (DSM-IV PTSD from PTSD checklist) was: overall 17/121 (14%), 8/60 (13%) intervention and 9/61 (15%) control. Reasons for loss to follow-up not provided. Used intention-to-treat analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Other bias	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Implementation Integrity	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants and personnel could not be blinded, outcome likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Insufficient information available to assess

Characteristics of excluded studies [ordered by study ID]

Study	Reason for exclusion
Akerblad 2003	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to patient care (only one health professional involved)
Al-Saffar 2005	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to patient care (no primary care provider)
Bolton 2001	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for enhanced inter-professional communication

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Braamse 2010	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to care (no primary care provider)
Britian 1999	Types of participants: Less than 50% of participants had depression and/or anxiety at baseline
Brook 2003	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to patient care (no primary care provider)
Callahan 1994	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to patient care (only one health professional involved)
Callahan 2006	Types of participants: Less than 50% of participants had depression and/or anxiety at baseline
Cheok 2003	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for scheduled patient follow-ups
Coleman 1999	Types of participants: Less than 50% of participants had depression and/or anxiety at baseline
Dobscha 2006	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for scheduled patient follow-ups
Dobscha 2008	Types of participants: Less than 50% of participants had depression and/or anxiety at baseline
Dobscha 2009	Types of participants: Less than 50% of participants had depression and/or anxiety at baseline
Dozeman 2007	Types of participants: Participants were recruited and/or treated in specialist mental health setting
Gellis 2010	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for enhanced inter-professional communication
Geron 2006	Types of participants: Less than 50% of participants had depression and/or anxiety at baseline
Hees 2010	Types of participants: Participants were recruited and/or treated in specialist mental health setting
Katon 1992	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for scheduled patient follow-ups
Kroenke 2009	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to patient care (no primary care provider)
Lyles 2003	Types of participants: Less than 50% of participants had depression and/or anxiety at baseline
Meglic 2010	Types of studies: Not a randomised controlled trial (systematic alternating order without blinding)
Mudge 2011	Types of intervention: Intervention not focused on depression or anxiety
Oslin 2004	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to care (no primary care provider)
Peveler 1999	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to patient care (no primary care provider)

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Pols 2008	Types of intervention: Primary care provider delivered intervention not case manager
Raue 2009	Types of studies: Not a randomised controlled trial
Rickles 2005	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to patient care (no primary care provider)
Riegel 2006	Types of intervention: Intervention not focused on depression
Seekles 2009	Types of intervention: Stepped care - collaborative care intervention not available for all patients in treatment arm
Simon 2006	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for a multi-professional approach to care (no primary care provider)
Sirey 2010	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for enhanced inter-professional communication
Stevens 2009	Types of participants: Participants were recruited and/or treated in specialist mental health setting
van der Feltz-Cornelis 2006	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for scheduled patient follow-ups
van der Feltz-Cornelis 2010	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for scheduled patient follow-ups
Van't Veer-Tazelaar 2009	Types of intervention: Stepped care - collaborative care intervention not available for all patients in treatment arm
Wang 2007	Types of participants: Participants were recruited and/or treated in specialist mental health setting
Whooley 2000	Types of intervention: Does not meet criteria for enhanced inter-professional communication

Characteristics of studies awaiting assessment *[ordered by study ID]*

Aragones 2007

Methods	Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Primary care</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients who have suffered from an episode of major depression (DSM-IV) and who have been advised to take a new course of antidepressants. Those assigned to the doctor, aged ≥ 18 years, able to be contacted by telephone, who have been diagnosed with an episode of major depression (DSM-IV), have a score of > 14 on the PHQ-9 (moderate-severe depression) or a score of 10 to 14 (mild depression) that has persisted for more than one month, and who have not received antidepressant medication in the previous three months</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Those who suffer from physical, psychiatric or linguistic limitations or a concurrent illness that impede comprehension/participation in the study evaluations, patients with psychotic or bipolar disorders, patients with alcohol or drug dependence and patients who are pregnant or breastfeeding</p> <p>Age: Aged ≥ 18 years</p>

Aragones 2007 (Continued)

	Gender: Unclear Country: Spain Sample size: 20 primary care centres, 400 patients
Interventions	Intervention: An enhanced programme for depression management. A multi-component programme with clinical, educational and organisational procedures that includes training for the health care provider and evidence-based clinical guidelines. It also includes primary care nurses working as care-managers who provide educational and emotional support for the patients and who are responsible for active and systematic clinical monitoring. The programme aims to improve the primary care/specialised level interface Control: The doctors in the centres that continue with standard treatment use their own criteria to attend depressed patients and are allowed to use any resources they consider appropriate, including referral to the specialised level. The doctors in the control group are given a training session on diagnosing and detecting depression with the same content as that of the doctors in the intervention group
Outcomes	Response and remission rates and depression severity (PHQ-9)
Notes	Study complete but publication of results too late for inclusion in review at this stage; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire

Joubert 2006

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Hospital/primary care Inclusion criteria: Patients aged 20 and older admitted with transient ischaemic attack or completed stroke, both first or recurrent stroke who would return to their GPs for management after discharge and who were willing to be contacted for repeat assessments over a 12 month period Exclusion criteria: Patients discharged to nursing homes, with serious or life-threatening co-morbidities (such as cancer), non-English speaking, refused to participate, died while in hospital, cognitively impaired to the extent that they could not cooperate with follow up visits with their GP, significantly aphasic, and living more than two hours drive by car from either hospital Age: Mean 66.45 Gender: 50% female Country: Australia Sample size: Total 97, intervention 46, control 51
Interventions	Intervention: Integrated care programme. A shared care package was prepared for the GP. This contained goals and the recommendations for risk factor management according to clinical practice and evidence-based guidelines and recommendations for treatment of depression in stroke patients. 5 visits arranged with the GP during the 12 months post-discharge Control: Treatment as usual. GPs contacted at 12 months for collection of study specific data
Outcomes	Changes in risk factors: blood pressure, cholesterol, physical activity and depression (PHQ-9)
Notes	Awaiting author response to clarify if 50% or more depressed at baseline; GP: general practitioner; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9

Joubert 2008

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Hospital/primary care</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Patients aged 20 and older admitted with transient ischaemic attack or completed stroke, as confirmed by CT scan</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Patients not returning to their GPs for management, discharged to a nursing home, serious comorbidities or cognitive impairment, non-English speaking, died while in hospital, notably aphasic, lived more than two hours away by car, family declining to take part, involvement in another research programme, and not being assessed prior to discharge</p> <p>Age: Mean 65.8</p> <p>Gender: 45% female</p> <p>Country: Australia</p> <p>Sample size: Total 186, intervention 91, control 95</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Integrated care. Patients in the integrated care group received a structured model of care that linked specialist stroke services with ongoing general practice care. GPs of treatment patients were sent an explanatory letter, as well as a comprehensive but succinct discharge summary detailing relevant investigations, risk factor profile, and medication for each patient. They also received a flowchart with goals and recommendations for risk factor management, developed from evidence-based guidelines. The study coordinator contacted each patient before and after each GP visit</p> <p>Control: Standard Care patients were discharged to usual care from their GP with the standard accompanying handover information. The frequency of visits, the guidelines adopted, and the actions taken were all left up to the discretion of the GP</p>
Outcomes	Depression (PHQ-9)
Notes	Awaiting author response to clarify if 50% or more depressed at baseline; CT: computer tomography; GP: general practitioner; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9

Mareev 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	<p>Setting: Hospital</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: Heart failure</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: Unclear</p> <p>Age: Mean 62 years</p> <p>Gender: 39% female</p> <p>Country: Russia</p> <p>Sample size: Total 10745 , intervention 5360 , control 5385</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: A multidisciplinary, non-pharmacological, intervention (including pre-discharge patient education and active follow-up with regular bi-lateral telephone contact)</p> <p>Control: Usual care</p>
Outcomes	Depression (HADS)
Notes	Awaiting author response to access published or unpublished data; HADS: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale

O'Connor 2001

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Primary care Inclusion criteria: Mild anxiety and depression Exclusion criteria: Unclear Age: Unclear Gender: Unclear Country: United Kingdom Sample size: Total unclear, intervention unclear , control unclear
Interventions	Intervention: GP based psychiatrist clinic Control: Unclear
Outcomes	Depression (HADS)
Notes	National Research Register record - unable to get any further data or contact author; GP: general practitioner; HADS: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale

Walker 2009a

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Speciality oncology clinic Inclusion criteria: Diagnosis of cancer active within last 5 years, 18 or over, attending specialist oncology clinic, predicted survival of 12 months or more, meet DSM-IV for MDD present for 4 weeks or more Exclusion criteria: Unable to provide consent, chronic depression (continuously depressed for 2 years or more), requires urgent psychiatric care or currently receiving same, cognitive impairment or communication difficulties, cerebral metastases, unable to attend regularly, intervention inappropriate due to medical condition, comorbid psychiatric condition or other clinical reason Age: 18 or over Gender: Unclear Country: United Kingdom (Scotland) Sample size: Total 500 planned
Interventions	Intervention: Depression Care for People with Cancer Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General practitioner (PCP), nurse (CM), SMaRT psychiatry team (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Treatment phase includes a) coordination of care across professionals, b) monitoring symptoms, c) brief psychological intervention including education and PST. Maintenance phase includes completion of outcome measure and appropriate action taken via automated Interactive Voice Response or CM. MH specialist sees urgent cases or those with non-response to treatment 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: Treatment phase: 10 (30-45 minute) face-to-face sessions in 16 weeks (expected average per patient = 6-8), maintenance: telephone every 4 weeks until end of trial 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CM receives weekly supervision from MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs and oncologists were informed of patients diagnosis

Walker 2009a (Continued)

Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): Treatment response at 24 weeks; remission at 12, 24, 36 and 48 weeks; severity at 12, 24, 36 and 48 weeks. Also severity of anxiety symptoms QoL: 12, 24, 38 and 48 weeks Costs: 12, 24, 38, 48 weeks Satisfaction: 12, 24, 38, 48 weeks Social: 12, 24, 38, 48 weeks
Notes	Study complete awaiting publication of results; CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MDD: major depressive disorder; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PST: problem solving therapy

Walker 2009b

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Lung cancer outpatient clinics Inclusion criteria: Diagnosis of lung cancer, 18 or over, predicted survival of 3 months or more, meet DSM-IV for MDD present for 4 weeks or more Exclusion criteria: Unable to provide consent, chronic depression (continuously depressed for 2 years or more), requires urgent psychiatric care or currently receiving same, cognitive impairment or communication difficulties, cerebral metastases, unable to attend regularly, intervention inappropriate due to medical condition, comorbid psychiatric condition or other clinical reason Age: 18 or over Gender: Unclear Country: United Kingdom (Scotland) Sample size: Total 200 planned
Interventions	Intervention: Depression Care for People with Lung Cancer Contains the four elements of collaborative care: 1) a multi-professional approach to patient care: General practitioner (PCP), nurse (CM), psychiatrist (MH specialist) 2) a structured management plan: Treatment phase includes a) coordination of care across professionals, b) monitoring symptoms, c) brief psychological intervention including education and PST. Maintenance phase includes completion of outcome measure and appropriate action taken by CM. MH specialist sees urgent cases or those with non-response to treatment 3) scheduled patient follow-ups: 10 (30-45 minute) sessions in 16 weeks (expected average per patient = 6-8), maintenance: telephone every 4 weeks until end of trial 4) enhanced inter-professional communication: CMs received weekly supervision from MH specialist Control: Treatment as usual enhanced as PCPs and oncologists were informed of diagnosis
Outcomes	Depression (HSCL-20): severity at 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32 weeks. Also severity of anxiety symptoms QoL: 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32 weeks Costs: 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32 weeks Satisfaction: 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32 weeks Social: 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32 weeks
Notes	Study complete awaiting publication of results; CM: case manager; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; HSCL: Hopkins Symptom Checklist; MDD: major depressive disorder; MH: mental health; PCP: primary care provider; PST: problem solving therapy

Wu 2010

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Setting: Community psychiatry Inclusion criteria: DSM-IV criteria for major depression Exclusion criteria: Unclear Age: Elderly Gender: Unclear Country: China Sample size: Total 120, intervention 60, control 60
Interventions	Intervention: case management of chronic disease Abstract written in English reports collaborative care provided by psychiatrists, PCP and case managers and included health education, psychotherapy and antidepressants Control: Treatment as usual
Outcomes	Depression (HAMD)
Notes	Awaiting completion of transcription to accurately assess whether to include in review; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; PCP: primary care provider

Characteristics of ongoing studies [ordered by study ID]**Chen 2011**

Trial name or title	Depression care management for late-life depression in China primary care: protocol for a randomised controlled trial
Methods	RCT
Participants	Patients aged 60 and over, community-dwelling residences, capable of independent communication, Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) score ≥ 18 . Major depression (PHQ-9, The Mood Disorder Module of the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV and the Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression)
Interventions	Intervention: Depression care management. Antidepressant treatment, Care managers monitor the progress of treatment and side effects, educate patients/family, and facilitate communication between providers Control: Care as usual. Current practice, when depression is detected by PCPs, involves suggesting to patients (or family members) that they consult a mental health institution for diagnosis and treatment. There is no direct referral/transfer mechanism between PCPs and mental health specialists
Outcomes	Depression (Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression), suicidal ideation, cognitive function, anxiety, medical health, quality of life, treatment stigma, satisfaction
Starting date	August 2010, ends July 2014
Contact information	Shulin Chen csl@zju.edu.cn

Chen 2011 (Continued)

Notes	DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; PCP: primary care provider; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9
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Chung 2010

Trial name or title	Using a community partnered participatory research approach to implement a randomised controlled trial: Planning community partners in care
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Clients who screen as possibly having depression
Interventions	Compared a low-impact intervention, Resources for Services (RS), with a Community Partnered Participatory Research planning process, Community Engagement and Planning (CEP), as approaches to implement depression care in agencies and programs
Outcomes	The study assesses the impact of the different implementation approaches on community agency administrator, provider and client outcomes for depression
Starting date	2010
Contact information	Bowen Chung bchung@mednet.ucla.edu
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Cooper 2010

Trial name or title	A cluster randomised trial of standard quality improvement versus patient-centred interventions to enhance depression care for African Americans in the primary care setting: Study protocol NCT00243425
Methods	Cluster randomised trial
Participants	Patients had to be between the ages of 18 and 75 years and report their race or ethnicity as African American; they had to be positive on a screener for major depressive and dysthymic disorder from the CIDI. In addition, screen-positive patients had to meet criteria for one-year major depression on a subsequent structured interview, defined as: meeting DSM-IV criteria for MDD in the past year and having symptoms present for at least one week in the past month, to be considered eligible for the study
Interventions	Standard versus patient-centred quality improvement interventions. Both involved extensive one-on-one follow-up with a Depression Case Manager (DCM) to assess patients' depression status and to encourage adherence to recommended treatments and exposure to educational materials. The patient-centred intervention supplements standard interventions for depression by tailoring them to individual patients' stated concerns and incorporating patient-centred communication skills and cultural sensitivity training for clinicians
Outcomes	Primary outcome is change in depression symptom severity (CES-D)

Cooper 2010 (Continued)

Starting date	March 2004, ends March 2007
Contact information	Lisa Cooper lisa.cooper@jhmi.edu
Notes	CES-D: Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression; CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; MDD: major depressive disorder

Freund 2011

Trial name or title	Primary care practice-based care management for chronically ill patients (PraCMan): Study protocol for a cluster-randomised controlled trial
Methods	Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	Patients had to suffer from at least one of the following index conditions: type 2 diabetes mellitus under medical treatment and/or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease under medical treatment and/or chronic heart failure with confirmed diagnosis by a cardiologist. Further inclusion criteria were: High risk for future hospitalisation (i.e. predicted likelihood of hospitalisation within the upper quartile of the total patient population) and age ≥ 18 years
Interventions	Intervention: PraCMan is a complex care management intervention. Based on the results of a series of exploratory studies a multifaceted intervention was developed to reduce (avoidable) hospitalisations of high risk patients. Consists of assessment, planning and monitoring Control: Practice teams in the control group will continue to provide standard care in the context of the PC-centred care contract
Outcomes	Primary outcome: all-cause hospitalisations. Secondary outcomes: sociodemographic data, mortality, quality of life, quality of care, depression (PHQ-9), adherence, physical activity, smoking status, self-management, medication regimen, healthcare costs, activities of daily living, co-morbidity, home visits/practice visits, CHF decompensation (CHF patients), COPD exacerbation (COPD patients), Hypoglycaemia (DM patients), BMI, blood pressure, fasting glucose, Hemoglobin-A1c, Dyspnoea (CHF and COPD patients), Forced expiratory volume (COPD patients)
Starting date	November 2009
Contact information	Tobias Freund tobias.freund@med.uni-heidelberg.de
Notes	CHF: chronic heart failure; COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9; DM: diabetes mellitus

Gitlin 2012

Trial name or title	A community-integrated home based depression intervention for older African Americans: description of the Beat the Blues randomised trial and intervention costs
Methods	Randomised controlled trial

Gitlin 2012 (Continued)

Participants	African American, 55 years of age or older, English speaking, cognitively intact, and a score of 5 or over on the PHQ-9 on two sequential testing occasions
Interventions	Intervention: Beat the Blues. Up to 10 one hour sessions over 4 months. Sessions integrate case management, referral and linkage, depression education, stress reduction techniques and behavioural activation Control: Waiting list. No study related contact following the baseline interview
Outcomes	Depression severity (PHQ-9). Secondary aims quality of life indicators, anxiety, depression education and behavioural activation levels
Starting date	September 2008, ends June 2012
Contact information	Laura Gitlin lgitlin1@jhu.edu
Notes	PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9

Graven 2011

Trial name or title	From rehabilitation to recovery: protocol for a randomised controlled trial evaluating a goal-based intervention to reduce depression and facilitate participation post-stroke
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	All patients admitted to the inpatient hospital rehabilitation unit with the primary diagnosis of acute cerebrovascular accident (inclusive of cerebral infarction, intracranial haemorrhage, and subarachnoid haemorrhage)
Interventions	Intervention: A multi-factorial, integrated approach which incorporates both standardised and responsive components. Participants receive written material developed by the National Stroke Foundation relating to recovery after the event of a stroke, written stroke information resources, including contact phone numbers and websites, if available and a copy of the goals that were collaboratively devised by the participant and the rehabilitation team during the final two weeks of the inpatient rehabilitation admission. Participants also receive home visits and telephone contacts Control: Participants in the control group will receive usual care as arranged by the treating team at the point of discharge from the inpatient rehabilitation admission
Outcomes	Primary outcome is depressed mood (GDS-15). Secondary outcomes are: participation (ACS and LHS); HRQoL (AQoL), activity/functional status (FIM-motor); self-efficacy (SUPPH); and cognition (MMSE)
Starting date	March 2008
Contact information	Christine Graven Christine.GRAVEN@svhm.org.au; ACS: acute coronary syndrome
Notes	HRQoL: health related quality of life; AQoL: Assessment of Quality of Life; LHS: London Handicap Scale; ACS: Activity Card Sort

Horn 2007

Trial name or title	Cost-effectiveness of collaborative care for chronically ill patients with comorbid depressive disorder in the general hospital setting, a randomised controlled trial
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	All patients visiting the participating departments, who have been diagnosed with a specific chronic disease, as specified in their files, will be selected. Specific diagnoses are: DM type II in the DM department, COPD in the pulmonary department, and chronic heart failure or post-acute myocardial infarction in the cardiovascular department. Patients will be included in the study if they reach a cutoff score of 15 (moderate to severe depressive disorder) on the PHQ-9. For patients who reach the cut-off score, the MINI-International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI) will also be held by telephone to classify the symptoms
Interventions	Intervention: Based on a collaborative care model including collaboration of the patient with the treatment, stepped care and collaboration between various medical disciplines. Treatment choices include antidepressant medication, problem solving and manual-guided self-help Control: Care as usual. Patients assigned to the care as usual group will be told that they can consult their general practitioner if they feel that they need treatment, and they will be monitored
Outcomes	Depression severity (PHQ-9). Secondary outcome measures: cost-effectiveness, somatoform presentation, associated symptoms of comorbid chronic illness, preference and adherence, life-events and social support, personality traits, treatment in the care as usual group
Starting date	2007
Contact information	Eva K Horn EHorn@trimbos.nl
Notes	COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9; DM: diabetes mellitus

Ijff 2007

Trial name or title	Cost-effectiveness of collaborative care including PST and an antidepressant treatment algorithm for the treatment of major depressive disorder in primary care; a randomised clinical trial
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Patients with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder and who have dysfunction due to this depressive disorder (i.e. by the loss of role-functioning in daily life). Patients will be included if they reach the cut-off score of 15 on the PHQ-9
Interventions	Intervention: Collaborative care. A treatment plan is jointly formulated by the care manager, the patient and the GP together Treatment choices include PST and antidepressant medication Control: Care as usual
Outcomes	Severity of depression symptoms (PHQ-9). Secondary outcome measures: remission of depression symptoms, cost-utility and physical comorbidity
Starting date	2007

Contact information	Marjoliek A Ijff mijff@trimbos.nl
Notes	GP: general practitioner; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9; PST: problem solving therapy

Mitchell 2011

Trial name or title	A randomised evaluation of collaborative care and active-surveillance for screen-positive elders with sub-threshold depression (CASPER): study protocol for a randomised controlled trial
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	People aged over 75 years with sub-threshold depression assessed using The major depressive episode module of the Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI)
Interventions	Intervention: Collaborative care with behavioural activation plus usual GP care intervention: Low intensity collaborative care which has been designed specifically for those aged 75 or over with subthreshold depression, over 8-10 weekly sessions. The defining features of collaborative care include a case manager working with the participant, with access to the GP and a mental health specialist Control: Usual GP care
Outcomes	Depression severity and symptomatology at four months (PHQ-9). Secondary outcomes: depression severity and symptomatology (at 12 months), binary description of the PHQ-9 (at 4 and 12 months), quality of life measures (at 4 and 12 months), psychological anxiety (at 4 and 12 months), medication (at 4 and 12 months) , and mortality (at 4 and 12 months)
Starting date	October 2009, end June 2013
Contact information	Simon Gilbody simon.gilbody@york.ac.uk
Notes	GP: general practitioner; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9

Morgan 2009

Trial name or title	The TrueBlue study: Is practice nurse-led collaborative care effective in the management of depression for patients with heart disease or diabetes?
Methods	Cluster-randomised intervention trial
Participants	Patients with a diagnosis of CHD or T2 DM, patients who are either under 18 years of age or in residential care are excluded from the study. Presence of at least mild depression assessed by PHQ-9 of greater than 5
Interventions	Intervention: Nurse-led collaborative care. Patients will be invited to attend a practice nurse consultation every 3 months prior to seeing their usual general practitioner. The PN will assess psychological, physiological and lifestyle parameters then work with the patient to set management goals. The outcome of this assessment will form the basis of a GP Management Plan document Control: Patients will continue to receive their usual care for the first six months of the study before the PNs undergo the training and switch to the intervention protocol

Morgan 2009 (Continued)

Outcomes	Depression (PHQ-9)
Starting date	2009
Contact information	Mark Morgan mark.morgan@greaterhealth.org
Notes	CHD: coronary heart disease; GP: general practitioner; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9; DM: diabetes mellitus

Muntingh 2009

Trial name or title	Collaborative stepped care for anxiety disorders in primary care: aims and design of a randomised controlled trial
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Patients with a primary diagnosis of PD with or without agoraphobia and/or a primary diagnosis of GAD according to the criteria of the DSM-IV will be included in the study. Patients who are suicidal, suffer from dementia or other severe cognitive disorders, psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, dependence on drugs or alcohol, or with an unstable severe medical condition as diagnosed by their GP or as assessed in a diagnostic interview will be excluded. Patients with insufficient knowledge of the Dutch language to fill out the questionnaires, patients who are already receiving intensive psychological treatment (> 2 contacts per month with a psychologist or psychiatrist) and patients who are under 18 years of age will also be excluded from the study
Interventions	Intervention: Collaborative stepped-care. Care is provided by a team of the GP, the care manager, the patient and a consultant psychiatrist. The collaborative stepped care intervention is composed of four steps: guided self-help, CBT, antidepressants, optimisation of medication in primary care or referral to secondary care Control: Care as usual comprises every form of care the GP is used to offer to his patient (e.g. watchful waiting, prescription of medication, referral to a mental health care professional or any other form of care the GP offers to his patient)
Outcomes	Anxiety severity (Beck anxiety inventory). Secondary outcome measure: remission. Other outcome measures: anxiety severity and impairment, physical symptoms, quality of life
Starting date	2009
Contact information	Anna DT Muntingh amuntingh@trimbos.nl
Notes	CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition; GAD: generalised anxiety disorder; GP: general practitioner; PD: panic disorder

Musselman 2006

Trial name or title	Depression-Diabetes Mechanisms: Urban African Americans
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Subjects must be English-speaking, African American, have type 2 diabetes per American Diabetes Association criteria, patient's receiving care at Grady Hospital
Interventions	Intervention: Computer-based cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) programme entitled "Beating the Blues" + the SSRI antidepressant escitalopram Control: computer-based cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) programme entitled "Beating the Blues" + placebo
Outcomes	Primary outcomes: Glycemic control: assessed as levels of HbA1c, neurometabolic variables, adherence, variability in follow-up
Starting date	May 2004, end May 2008
Contact information	Dominique L Musselman
Notes	SSRI: selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor

Pommer 2012

Trial name or title	Managing comorbid depression and anxiety in primary care patients with asthma and/or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Patients included in the AsCoZoB management programme for patients with asthma/COPD are eligible. Exclusion criteria - aged below 18, currently receiving treatment for depression and/or anxiety, diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder, suicidal ideation, not being able to read or speak Dutch sufficiently. Depression and anxiety assessed using the Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI)
Interventions	Intervention: Disease management condition - stepped care programme consisting of three consecutive steps and monitoring of results. Stepped care intervention includes psychoeducation, course on coping with depression/anxiety and coaching complemented with antidepressant/anxiolytic medication Control: Care as usual
Outcomes	Primary outcome measures: Depression and anxiety (PHQ-9, GAD-7, MINI) and quality of life/health status
Starting date	January 2011, end December 2013
Contact information	Francois Pouwer F.Pouwer@uvt.nl
Notes	COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; GAD: generalised anxiety disorder; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9

Rollman 2004

Trial name or title	Telephone-based care management programme for individuals with anxiety disorders
Methods	RCT
Participants	18-64 years, diagnosis of panic disorder or generalised anxiety disorder, score of 7 or higher on the Panic Disorder Severity Scale OR a score of 14 or higher on the Structured Interview Guide for the Hamilton Anxiety Scale, life expectancy greater than 1 year, has household telephone, able to read and write in English
Interventions	Intervention: Telephone based collaborative care Usual care: Treatment as usual
Outcomes	Primary: Health-related quality of life (SF-36 MCS) at 12 months Secondary: Clinical (anxiety and depression), alcohol use, health services utilisation, health care costs - all at 12 months
Starting date	March 2004 ends December 2012
Contact information	Bruce Rollman
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Steel 2011

Trial name or title	Randomised controlled trial of a collaborative care intervention to manage cancer-related symptoms: lessons learned
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Inclusion criteria: Biopsy, radiological, and/or biological evidence of hepatobiliary carcinoma; age 18 years or older; and fluency in English. Exclusion criteria included: current suicidal or homicidal ideation, or current psychosis, or thought disorder
Interventions	Intervention: Collaborative care intervention. Combination of both cognitive-behavioral and pharmacological treatment. The delivery of the intervention included face-to-face visits whenever the patient came into the outpatient clinic or hospital for cancer treatment, telephone follow-up with a minimum of two telephone contacts (before and after the patients' cancer treatment) between cancer treatments, and access to a website that was designed specifically for this RCT, which includes educational information, a self-management area, journaling, a chat room, an audiovisual library, peer support, and other resources Control: Enhanced usual care
Outcomes	Primary outcomes: Depression (CES-D), pain, fatigue, quality of life. Secondary outcomes: Anxiety, sleep quality, sexual functioning, substance use, healthcare utilisation and satisfaction with healthcare
Starting date	2011
Contact information	Jennifer L Steel steeljl@upmc.edu
Notes	CES-D: Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale; RCT: randomised controlled trial

Stoop 2011

Trial name or title	Disease management for comorbid depression and anxiety in diabetes mellitus: design of a randomised controlled trial in primary care
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Type 2 diabetes mellitus patients, aged 18 or over and with elevated depressive (PHQ-9 score 7 or more) and/or anxiety symptoms (GAD-7 score 8 or more). Patients are excluded if they currently receive psychological treatment for their symptoms of depression or anxiety, experience major psychiatric problems, such as schizophrenia and suicidal ideation, are addicted to alcohol, drugs or gambling, are cognitively impaired, or are unable to read or speak Dutch sufficiently
Interventions	Intervention: DiMaCoDeA-DM2 (disease management intervention for comorbid depression and anxiety in patients with DM2) - active screening, stepped care treatment and monitoring of depression/anxiety Control: Care as usual
Outcomes	Depression and anxiety (PHQ-9 and GAD-7). Secondary outcomes: Quality of life, health status, diabetes specific distress, self-management, medication adherence and cost-effectiveness
Starting date	January 2011, end December 2013
Contact information	Francois Pouwer f.pouwer@uvt.nl
Notes	GAD: generalised anxiety disorder; PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire-9; DM: diabetes mellitus

Trinh 2011

Trial name or title	A study of a culturally focused psychiatric consultation service for Asian American and Latino American primary care patients with depression
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Adults who are 18 years of age or older; are members of either targeted Asian American or Latino American minority groups; screen positive for symptoms of depression; and are able to consent to study participation. Patients will be excluded if they have active unstable, untreated psychiatric illness precluding participation in the study (e.g., actively suicidal or homicidal or actively psychotic). Patients in the intervention arm will be excluded if they have bipolar disorder
Interventions	Intervention: Culturally focused psychiatric intervention (CFP). Patients receiving the intervention will undergo a CFP consultation assessment and will receive a culturally appropriate CFP consultation patient toolkit, available in their language of preference (i.e. English, Spanish, Chinese, or Vietnamese), as well as training in using the toolkit materials Control: Usual care
Outcomes	Primary outcomes will determine the feasibility and cost associated with implementation of the service, and evaluate patient and provider satisfaction with the CFP service
Starting date	December 2009, end August 2011

Trinh 2011 (Continued)

Contact information	Nhi-Ha T Trinh ntrinh@partners.org
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Tylee 2011

Trial name or title	Up-Beat UK: A programme of research into the relationship between coronary heart disease and depression in primary care patients
Methods	Study design: Pilot randomised controlled trial
Participants	Patients aged 16 or older, scoring 3 or more on the PHQ-2, and with symptomatic CHD will then be assessed further using the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS). If they score > 9 on the depression scale of HADS they will be eligible to participate in the study Exclusion criteria: Temporary registrations, actively suicidal patients, psychotic depression as evidenced by delusions and/or hallucinations, non-English speaking, participants currently in hospital for treatment of their CHD
Interventions	Intervention: The nature of the intervention will be determined by the results of two qualitative studies Control: Treatment as usual by GP and any other relevant professionals
Outcomes	Primary outcome depression (Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale). Secondary outcomes depression, CHD, quality of life, adherence to medication, life events, social problems, health service utilisation, illness perceptions, well-being, and participants problem priorities
Starting date	Protocol published 2011
Contact information	a.tylee@iop.kcl.ac.uk
Notes	CHD: coronary heart disease; HADS: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale

Yeung 2011

Trial name or title	A study of the effectiveness of telepsychiatry-based culturally sensitive collaborative treatment of depressed Chinese Americans
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Patients will be included if they are monolingual Chinese Americans, meaning that they require or prefer to be interviewed in Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin), are 18 years of age or older, are competent to consent to study participation, meet criteria for MDD as diagnosed by the Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI), receive a score of 10 or greater on the CB-PHQ-9, and are willing to participate in phone interviews for symptom monitoring, as well as for care management if they are randomised to the treatment group
Interventions	Intervention: Telepsychiatry-based Culturally Sensitive Collaborative Treatment (T-CSCT) from a multidisciplinary team involving assessment and care management to monitor patients' psychiatric treatment as well as to consolidate and streamline the treatment efforts of the

Yeung 2011 (Continued)

	patient's PCP and psychiatrist Control: Usual care
Outcomes	Outcome measures include depressive symptom severity (HAM-D) as well as patient and PCP satisfaction with the telepsychiatry-based care management service
Starting date	January 2009, end July 2014
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Notes	HAM-D: Hamilton Depression Rating Scale; MDD: major depressive disorder; PCP: primary care provider

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Trial name or title	Enhancing the population impact of collaborative care interventions: mixed method development and implementation of stepped care targeting post-traumatic stress disorder and related comorbidities after acute trauma
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	English-speaking women and men 18 years and older who presented to Harborview with injuries so severe that they required inpatient surgical admissions. Patients who had suffered head, spinal cord or other severe injuries that prevented participation in the inpatient ward interview were excluded from the study. Patients who required immediate intervention (i.e. self-inflicted injury, active psychosis) were referred for evaluation to the inpatient psychiatric consult service. Patients who were currently incarcerated or who had recent histories of severe violence were also excluded. Patients living at great distances from the trauma centre (i.e. N50-100 miles) were excluded as the investigative team anticipated difficulty in long distance care co-ordination activities
Interventions	Intervention: Stepped collaborative care intervention. The intervention included trauma-focused care management, and an initial choice of starting with either evidence-based pharmacotherapy or CBT targeting PTSD and related comorbidities Control: Usual care
Outcomes	PTSD symptom reduction (PTSD checklist (PCL) and the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS)). Secondary outcomes include ratings of substance use and functional outcomes
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Notes	CBT: cognitive behaviour therapy; PTSD: post-traumatic stress disorder

DATA AND ANALYSES

Comparison 1. Collaborative care versus 'usual care' (adults)

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Improvement in depression symptoms	33		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.1 0 to 6 months	30	5984	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.34 [-0.41, -0.27]
1.2 7 to 12 months	13	4092	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.28 [-0.41, -0.15]
1.3 13 to 24 months	1	1379	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.35 [-0.46, -0.24]
1.4 0 to 6 months (cluster ICC 0.00)	30	6786	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.33 [-0.39, -0.26]
1.5 0 to 6 months (cluster ICC 0.05)	30	5946	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.34 [-0.41, -0.26]
1.6 0 to 6 months (sensitivity analysis - cluster comparisons removed)	21	4361	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.37 [-0.46, -0.28]
1.7 0 to 6 months (sensitivity analysis - comparisons including patients with physical comorbidity removed)	23	5082	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.29 [-0.37, -0.21]
1.8 0 to 6 months (sensitivity analysis - comparisons at risk of bias due to allocation of concealment removed)	14	3758	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.34 [-0.42, -0.26]
1.9 0 to 6 months (sensitivity analysis - comparisons at risk of bias due to loss to follow-up removed)	27	5793	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.33 [-0.40, -0.26]
1.10 7 to 12 months (sensitivity analysis - comparisons with intervention length > 6 months removed)	6	1300	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.19 [-0.30, -0.08]
2 Depression response	58		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
2.1 0 to 6 months	48	11250	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.32 [1.22, 1.43]
2.2 7 to 12 months	29	8001	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.31 [1.17, 1.48]
2.3 13 to 24 months	6	2983	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.29 [1.18, 1.41]
2.4 25+ months	5	943	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.12 [0.98, 1.27]
2.5 0 to 6 months (cluster ICC 0.00)	48	13459	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.32 [1.22, 1.42]
2.6 0 to 6 months (cluster ICC 0.05)	48	10346	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.34 [1.23, 1.45]
2.7 0 to 6 months (sensitivity analysis - cluster comparisons removed)	39	8500	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.35 [1.22, 1.49]

2.8 0 to 6 months (sensitivity analysis - comparisons including patients with physical comorbidity removed)	37	8948	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.26 [1.16, 1.37]
2.9 0 to 6 months (sensitivity analysis - comparisons at risk of bias due to allocation of concealment removed)	22	5349	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.37 [1.21, 1.57]
2.10 0 to 6 months (sensitivity analysis - comparisons at risk of bias due to loss to follow-up removed)	35	9267	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.36 [1.24, 1.49]
2.11 7 to 12 months (sensitivity analysis - comparisons with intervention length > 6 months removed)	11	2514	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.19 [1.06, 1.34]
3 Antidepressant medication use	55		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
3.1 0 to 6 months	44	10117	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.47 [1.33, 1.63]
3.2 7 to 12 months	26	6486	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.43 [1.26, 1.61]
3.3 13 to 24 months	6	2963	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.22 [1.03, 1.45]
3.4 25+ months	3	232	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.02 [0.87, 1.21]
4 Improvement in anxiety symptoms	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Totals not selected
4.1 0 to 6 months	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
4.2 7 to 12 months	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
4.3 13 to 24 months	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
5 Anxiety response	5		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
5.1 0 to 6 months	4	1248	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.50 [1.21, 1.87]
5.2 7 to 12 months	5	1374	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.41 [1.18, 1.69]
5.3 13 to 24 months	1	804	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.26 [1.11, 1.42]
6 Anxiety medication use	4		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
6.1 0 to 6 months	3	1144	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.24 [0.93, 1.63]
6.2 7 to 12 months	4	1225	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.17 [1.03, 1.32]
6.3 13 to 24 months	1	804	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.09 [0.92, 1.30]
7 Mental QoL	21		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
7.1 0 to 6 months	14	4954	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.26 [0.13, 0.38]
7.2 7 to 12 months	11	3534	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.20 [0.09, 0.31]
7.3 13 to 24 months	3	1278	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.25 [0.08, 0.43]
7.4 25+ months	2	991	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.10 [-0.03, 0.23]
8 Physical QoL	15		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
8.1 0 to 6 months	10	2957	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.06 [-0.01, 0.13]
8.2 7 to 12 months	10	4552	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.07 [-0.04, 0.18]
8.3 13 to 24 months	4	2657	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.10 [0.02, 0.17]
9 Patient satisfaction	10	3333	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.31 [0.13, 0.49]
10 Patient satisfaction	24	5500	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.27 [1.18, 1.38]

Comparison 2. Collaborative care versus 'usual care' (adolescents)

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Depression symptoms	2		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.1 0 to 6 months	2	471	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.17 [-0.35, 0.01]
1.2 7 to 12 months	1	114	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.32 [-0.69, 0.05]
2 Depression	2		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
2.1 0 to 6 months	2	460	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.73 [0.56, 0.96]
2.2 7 to 12 months	2	441	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.05 [0.54, 2.06]
2.3 13 to 24 months	1	322	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.75 [0.51, 1.11]
3 Antidepressant medication use	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Totals not selected
3.1 0 to 6 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
3.2 7 to 12 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
3.3 13 to 24 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
4 Mental QoL	2		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
4.1 0 to 6 months	2	471	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.15 [-0.03, 0.33]
4.2 7 to 12 months	2	441	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.05 [-0.24, 0.33]
4.3 13 to 24 months	1	322	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.09 [-0.13, 0.31]
5 Physical QoL	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Totals not selected
5.1 0 to 6 months	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
5.2 7 to 12 months	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
6 Patient satisfaction	2	471	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.09 [-0.38, 0.57]

Comparison 3. Collaborative care versus feedback (adults)

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Depression	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Totals not selected
1.1 0 to 6 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]

Comparison 4. Collaborative care versus consultation liaison (adults)

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Depression	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Totals not selected
1.1 0 to 6 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
1.2 7 to 12 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]

Comparison 5. Collaborative care plus consultation liaison versus collaborative care (adults)

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Depression	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Totals not selected
1.1 0 to 6 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
1.2 25+ months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]

Comparison 6. Collaborative care versus enhanced referral (adults)

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Depression symptoms	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Totals not selected
1.1 0 to 6 months	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]

Comparison 7. Collaborative care (psychotherapy) versus collaborative care (medication) (adults)

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Depression	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Totals not selected
1.1 0 to 6 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
1.2 7 to 12 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
1.3 13 to 24 months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
1.4 25+ months	1		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]

Comparison 8. Collaborative care plus psychotherapy versus collaborative care (adults)

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Depression symptoms	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Totals not selected
1.1 0 to 6 months	1		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
2 Depression	3		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
2.1 0 to 6 months	2	488	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.14 [0.97, 1.33]
2.2 7 to 12 months	1	41	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.17 [0.79, 1.75]
2.3 25+ months	1	137	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.43 [0.90, 2.26]

HISTORY

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Date	Event	Description
27 February 2012	Amended	Methodology updated
21 April 2010	Amended	Changed contact details of first/contact author (who has changed surname from Fletcher to Archer) ; date of 'Next stage expected' altered; some references corrected
29 October 2008	Amended	Converted to new review format.

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROTOCOL AND REVIEW

The methods for this review are based on the revised protocol published online in 2012 ([Archer 2007](#)), which is an update of the original protocol to take into account the most recent version of the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* available to authors ([Higgins 2011a](#)).

In the protocol we intended to report on social function outcomes. However, a very wide variety of social outcome measures were reported, and there was a lack of clarity over their definition, scope, and comparability. It was therefore not possible to produce a rigorous synthesis in the time frame of the review. We have extracted social function outcomes and may report them in a later update of the review.

We had planned to undertake a series of exploratory analyses to examine the influence of various factors outlined in the [Subgroup analysis and investigation of heterogeneity](#) section and other individual study-level factors in predicting the magnitude and direction of outcomes. We had also planned to assess the significance of predictive factors (selected a priori and outlined above) in explaining between-study heterogeneity, as measured by the I^2 statistic, according to the method proposed in [Higgins 2004](#). However, as detailed in [Potential biases in the review process](#), we were unable to undertake these further exploratory analyses due to time constraints, but we envisage incorporating them in the next review update.

INDEX TERMS

Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)

*Interprofessional Relations; Anxiety [*therapy]; Case Management [*organization & administration]; Depression [*therapy]; Patient Care Team [*organization & administration]; Primary Health Care [organization & administration]; Psychiatric Nursing; Psychiatry; Psychology; Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic; Standard of Care

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