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The MS@Work study

My name is Dennis van Gorp and I'm currently working as a PhD student on the MS@Work study. The MS@Work study is an observational, multicenter prospective cohort study that examines predictors of (changes in) employment status and work absenteeism in relapsing-remitting MS patients. We follow a group of 300 patients with relapsing-remitting MS from 16 outpatient clinic in the Netherlands over a period of three years. At baseline and after 6 months, 1, 2 and 3 years, participants are asked to complete online questionnaires, and undergo neurological and neuropsychological examinations. Possible factors, like (perceived) cognitive problems, fatigue, depression, personality, coping and physical disability are factors which could be addressed by physicians, psychologists and vocational rehabilitation therapists. Their combined effort, including early information provision and fitting interventions, should result in better work participation and improvement of quality of life for the MS patients.

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