

Development of a patient-centred asthma review template to improve self-management in UK primary care







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Introduction

Asthma results in 6.3 million primary care consultations in the United Kingdom (UK) each year, and supported asthma selfmanagement (including regular clinical review, patient education, and asthma action plan provision) can improve asthma control and quality of life. Templates are frequently used in reviews to act as reminders and improve documentation, however, can affect patient-centred care and opportunities for patients to discuss concerns and selfmanagement.

Aim: The IMPlementing IMProved Asthma self-management as RouTine (IMP²ART) programme aimed to develop a patient-centred asthma review template that encourages supported self-management.

Methods

Aligned with the Medical Research Council (MRC) complex intervention framework, the multidisciplinary team developed a review template in three phases (Figure 1.): 1) Developmental phase, which included qualitative exploration with clinicians, a systematic review, and prototype template development 2) Feasibility pilot phase, with qualitative feedback from clinicians (n=7) 3) Pilot phase, delivering the template within the IMP²ART programme (incorporating the template, along with patient resources and professional education), and inviting feedback from clinicians (n=6). The process of developing the finalised IMP²ART asthma review template followed key principles of intervention development, that it is dynamic, iterative, creative, and open to change (O'Cathain et al., 2019).

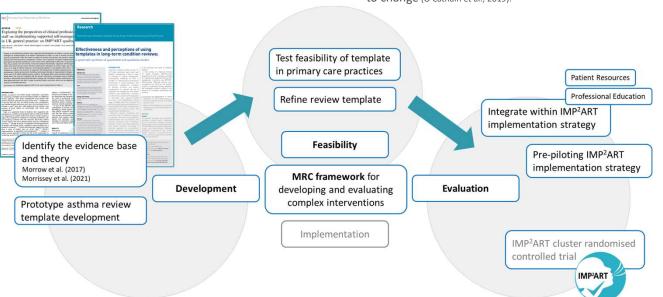


Figure 1. IMP²ART asthma review template development phases.



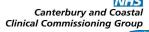














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Results

Template development was guided by the preliminary

qualitative work which identified that templates can be

poorly integrated with IT-systems. The systematic review

identified a need to incorporate open-text/flexible options,

more self-management questions and education, and to

focus on patient-centredness. The prototype template was

then developed for different clinical IT-systems; with an

opening question to establish patient agendas; refined content (with optional fields); links to patient-information; a closing prompt to confirm agendas are addressed and an action plan provided. The feasibility pilot phase identified

refinements needed, including changing the opening

question to be asthma focused. The pilot ensured the

Discussion

A multi-stage development process, aligned with the MRC

framework, contributed to the development of the asthma

review template. The IMP²ART programme is now being

tested in a UK-wide cluster randomised controlled trial [ref:

template integrated with the IMP²ART programme.

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