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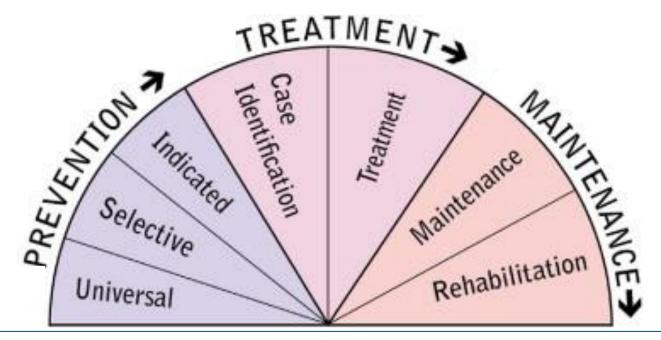
- Where to start? Which are the most important gaps?
- Two simulation studies
- Two examples of ICT applications to increase access to professional care
 - ProYouth
 - Dissemination
 - Facilitation of help-seeking
 - Outlook: ProHEAD
- Discussion



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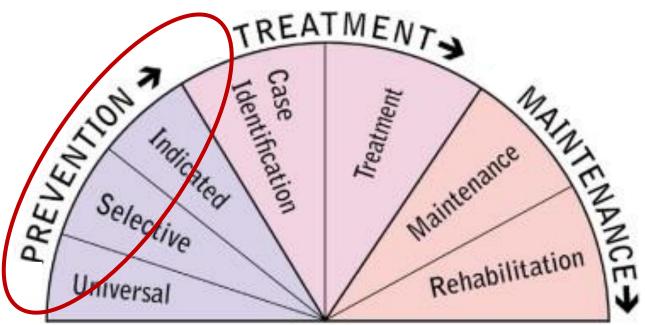
- Limited impact of mental health services on the overall disease burden
- Despite effective treatments, the overall disease burden (prevalence) has not been reduced significantly over the last decades
- Can technology help to increase the mental health impact of our services?



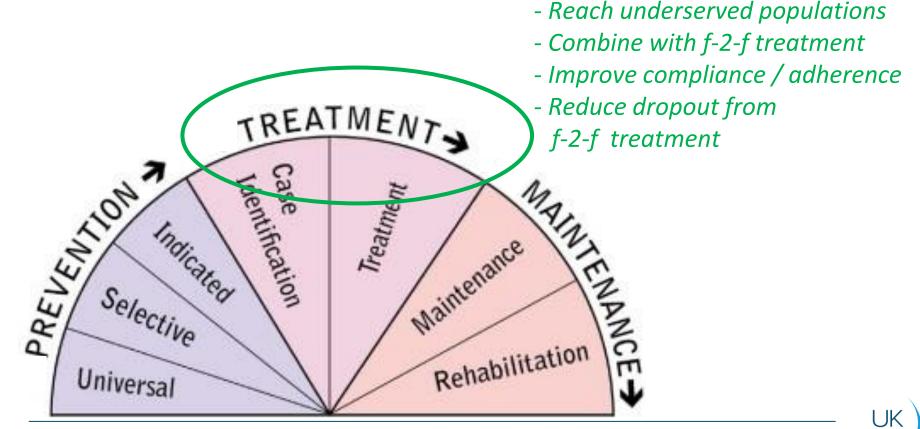




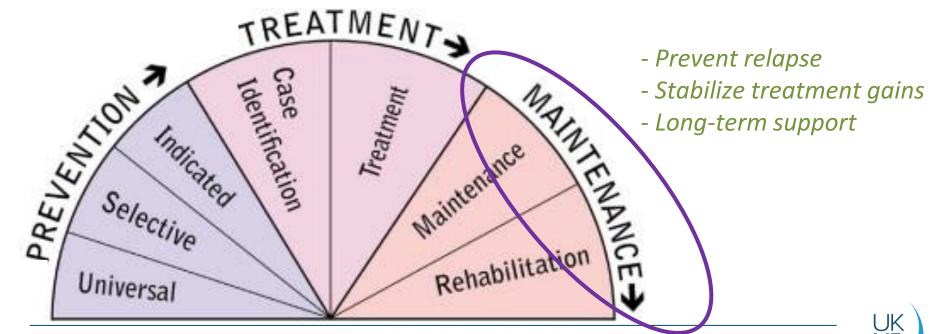
- prevention of illness onset
- early identification of illness onset
- facilitation of transition to treatment



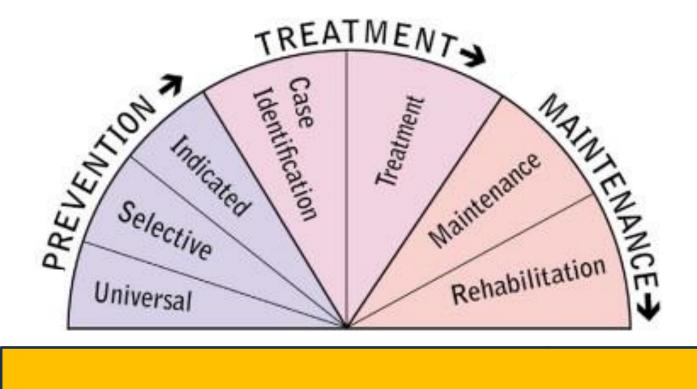




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65% - 80%



Introduction

- Technology has different properties than f2f approaches
 - We need smart ways how to combine the settings to optimize care
- > But where do we start?
- Simulation studies can support and guide decision making



Simulation study 1: Eating disorders

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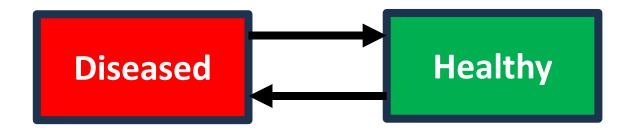
Maximizing the public health impact of eating disorder services: A simulation study

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Methods

- Markov model
- Transition probabilities between healths and diseased
 - Population's prevalence rate





Methods – Model Parameters

		Abbreviation	Definition	Estimate	SD^a
Incidence rate		inc	Transition rate from healthy to diseased in one year	.015	.004
Spontaneous remissions ^b		rem	Transition rate from diseased to healthy in one year (without treatment)	.2	.05
Prevention ^c	Effect ^c	preven	Proportion of transitions from healthy to diseased prevented	.4	.2
	Reach	r_preven	Proportion of target population participating in a prevention program	.1	.05
Treatment	Effect ^d	effect	Proportion of successful treatments that result in a transition from diseased to healthy	.55	.05
	Reach ^e	util	Proportion of diseased seeking treatment	.23	.04
	Effectiveness ^f	eff	Proportion of successful treatments in routine care compared to treatment effect (see above)	.7	.2
	Relapse ⁸	relapse	Proportion of successfully treated patients, that relapse	.5	.1
Relapse prevention	Effect ^h	after	Proportion of relapses prevented by participation in an aftercare program	.4	.1
	Reach	r_after	Proportion of successfully treated patients that participate in an aftercare/maintenance program	.1	.05

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 - Prevention only ~4%
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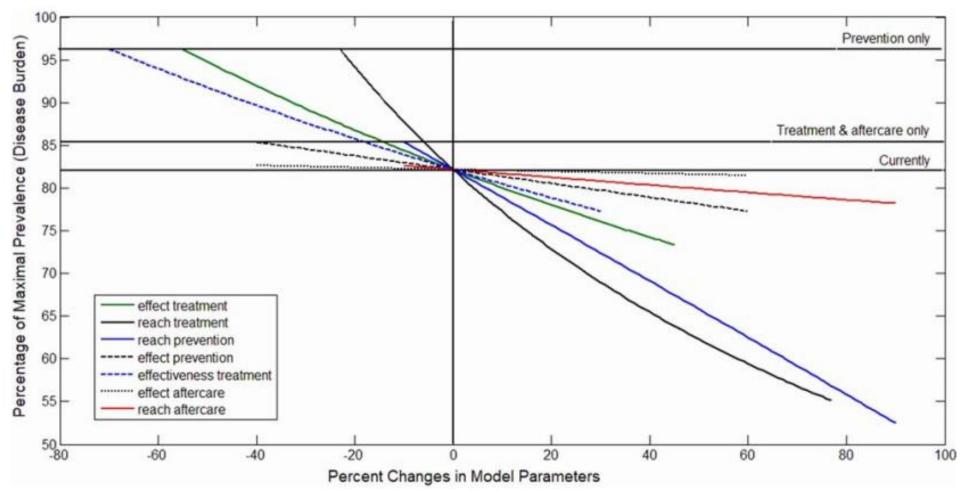


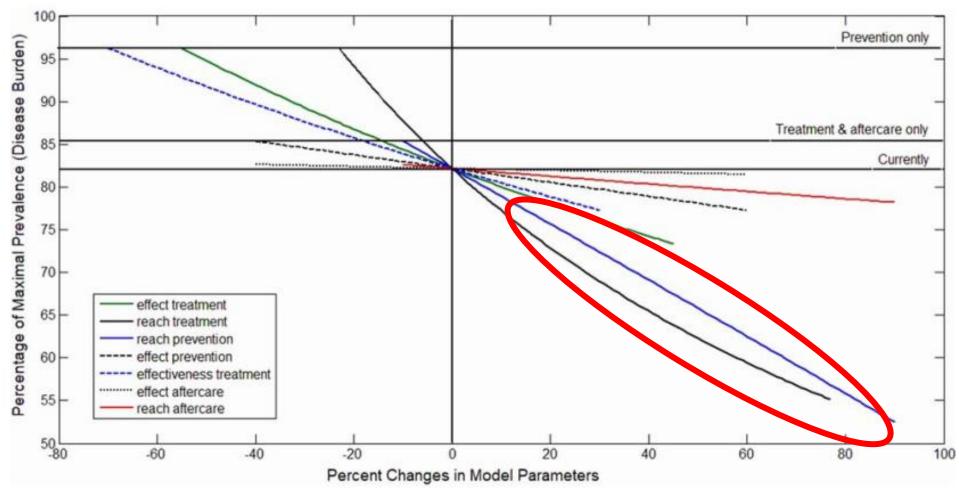
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 > SIMULATION







Conclusion

- Dissemination of treatment and prevention!
- Effectiveness of treatment is not critical

➤As long as only a minority seeks and receives professional help, new treatment do not have a great public health impact (even if they were more effective)!



Simulation study 2: Depression

Pinpointing the potential of strategies to reduce the burden of depression: a simulation study

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Methods

Markov model

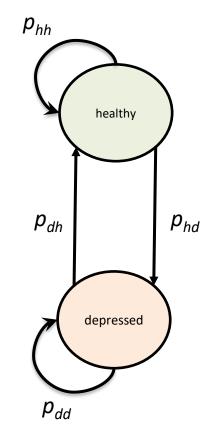
- Whole lives
- Monthly transitions between two states {healthy, depressed}
- Disease burden = proportion of months spent in depression

Parameters

- Epidemiology of depression
- Reach and effect of healthcare interventions
- Derived from literature

Stability

- 10,000 lives per Model x 1,000 Monte Carlo simulations









selection of model parameters

Parameter	Definition		
Effect-Prevention ^a	Preventive interventions reduce the first onset of depression by 21%.	.21	
Reach- Prevention	Proportion of target population receiving prevention measures estimated to be 5%.		
Effect- Treatment ^b	Proportion of patients who do not meet criteria for depression after treatment is 62%.		
Reach- Treatment ^c	Proportion of depressed who seek treatment within a year is about 33%.	.33	
Effect-Aftercare ^d	Aftercare interventions reduce the risk of recurrence by 36%.		
Reach-Aftercare	Proportion of those treated who receive aftercare estimated to be 5%.	.05	

Note: ^a van Zoonen et al. (2014); ^b Cuijpers et al. (2014); ^c Rommel et al. (2017); ^d Biesheuvel-Leliefeld et al. (2015).



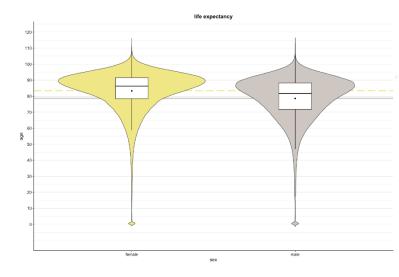
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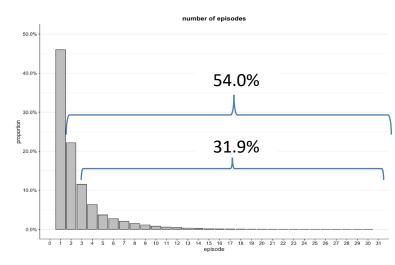
Plausibility

Sample: 10.000 cases x

1000 simulations

- Life expectancy *M* = 80.9 (*SD* = 13.7)
- 11.4% Lifetime prevalence
- 54.0% > 1 episode
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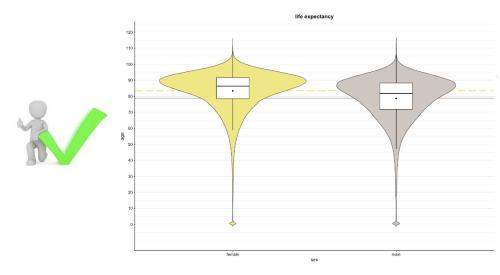


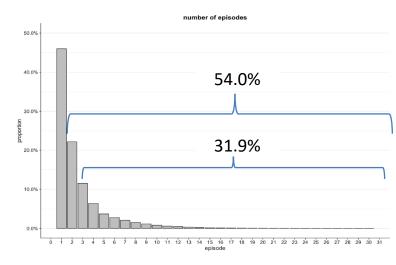
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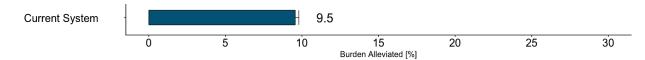
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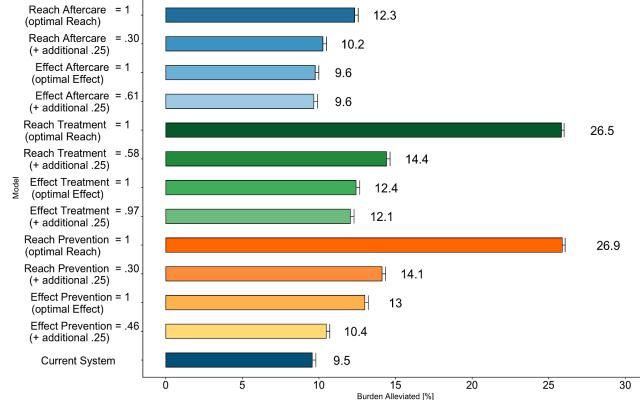




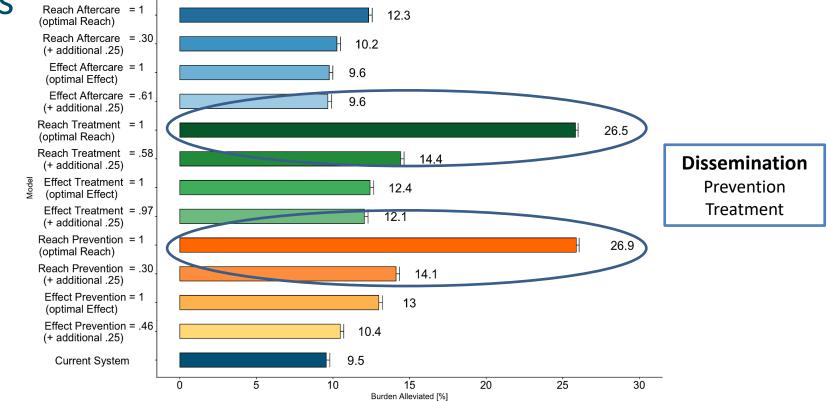


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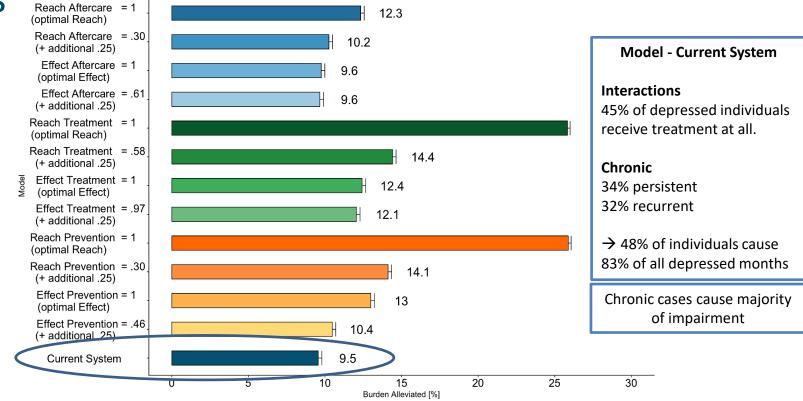




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Summary

- Reach of prevention and treatment most promising in ED and depression!
- Majority of suffering in depression is caused by chronic cases
- Dissemination of treatment & prevention is crucial



Exploiting technology to facilitate helpseeking and to disseminate prevention

Two brief examples:

- ProYouth
 - Dissemination
 - Access to care
- ProHEAD (teaser)



Example II: ProYouth

- ProYouth ED prevention
 - Internet-based, open
 - Targeted
 - Individualised
 - Unstructured
 - Modules
 - Screening, weekly monitoring & feedback, psychoeducation, news section
 - Group chats, personal chats, forum, alarm system

Welcome to

ProYouthI

Vítejte na

ProYouth!

Benvenuto sul

ProYouth!

Bine ati venit la

ProYouth!



The European initiative for the promotion of mental health and the prevention of eating disorders New data privacy declaration





Bienvenue à

ProYouth!











- How can we successfully disseminate the intervention?
 - Cost and reach of dissemination strategies
- (How can we reach the target population?)
 - At risk adolescents



Dissemination Strategies

- Channels of Dissemination
 - Promotion in high schools
 - Promotion at universities
 - Face-to-face activities
 - Online promotion (e.g. Internet forums, online magazines)
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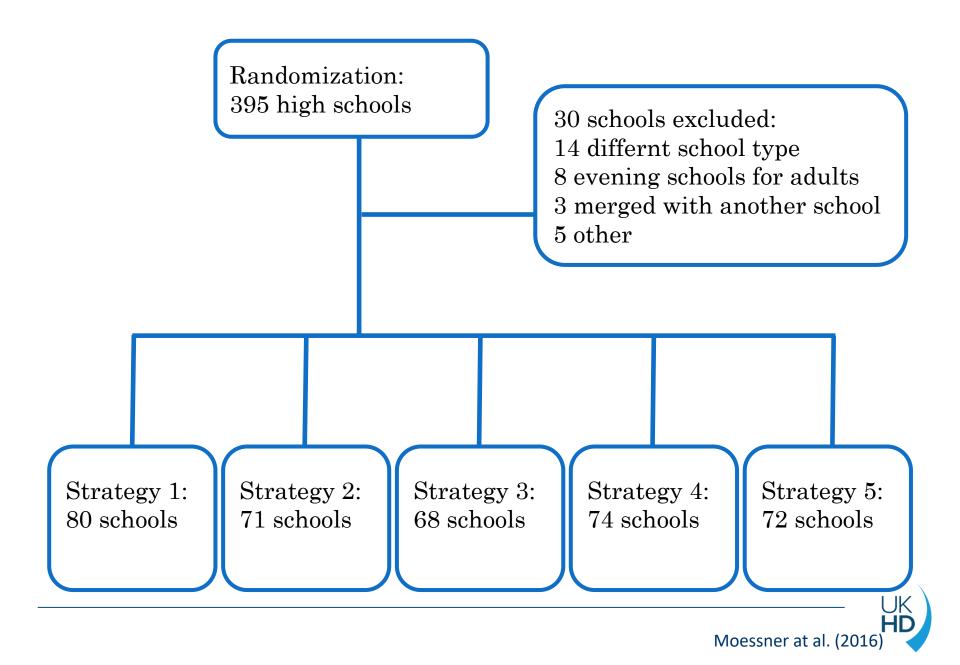
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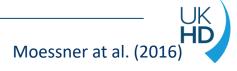
- RCT to investigate cost-effectiveness
- 395 schools were randomized to 5 strategies, stratified by contact person & type of school:
 - Strategy 1: Information materials
 - Strategy 2: Phone call / Email contact & Information materials
 - Strategy 3: Phone call / Email contact, Student representative, Information materials
 - Strategy 4: Phone call / Email contact, Psycho-education (f2f), Information materials
 - Strategy 5: Phone call / Email contact, Psycho-education (f2f), Workshop (computer room), Information materials





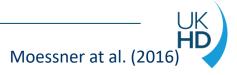
Outcome Criteria

- Cost:
 - Printing, mail, transportation, staff time (emails, phone calls, etc.)
- Effect:
 - Page visits, screenings, registrations



- Participation rate:
 - Strategy 1: 100%
 - Strategy 2: 88.7%
 - Strategy 3: 50.0%
 - Strategy 4: 23.0%
 - Strategy 5: 6.9%

- (no choice)
- (63 schools)
- (34 schools)
- (17 schools)
- (5 schools)



Cost per Strategy (€)

	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	S 5
	(N=80)	(N=71)	(N=68)	(N=74)	(N=72)
Time	240	275	299.90	3226.50	2455.00
Travels	-	-	-	870.20	189.80
Materials	622.20	404.35	229.70	30.31	16.40
Total	862.20	679.35	529.60	4127.01	2661.20



Reach/ Effect

	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	S 5
	(N=80)	(N=71)	(N=68)	(N=74)	(N=72)
visit	49	37	26	229	941
screening	21	17	7	150	806
registration	2	8	2	55	388
				Moessner	at al. (2016)

Cost/ Effect Ratios

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€/ screening	862.20/ 21 = 41.06	679.35/ 17 = 39.96	529.60/ 7 = 75.66	4127.20/ 150 = 27.51	2661.20/ 806 = 3.30
€/ registration	862.20/ 2 = 431.10	679.35/ 8 = 84.92	529.60/ 2 = 264.80	4127.20/ 55 = 75.04	2661.20/ 388 = 6.86
				Moessner a	t al. (2016) 🥣

Discussion

- Dissemination
 - Major obstacle for the implementation of prevention into routine care
 - Implementation fails when dissemination fails
 - Challenging and expensive!
 - Budget is necessary
 - RCT efficacy trials are misleading when it comes to dissemination (incentives, «unlimited» ressources!)
- Need for effective & cost-effective strategies!
 - Yet, hardly any research



Facilitate access to conventional care

- Measures in ProYouth
 - Low-threshold access
 - Psychoeducation & destigmatization
 - Alarm signals & "personal" contact



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 - Low-threshold access
 - Psychoeducation & destigmatization
 - Alarm signals & "personal" contact
 - Can ProYouth facilitate access to routine care ??



Methods

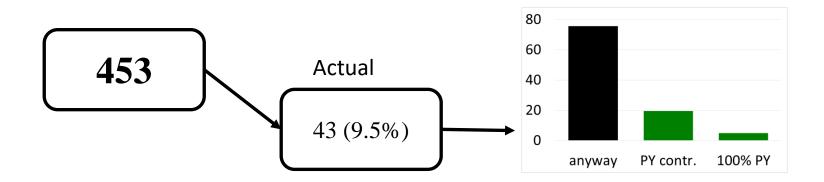
- Observational study
- N=453 ProYouth participants
- Assessed at registration and 3 months follow-up
 - Help-seeking
 - Planned help-seeking
 - Potential help-seeking
- IF YES: Contribution of ProYouth?
- IF NO: Barriers (why not)?



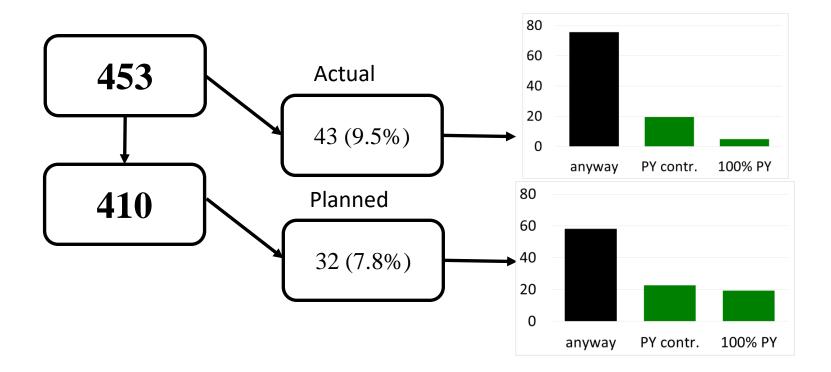
Sample (N=453)

- 72.2% female
- Age: M=15.7 (SD=4.8; range 12-56)
- 84.3% high school students, 7.1% university students
- BMI: M=20.5 (SD=3.9)
- WCS score: M=36.4 (SD=26.4)
- PHQ-4: M=2.8 (SD=3.0)
- 6.6% prior ED treatment
- 82.1% introduced at school; 6.2% link on Internet

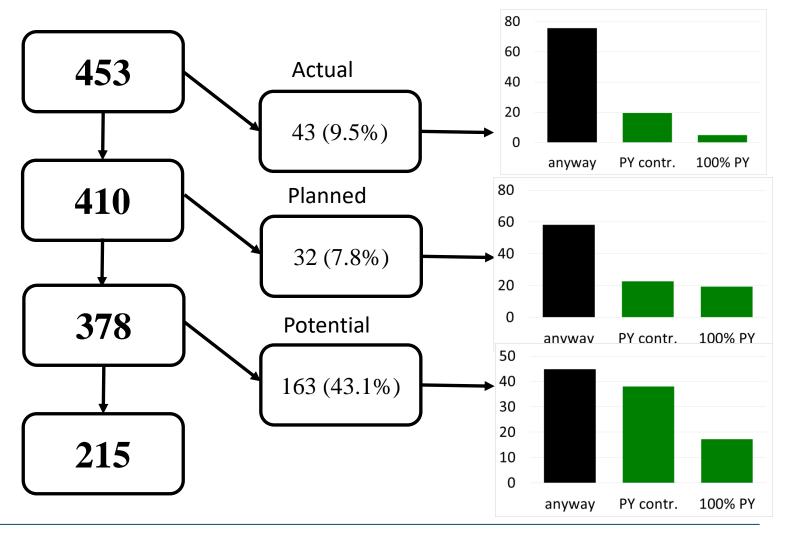








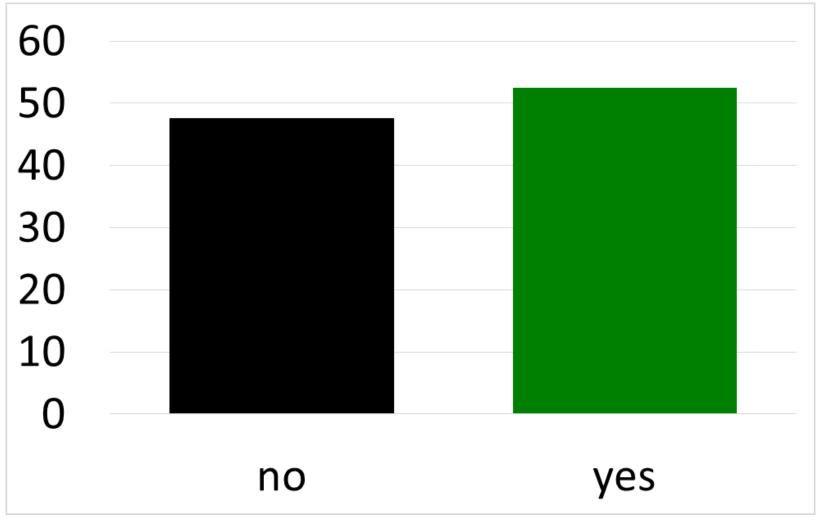




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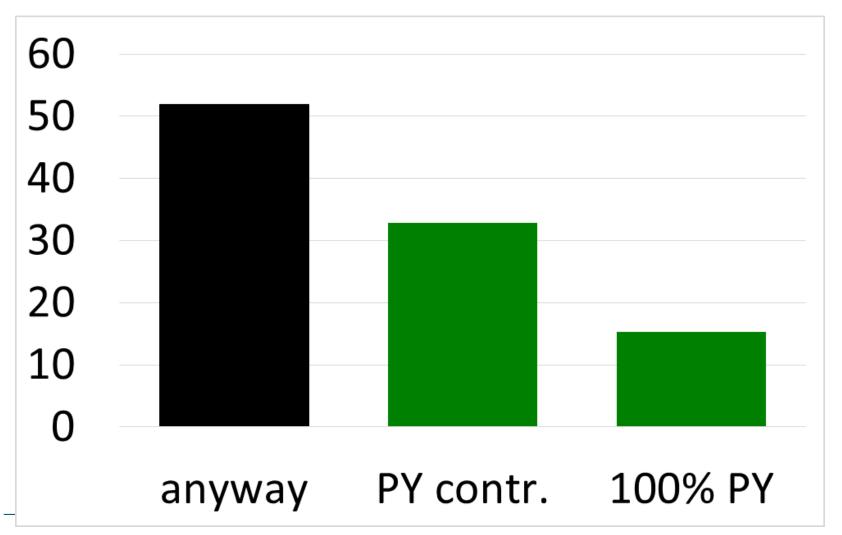
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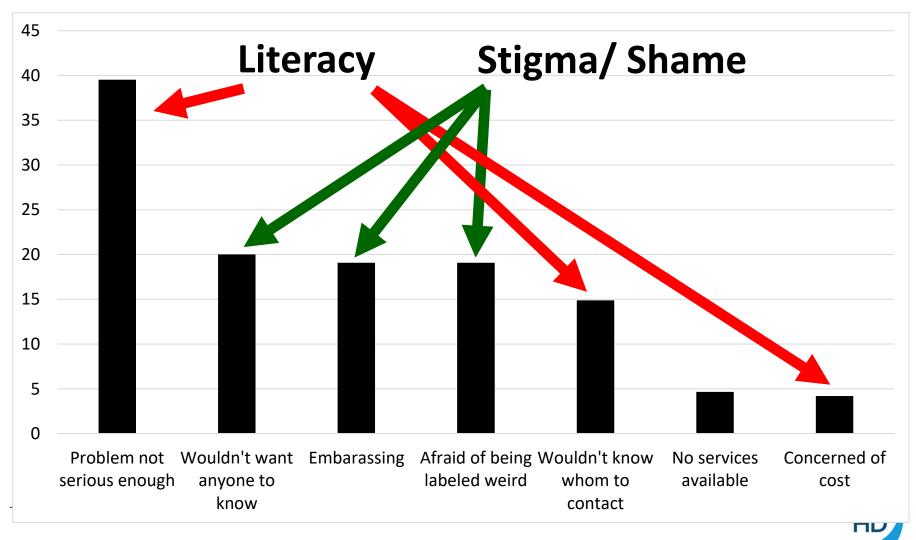


Help-seeking





Barriers



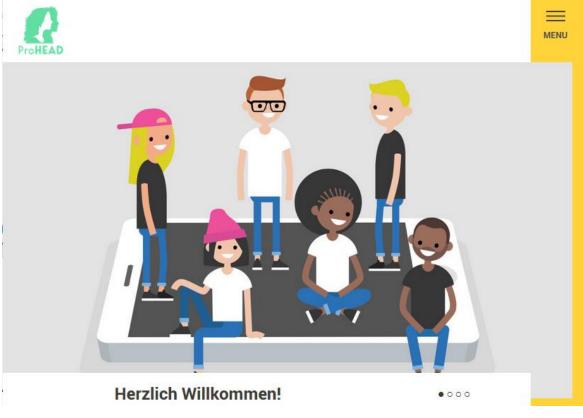
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Conclusion

- Preliminary evidence:
 - ProYouth facilitates access to routine care
 - Effect on public health beyond prevention
- BUT:
 - Requires lots of resources (most of the overall resources)
 - Internet-based prevention is hard to disseminate
 - ≻Not perfect.....



Promoting Help-seeking using E-technology for ADolescents (ProHEAD)





Federal Ministry of Education and Research



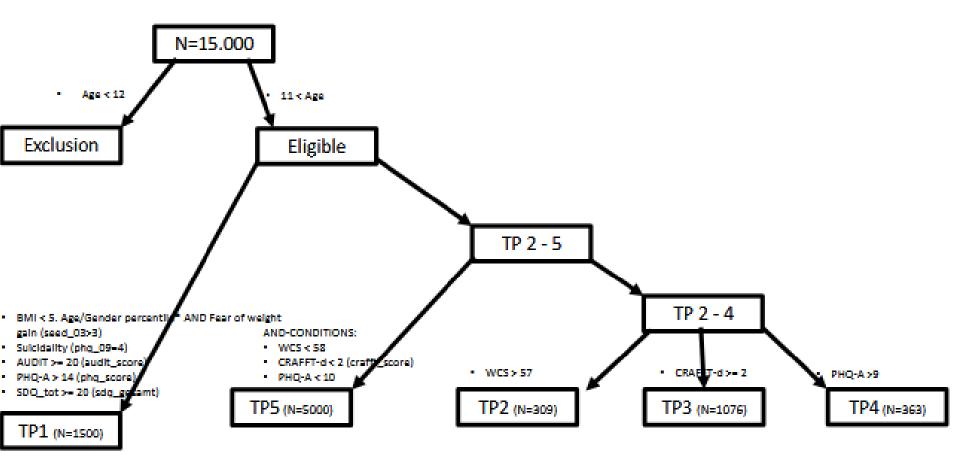
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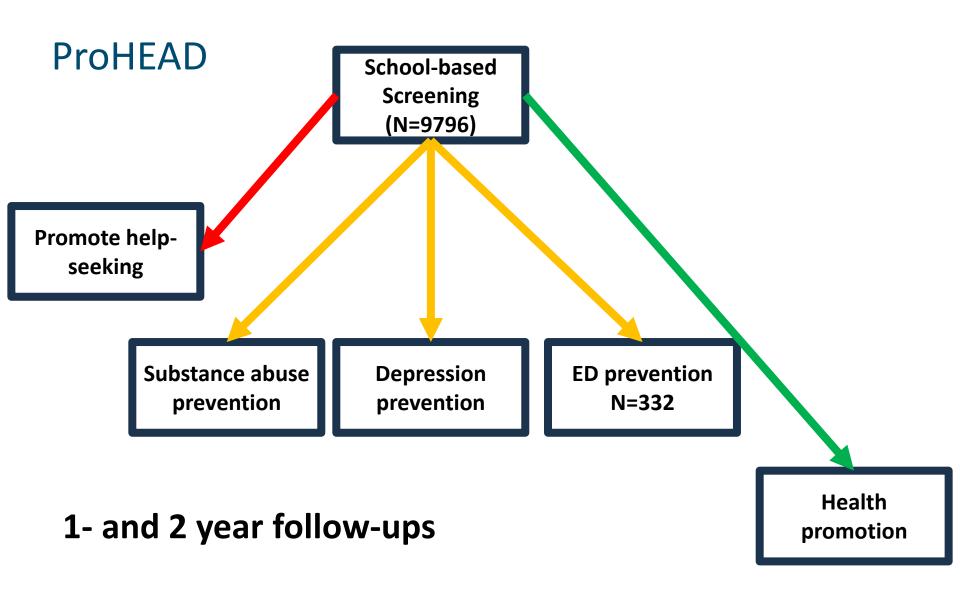
- School-based screenings
- Assignment to 1 of 5 trials based on individual symptoms/ problems
- 5 RCTs for
 - Promotion of help-seeking
 - Prevention of substance abuse
 - Prevention of depression
 - Prevention of ED
 - Health promotion













ProHEAD

- Data collection ended 08/ 2023
 - No final results, yet.... 😕
- Preliminary results subproject 2: ED prevention
 - High user satisfaction & acceptance
 - Addition of new moduls did not yield better effects



Preliminary results ED prevention

				PRE-POST
ProYouth	AUF	ENT	FU	ES
EDEQ TOT	2.69; 1.01	2.19; 1.14	2.17; 1.36	0.57
EDEQ_WEIGHT	3.23; 1.35	2.61; 1.40	2.71; 1.59	
EDEQ_SHAPE	3.54; 1.26	3.01; 1.48	2.97; 1.71	
EDEQ_RESTRAINT	2.25; 1.48	1.75; 1.25	1.59; 1.47	
EDEQ_EATING	1.75; 1.33	1.38; 1.26	1.43; 1.34	
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EDEQ_TOT	2.51; 0.92	1.85; 1.07	1.80; 1.17	0.59
EDEQ_WEIGHT	3.18; 1.22	2.34; 1.27	2.25; 1.41	
EDEQ_SHAPE	3.44; 1.21	2.55; 1.35	2.46; 1.42	
EDEQ_RESTRAINT	2.03; 1.30;	1.45; 1.37	1.35; 1.30	
EDEQ_EATING	1.38; 0.98	1.05; 1.09	1.12; 1.11	
GROUP				
EDEQ_TOT	2.60; 1.05	2.18; 1.31	1.94; 1.48	0.38
EDEQ_WEIGHT	3.25; 1.27	2.65; 1.58	2.31; 1.59	
EDEQ_SHAPE	3.51; 1.30	2.95; 1.58	2.59; 1.74	
EDEQ_RESTRAINT	2.18; 1.36	1.73; 1.46	1.51; 1.58	
EDEQ_EATING	1.47; 1.26	1.40; 1.24	1.37; 1.44	
Total				
EDEQ_TOT	2.60; 0.99	2.06; 1.18	1.98; 1.34	0.48
EDEQ_WEIGHT	3.22; 1.28	2.52; 1.42	2.44; 1.54	
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Summary ProHEAD

- Efficient way to
 - Disseminate prevention in schools
 - Increase mental health literacy in children and adolescents
 - Intervention targeting help-seeking proved to be well accepted and promising
 - Efficacious???



Discussion

- Limited public health impact of services
- Shift of focus needed
 - − Efficacy ▶ public health impact
 - − Efficacy trials ► service research
 - − Success stories ► needs, shortcomings, & risks
- Technology-based interventions can help to overcome the shortcomings of traditional services
 We need to figure out how!



Discussion

- Problems of traditional health differ between countries and disorders
 - Limited help-seeking seems to be universal (for different reasons though)
- Specific properties of technology-based interventions
 - Address some of the problems of traditional health care
 - Yet, dissemination is challenging!



Thank you for your attention!

Comments?

Questions?

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How to reach "at risk" adolescents

- Promotion in high schools
- Promotion at universities
- Face-to-face activities
- Online promotion (e.g. Internet forums, online magazines)
- Social media

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• Traditional media



Observational Study

- N=3.548 ProYouth participants
 - Asked at registration
- Mean age 16,6 (SD=5,4)
- 69,5 % female
- Strategies:
 - School-based (N=2.739; 77,2%)
 - Online dissemination (N=255; 7,2%)
 - Links in forums, etc.
 - Peers (recommended by friends) (N=141; 4,0%)
 - Flyers/ posters (N=118; 3,3%)
 - Other (N=295; 8,3%)

User characteristics

		Total (N = 3548)	School (N = 2739)	Online link (N = 255)	Recommen- ded by friend (N = 141)	Flyer/ poster (N = 118)	Other (N = 295)	Test statistics	p
Age	M (SD)	16.6 (5.40)	15.0 (2.58)	22.3 (7.40)	20.9 (8.3)	23.2 (8.5)	22.5 (7.7)	F _(4,3542) = 438.2	<.001
Sex	% female	69.5	62.7	96.1	90.1	89.0	91.2	$\chi 2_{_{\rm (4)}} = 260.9$	<.001

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BMI	M (SD)	20.76 (3.98)	20.68 (3.79)	20.94 (4.37)	20.50 (4.25)	21.21 (4.70)	21.26 (4.80)	F _(4,3486) 1.99	.093
WCS	M (SD)	40.3 (28.3)	32.4 (24.1)	72.9 (22.0)	64.9 (26.3)	63.6 (26.1)	62.7 (25.6)	F _(4,3542) = 310.2	<.001
WCS > 57	%	29.0	17.4	78.8	65.7	63.6	63.1	$\chi 2_{(4)} = 812.7$	<.001
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Low calorie food¹	%	38.9	29.0	81.2	69.5	63.6	69.5	$\chi 2_{(4)} = 507.0$	<.001
Exercise ¹	%	48.2	46.7	58.0	61.0	52.5	46.4	$\chi 2_{(4)} = 23.0$	<.001
Bingeing and vomiting ¹	%	9.7	3.4	42.0	27.0	28.8	24.7	$\chi 2_{(4)} = 599.3$	<.001
Previous tx	%	8.9	2.7	34.9	29.1	22.0	28.9	$\chi 2_{_{(4)}} = 584.5$	<.001

User characteristics

		Total (N = 3548)	School (N = 2739)	Online link (N = 255)	Recommen- ded by friend (N = 141)	Flyer/ poster (N = 118)	Other (N = 295)	Test statistics	р
Age	M (SD)	16.6 (5.40)	15.0 (2.58)	22.3 (7.40)	20.9 (8.3)	23.2 (8.5)	22.5 (7.7)	F _(4.3542) = 438.2	<.001
Sex	% female	69.5	62.7	96.1	90.1	89.0	91.2	$\chi 2_{_{(4)}} = 260.9$	<.001
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User behaviour - Logins

- M (Md [IQR])
- School
- Online
- Recommended
- Flyer/ poster
- Other

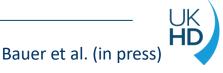
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User behaviour - PageHits

- School
- Online
- Recommended
- Flyer/ poster
- Other
- M (Md [IQR])

12.8 (2 [0-11]) 129.9 (19 [2-53]) 116 (13 [3-34]) 63.4 (11 [0-28]) 98.8 (15 [0-39])



User behaviour – Forum posts & Chats

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•	School		Posts (%)		Chats (%)
•	Online		11.4		10.2
•	Recommended	9.9		11.4	
•	Flyer/ poster		5.1		8.5
•	Other		10.2		7.8



Example I

The Impact of Video-Based Micro-Interventions on Attitudes towards Mental Health and Help-Seeking: An Online-Experiment (INABI)

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INABI



- Barriers to help-seeking
 - Mental health literacy
 - Stigma
 - Help-seeking attitudes
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- How can we address these barriers and increase helpseeking online?

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- Idea: Video-based interventions
- Develop educational "fun" videos for adolescents that facilitate help-seeking
 - Cheap
 - Easy to disseminate
- Based on case vignettes for 5 disorders



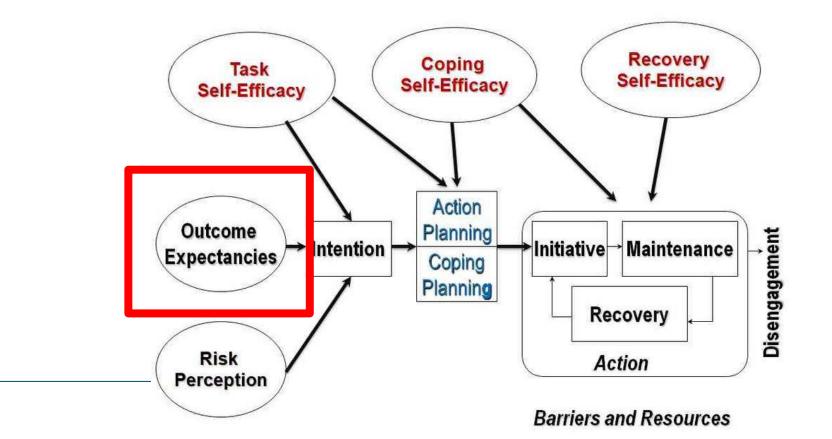
Intervention

- Intervention 1: Psychoeducation to increase mental health literacy
 - What is the specific disorder?
 - What are symptoms, reasons, early warning signs?
 - Why should I get help?
 - Where do I get help?
 - Whom can I talk to?



Intervention

Intervention 2: Outcome Expectancies (health action process approach (HAPA))



Interventions



- All videos were made with powtoon
 - By experts for the specific disorder
- For each of the diagnosis, a case vignette was produced:
 - A young girl/ boy suffering from the disorder, not naming the disorder





Objectives

- 1. To investigate the effectiveness in the promotion of potential MH help-seeking
- 2. To investigate effectiveness in the improvement of attitudes towards MH problems and MH service use (stigmatization, attitudes toward seeking MH services).
- 3. To investigate the quality of the videos.



Methods

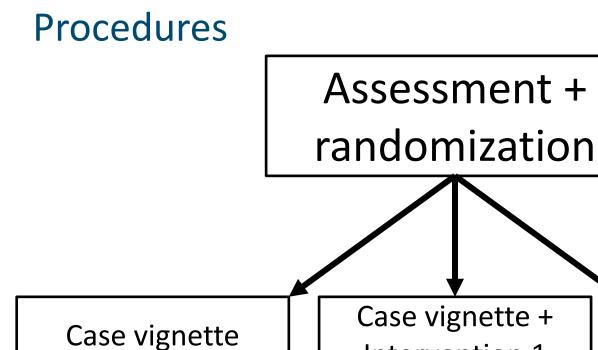
- Online experiment for five disorders
 - Bulimia nervosa
 - Depression
 - NSSI
 - GAD
 - Alcohol abuse
- Inclusion criteria:
 - German language skills
 - Age between 14 & 29

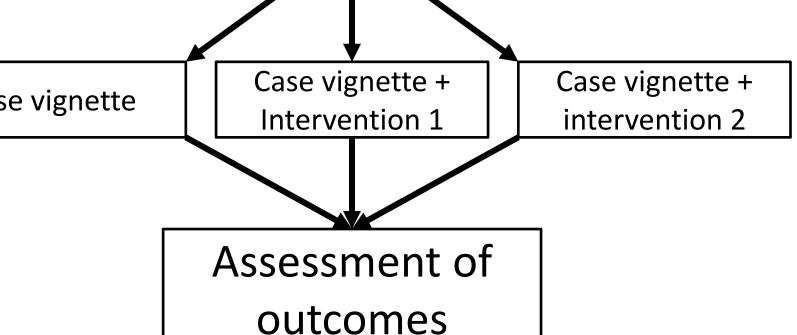


Methods

- ANCOVA, random effects for condition
- Subgroup analyses: separate for each condition
- Primary outcome: potential professional helpseeking (psychologist, psychiatrist)
- Secondary ourcomes: informal help-seeking, stigma, attitudes towards help-seeking

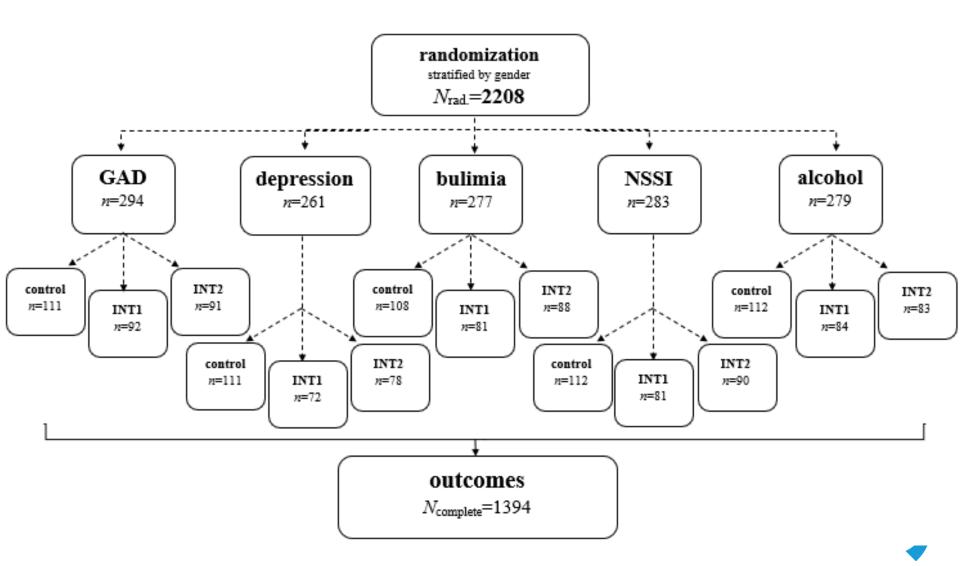








Flow



Sample characteristics (N=1394)

		M (SD) /
		n (%)
Age	M(SD)	20.97 (3.67)
Gender	Female	1109 (79.56)
	Male	254 (18.22)
	Diverse	31 (2.22)
Actual help-seeking	None/never	770 (55.24)
	Current	273 (19.58)
	Past	351 (25.18)
Knowing someone vith MH issues?	Yes	1285 (92.18)
	No	109 (7.82)
mmigration		20.8%
background		20.070

Sample characteristics (N=1394)

GAD-7	M(SD)	8.38 (5.00)		
	Minimal/ no anxiety (0-4)	370 (26.54)		
	Mild (5-9)	501 (35.94)		
	Moderate (10-14)	330 (23.67)		
	Severe (≥ 15)	193 (13.85)		
PHQ-9	M(SD)	9.56 (6.07)		
	Minimal/ no depression (0-4)	333 (23.89)		
	Mild (5-9)	430 (30.85)		
	Moderate (10-14)	347 (24.89)		
	Moderately severe (15-19)	171 (12.27)		
	Severe (≥ 20)	113 (8.11)		
WCS	M(SD)	34.50 (24.65)		
	High risk (≥ 57)	273 (19.58)		
	Low risk (< 57)	1121 (80.42)		
SITBI-G	Lifetime NSSI	479 (34.36)		
	12-month NSSI	265 (19.01)		
AUDIT-C	M(SD)	2.51 (2.08)		
	Abstinent (0)	319 (22.88)		
	Moderate (1-3)	645 (46.27)		
	Hazardous (≥ 4)	430 (30.85)		



Results – Primary Outcome

	total λ≔1394	CG n=554	INT1 n=410	INT2 n=430	F (2,1385)	Р	Pairwise comparisons
Potential help-seeking (GHSQ) ^a							
Professional max. M (SD)	4.74 (1.81)	4.65 (1.88)	4.82 (1.74)	4.76 (1.79)	.99	.37	
Informal max. M (SD)	5.86 (1.38)	5.87 (1.37)	5.73 (1.43)	5.95 (1.35)	3.75	.02	INT2 > INT1
None M (SD)	3.07 (2.01)	3.08 (2.02)	3.20 (1.99)	2.94 (2.01)	2.68	.07	

*controlled for age & help-seeking



Results – Secondary Outcomes

Stigma (USS) ⁶							
Blame M (SD)	4.47 (.64)	4.41 (.68)	4.50 (.65)	4.50 (.58)	3.25	.04	INT1, INT2 > CG
Distrust M (SD)	3.94 (.79)	3.84 (.79)	3.97 (.79)	4.02 (.78)	8.01	<.001	INT1, INT2 > CG
Help-seeking attitudes (IASMHS)							
Psychological Openness M (SD)	21.20 (4.82)	21.05 (4.84)	21.65 (4.70)	20.97 (4.89)	1.67	.19	
Help-seeking propensity <i>M</i> (SD)	20.95 (5.29)	20.78 (5.41)	21.04 (5.14)	21.09 (5.27)	.48	.62	
Indifference to stigma <i>M (SD)</i>	23.37 (6.31)	23.83 (6.06)	23.02 (6.51)	23.13 (6.40)	3.18	.04	CG > INT1

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Results – Acceptance & Transportation

General likability M (SD)	3.94 (.81)	3.85 (.78)	4.10 (.79)	3.90 (.84)	12.20	<.001	INT1 > CG, INT2
Comprehensibility M (SD)	4.82 (.45)	4.79 (.50)	4.82 (.45)	4.85 (.40)	2.01	.13	
Interestingness M (SD)	3.86 (.96)	3.84 (.93)	3.98 (.94)	3.76 (.99)	6.39	.002	INT1 > CG, INT2
Transportation (TS-SF) M (SD)	4.49 (1.24)	4.53 (1.21)	4.58 (1.25)	4.37 (1.27)	4.23	.02	CG, INT1 > INT2

*controlled for age & help-seeking



Conclusion

- Video interventions are a promising mean to facilitate access to care
- Increasing positive outcome expectancies seems especially promising
- YET:
 - Small effects
 - Effects only for INFORMAL help-seeking (& stigma)

