

Trial Description

Title

Barriers and facilitator to palliative care of patients with chronic heart failure

Trial Acronym

PaCa-HF

URL of the trial

<http://www.uniklinik-freiburg.de/aqms/projekte/versorgungsforschung/pacahf.html>

Brief Summary in Lay Language

In Germany, the number of patients dying from chronic heart failure (CHF) is higher than the number of patients dying from cancer. Patients with CHF suffer from similar symptoms than patients with cancer (e.g. pain, fatigue, dyspnoe) and the symptom burden of both patient populations are comparable. Despite this, less patients with CHF than patients with cancer receive palliative care. The present study aims (1) to investigate barriers and facilitators to palliative care perceived by physicians, cardiologists and nurses and (2) tries to develop recommendations to improve palliative care of CHF patients.

Brief Summary in Scientific Language

Despite a high prevalence rate, similar symptoms and a comparable symptom burden less patients with chronic heart failure (CHF) receive palliative care than patients with cancer, even though some studies could proof that palliative care is effective in CHF patients. Studies from outside Germany revealed that palliative care of CHF patients is lacking because of the following reasons (1) lack of knowledge of health care providers (HCP) about what palliative care is, (2) not clearly defined responsibilities of HCP regarding palliative care, (3) lack of communication between HCP and (4) difficulties, to identify the right moment to refer CHF patients to palliative care. For Germany, no data about perceived barriers and facilitators of HCP to refer CHF patients to palliative care could be identified.

Therefore, the present study aims to:

- (1) identify HCP attitudes towards palliative care of patients with CHF**
- (2) identify HCP perceived barriers and facilitators to palliative care of CHF patients**
- (3) develop recommendations based on HCP perceived barriers and facilitators to palliative care of CHF patients**



Do you plan to share individual participant data with other researchers?

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Description IPD sharing plan

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Organizational Data

- DRKS-ID: **DRKS00007119**
- Date of Registration in DRKS: **2014/10/30**
- Date of Registration in Partner Registry or other Primary Registry: [---]*
- Investigator Sponsored/Initiated Trial (IST/IIT): **yes**
- Ethics Approval/Approval of the Ethics Committee: **Approved**
- (leading) Ethics Committee Nr.: **473/14** , **Ethik-Kommission der Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg**

Secondary IDs

- Universal Trial Number (UTN): **U1111-1163-4052**

Health condition or Problem studied

- ICD10: **I50 - Heart failure**

Interventions/Observational Groups

- Arm 1: **Physicians and nurses will be asked about their attitude towards and experiences with palliative care of patients with heart failure. Delphi technique will be used to develop recommendations to foster palliative care in patients with heart failure.**

Characteristics

- Study Type: **Non-interventional**
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- Allocation: **Single arm study**
- Blinding: [---]*
- Who is blinded: [---]*
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Control: **Uncontrolled/Single arm**

- Purpose: **Health care system**
- Assignment: **Single (group)**
- Phase: **N/A**
- Off-label use (Zulassungsüberschreitende Anwendung eines Arzneimittels): **N/A**

Primary Outcome

Perceived barriers and facilitators to palliative care of patients with chronic heart failure (data collection with interviews and questionnaire)

Secondary Outcome

Attitude to palliative care of patients with chronic heart failure (data collection with interviews and questionnaire)

Countries of recruitment

- DE **Germany**

Locations of Recruitment

Recruitment

- Planned/Actual: **Actual**
- (Anticipated or Actual) Date of First Enrollment: **2015/01/01**
- Target Sample Size: **170**
- Monocenter/Multicenter trial: **Monocenter trial**
- National/International: **National**



Inclusion Criteria

- Gender: **Both, male and female**
- Minimum Age: **18 Years**
- Maximum Age: **no maximum age**

Additional Inclusion Criteria

- **Physicians (cardiologist, general practitioner) and nurses (including heart failure nurses)**
- **Physicians and nurses should treat/have contact with patients with chronic heart failure**

Exclusion criteria

none

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Status

- Recruitment Status: **Recruiting complete, follow-up complete**
- Reason, if "Recruitment stopped after recruiting started" or "Recruiting withdrawn before recruiting started": [---]*
- Reason, if Reason for Recruiting Stop "Other": [---]*
- Study Closing (LPLV): **2016/03/31**
- Number of Participants in Germany after Recruiting complete: **202**
- Total Number of Participants (all Sites worldwide) after Recruiting complete: **202**

Trial Publications, Results and other documents

- Paper **Köberich, S.; Ziehm, J.; Farin, E.; Becker, G. (2015): Barriers and facilitators to palliative care of patients with chronic heart failure in Germany: the study protocol. Journal of Public Health Research, 4:556**
- Paper **Ziehm, J.; Farin, E.; Seibel, K.; Becker, G.; Köberich, S. (2016): Healthcare Professionals' Attitudes Regarding Palliative Care for 1 Patients with Chronic Heart Failure: An Interview Study. BMC Palliative Care, 15:76**
- Paper **Ziehm, J.; Farin, E.; Schäfer, J.; Woitha, K.; Becker, G.; Köberich, S. (2016): Palliative Care for patients with heart failure: facilitators and barriers - a cross sectional survey of German Health Care Professionals. BMC Health Services Research, 16(1):361**

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