

TITLE: Sociodemographic, personal, and disease-related determinants of referral to patient-reported outcome-based follow-up of remote outpatients: a prospective cohort study

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Appendix 1: Multiple imputation models

Based on the assumption that data were missing at random, 100 complete datasets were created based on a model (model 1) of all relevant variables measured in the population (age, gender, cohabitation status, education, household income, labour market affiliation, co-morbidity, psychiatric diseases, duration of epilepsy diagnosis, and questionnaire scores). The robustness of the imputed model was evaluated by modifying the variables in the model (model 2 and 3).

MODEL 1																												
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(regress	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode	charlson_index_lpr_recode	psyk	dg40_varighed_aar_ny		hlq_4_score	hlq_6_score	hlq_9_score	gse_score	who5	sf_gh1h	pam_5	pam_12	pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	hlq_6_score	///	
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(regress	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode	charlson_index_lpr_recode	psyk	dg40_varighed_aar_ny		hlq_4_score	hlq_6_score	hlq_9_score	gse_score	who5	sf_gh1h	pam_5	pam_12	pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	gse_score	///	
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(ologit	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode	charlson_index_lpr_recode	psyk			hlq_4_score	hlq_6_score	hlq_9_score	gse_score	who5	sf_gh1h	pam_5	pam_12	pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	pam_5	///	
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MODEL 2																												
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(regress	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode					hlq_4_score	hlq_6_score	hlq_9_score	gse_score	who5	sf_gh1h	pam_5	pam_12	pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	hlq_4_score	///	
(regress	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode					hlq_4_score	hlq_6_score	hlq_9_score	gse_score	who5	sf_gh1h	pam_5	pam_12	pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	hlq_6_score	///	
(regress	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode					hlq_4_score	hlq_6_score	hlq_9_score	gse_score	who5	sf_gh1h	pam_5	pam_12	pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	hlq_9_score	///	
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(ologit	,	include(alder	sex		udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode					hlq_4_score	hlq_6_score	hlq_9_score	gse_score	who5		pam_5	pam_12	pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	who5	///	
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(ologit	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode					hlq_4_score	hlq_6_score	hlq_9_score	gse_score	who5	sf_gh1h	pam_5		pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	pam_12	///	
MODEL 3																												
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(ologit	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode			psyk											pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	bor_alene	///
(ologit	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode	charlson_index_lpr_recode		psyk											pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	///
(regress	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode	charlson_index_lpr_recode		psyk											pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	udd_grp	///
(regress	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode	charlson_index_lpr_recode	psyk	dg40_varighed_aar_ny											pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	hlq_4_score	///
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(regress	,	include(alder	sex	bor_alene	udd_grp	AEKVIVADISP_13_grp_recode	dream_grp_recode	charlson_index_lpr_recode	psyk	dg40_varighed_aar_ny											pseudo1	pseudo2	pseudo3)	hlq_9_score	///
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Appendix 2: Original raw analyses

Risk ratio (RR) of referral to PRO-based follow-up 6, 12, and 18 months after the first visit at Department of Neurology, Aarhus University Hospital according to register determinants ($N=802$)

	6-month follow-up		12-month follow-up		18-month follow-up	
	Crude RR	Adjusted RR ^a	Crude RR	Adjusted RR ^a	Crude RR	Adjusted RR ^a
Age, years						
15–24	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
25–39	1.03 (0.63–1.67)	0.98 (0.58–1.66)	0.90 (0.59–1.37)	0.84 (0.53–1.31)	0.89 (0.59–1.32)	0.79 (0.51–1.24)
40–59	1.04 (0.66–1.65)	0.87 (0.52–1.44)	0.98 (0.67–1.44)	0.83 (0.54–1.28)	0.97 (0.67–1.40)	0.83 (0.55–1.25)
60–69	1.08 (0.65–1.77)	0.74 (0.42–1.30)	0.97 (0.63–1.48)	0.74 (0.45–1.21)	0.83 (0.55–1.26)	0.66 (0.40–1.06)
70–99	0.97 (0.61–1.54)	0.85 (0.48–1.49)	0.85 (0.57–1.27)	0.95 (0.57–1.61)	0.78 (0.53–1.16)	0.87 (0.52–1.43)
Gender						
Female	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Male	1.32 (0.97–1.79)	1.33 (0.94–1.87)	1.29 (0.99–1.69)	1.28 (0.97–1.70)	1.39 (1.07–1.80)	1.34 (1.02–1.75)
Cohabitation status						
Living with a partner/family	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Living alone	0.62 (0.44–0.87)	0.65 (0.44–0.95)	0.56 (0.41–0.76)	0.61 (0.43–0.86)	0.58 (0.43–0.79)	0.67 (0.48–0.93)
Education						
High (> 12 years)	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Medium (10–12 years)	1.06 (0.72–1.55)	1.00 (0.67–1.49)	1.31 (0.91–1.87)	1.25 (0.87–1.78)	1.26 (0.88–1.78)	1.19 (0.85–1.68)
Low (< 10 years)	0.56 (0.36–0.86)	0.47 (0.29–0.76)	0.69 (0.47–1.03)	0.63 (0.41–0.96)	0.73 (0.50–1.07)	0.66 (0.44–0.98)
Household income						
High	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Medium	0.46 (0.31–0.66)	0.61 (0.39–0.96)	0.52 (0.38–0.71)	0.71 (0.48–1.04)	0.49 (0.36–0.67)	0.67 (0.46–0.97)
Low	0.50 (0.35–0.72)	0.65 (0.43–0.99)	0.44 (0.32–0.62)	0.59 (0.41–0.85)	0.43 (0.31–0.59)	0.52 (0.36–0.75)
Labour market affiliation						
Self-supporting	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Normal retirement	0.69 (0.48–1.00)	0.71 (0.43–1.19)	0.71 (0.52–0.98)	0.94 (0.57–1.54)	0.63 (0.46–0.86)	0.82 (0.51–1.34)
Temporary social benefits	0.69 (0.46–1.02)	0.68 (0.45–1.03)	0.76 (0.54–1.07)	0.79 (0.55–1.11)	0.67 (0.49–0.94)	0.66 (0.47–0.93)
Permanent social benefits	0.38 (0.21–0.66)	0.52 (0.27–0.99)	0.43 (0.26–0.70)	0.56 (0.32–0.98)	0.39 (0.24–0.62)	0.48 (0.28–0.82)
Co-morbidity (Charlson Index)						
Low 0	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Medium 1–2	0.77 (0.53–1.12)	0.73 (0.48–1.11)	0.70 (0.50–0.97)	0.67 (0.46–0.97)	0.71 (0.52–0.97)	0.73 (0.51–1.03)
High > 2	1.02 (0.66–1.59)	0.98 (0.61–1.57)	0.79 (0.52–1.20)	0.80 (0.51–1.24)	0.68 (0.44–1.05)	0.72 (0.45–1.13)

Psychiatric disease

	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
No						
Yes	0.65 (0.37–1.15)	0.77 (0.43–1.38)	0.48 (0.27–0.86)	0.57 (0.31–1.04)	0.46 (0.25–0.83)	0.52 (0.28–0.96)

Numbers in round brackets are 95% confidence intervals (CIs). The estimated RRs and 95% CIs were obtained after multiple imputations in a generalised linear regression using the pseudo-value approach.

^a Mutual adjusted for age, gender, cohabitation status, education, and co-morbidity

Risk ratio (RR) of referral to PRO-based follow-up 6, 12, and 18 months after the first visit at Department of Neurology, Aarhus University Hospital according to questionnaire determinants ($N=411$)

	6-month follow-up		12-month follow-up		18-month follow-up	
	Crude RR	Adjusted RR ^a	Crude RR	Adjusted RR ^a	Crude RR	Adjusted RR ^a
Social support for health (HLQ4)						
High (> 2)	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Low (\leq 2)	0.57 (0.13–2.58)	0.32 (0.04–2.45)	0.50 (0.12–2.03)	0.32 (0.04–2.32)	0.45 (0.10–1.93)	0.34 (0.05–2.51)
Ability to actively engage with healthcare providers (HLQ6)						
High (> 3)	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Low (\leq 3)	0.70 (0.42–1.19)	0.78 (0.42–1.45)	0.64 (0.39–1.04)	0.68 (0.38–1.23)	0.64 (0.39–1.05)	0.69 (0.39–1.23)
Understanding health information well enough to know what to do (HLQ9)						
High (> 3)	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Low (\leq 3)	0.41 (0.21–0.82)	0.48 (0.23–0.98)	0.32 (0.16–0.65)	0.35 (0.17–0.74)	0.33 (0.17–0.66)	0.35 (0.17–0.73)
Self-efficacy (GSE)						
High (\geq 30)	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Low (< 30)	0.63 (0.43–0.93)	0.73 (0.48–1.13)	0.64 (0.45–0.90)	0.72 (0.49–1.07)	0.64 (0.46–0.90)	0.70 (0.49–1.01)
Well-being (WHO-5)						
High (\geq 50)	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Low (< 50)	0.71 (0.45–1.12)	0.78 (0.46–1.30)	0.57 (0.37–0.89)	0.62 (0.38–1.02)	0.50 (0.32–0.79)	0.57 (0.36–0.92)
General health						
Excellent/ Very good	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Good	1.21 (0.80–1.82)	1.20 (0.76–1.87)	0.99 (0.70–1.41)	0.97 (0.63–1.48)	0.87 (0.62–1.21)	0.84 (0.57–1.23)
Fair/ Poor	0.66 (0.39–1.14)	0.73 (0.42–1.27)	0.53 (0.32–0.86)	0.61 (0.36–1.02)	0.43 (0.26–0.71)	0.48 (0.29–0.82)
Patient activation ^b						
Agree Strongly/ Agree	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Disagree Strongly/ Disagree	0.54 (0.33–0.87)	0.54 (0.29–1.02)	0.57 (0.37–0.86)	0.59 (0.35–0.99)	0.49 (0.32–0.76)	0.50 (0.30–0.85)
Patient activation ^c						
Agree Strongly/ Agree	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Disagree Strongly/ Disagree	0.53 (0.33–0.87)	0.51 (0.29–0.91)	0.52 (0.34–0.81)	0.52 (0.31–0.89)	0.46 (0.29–0.72)	0.45 (0.26–0.77)

Abbreviations HLQ: Health Literacy Questionnaire; GSE: General Self-efficacy scale; WHO-5: WHO-Five Well-being Index

Numbers in round brackets are 95% confidence intervals (CIs). The estimated RRs and 95% CIs were obtained after multiple imputations in a generalised linear regression using the pseudo-value approach. ^a Adjusted for age, gender, cohabitation status, education, and co-morbidity

^b I am confident that I can tell when I need to get outpatient care

^c I am confident I can figure out solutions when new situations or problems arise with my health condition

Appendix 3: Sensitivity analysis

We assumed that self-reported health literacy missing data were lower than expected from the imputed dataset. For patients with missing self-reported health literacy data, health literacy scores were reduced with one point corresponding to approximately one standard deviation. Subsequently, the cumulative risk ratio (RR) was analysed by a generalised linear regression using the pseudo-value approach at the three time points.

Risk ratio (RR) of referral to PRO-based follow-up 6, 12, and 18 months after the first visit at Department of Neurology, Aarhus University Hospital according to self-reported health literacy ($N=802$)

	6-month follow-up		12-month follow-up		18-month follow-up	
	Crude RR	Adjusted RR ^a	Crude RR	Adjusted RR ^a	Crude RR	Adjusted RR ^a
Social support for health (HLQ4 score)	1.45 (1.19–1.77)	1.32 (1.04–1.67)	1.38 (1.16–1.65)	1.24 (1.02–1.51)	1.42 (1.18–1.71)	1.30 (1.06–1.59)
Ability to actively engage with healthcare providers (HLQ6 score)	1.40 (1.19–1.64)	1.27 (1.04–1.55)	1.38 (1.20–1.58)	1.28 (1.10–1.49)	1.39 (1.21–1.58)	1.30 (1.13–1.51)
Understanding health information well enough to know what to do (HLQ9 score)	1.42 (1.22–1.65)	1.30 (1.08–1.56)	1.35 (1.19–1.54)	1.26 (1.09–1.46)	1.38 (1.21–1.57)	1.31 (1.13–1.52)

Abbreviations HLQ: Health Literacy Questionnaire; GSE: General Self-efficacy scale; WHO-5: WHO-Five Well-being Index

Numbers in round brackets are 95% confidence intervals (CIs). The estimated RRs and 95% CIs were obtained after multiple imputations in a generalised linear regression using the pseudo-value approach.

^a Adjusted for age, gender, cohabitation status, education, and co-morbidity