

E-therapy for problem drinking:

The first results of a randomized controlled trial

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Alcoholdebaas.nl

- Website
- Forum
- Online treatment
 - Structured treatment protocol
 - Asynchronous interaction
 - Anonymous and personal
- Aftercare
- In the UK: www.lookatyourdrinking.com







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- Start internetbehandeling
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Demo behandeling →



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Welcome to

lookatyourdrinking.com

Are you worried that you may be drinking too much? Would you like to cut down, or stop? This website has been developed for people who are concerned about their drinking. You'll find facts, tips, and information about alcohol and drinking. We also have an online therapy programme you can participate in.

Our History

see TV coverage of our Dutch parent company





I keep making mistakes

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Nervous

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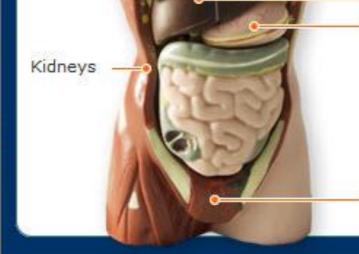
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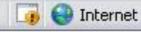
Alcohol and your body

Nervous system

Many people are familiar with the shaky hands that result from excessive drinking. This is one of the ways alcohol affects the nervous system. Damage is first apparent in the extremes of the longest nerves. Hands shake, and there can be less feeling in the feet, for example a 'dead' feeling in the skin (peripheral neuropathy). If the damage advances problems with balance may occur (ataxia), where walking turns into more of a stagger. The chances for recovery are increased if drinking stops in time.



Reproductive system



100%

Should I see the doctor?

Alcohol and vitamin by

If you expect to have withdrawal symptoms when you stop drinking, it is essential to contact your doctor (or GP) and ask for medical support to help you guit drinking.





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Phases online therapy

Part 1

Diagnosis and analysis

Examining drinking habits

Advice

Multidisciplinary team

Part 2

Change of behavior

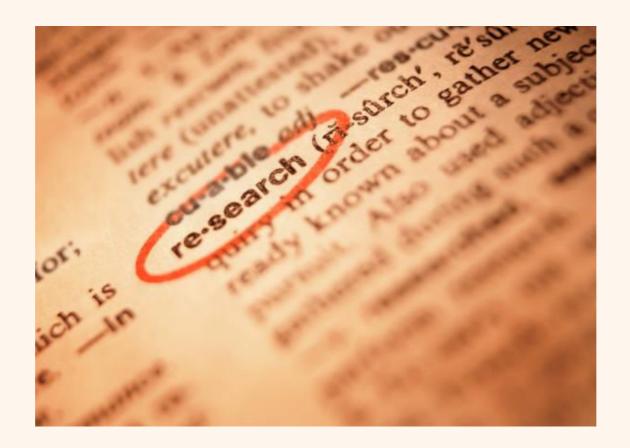
Stopping, cutting down, Preventing relapse

After care

At 3 and 6 months



Pilot results



Postel MG, de Jong CAJ, & de Haan HA (2005). Does e-therapy for problem drinking reach hidden populations? American Journal of

Psychiatry, 162 (12), 2393.

Postel MG, de Haan HA, & de Jong CAJ (Accepted). Evaluation of an e-therapy program for problem drinkers: A pilot study. Substance Use and Misuse.

Does e-therapy reach hidden populations?

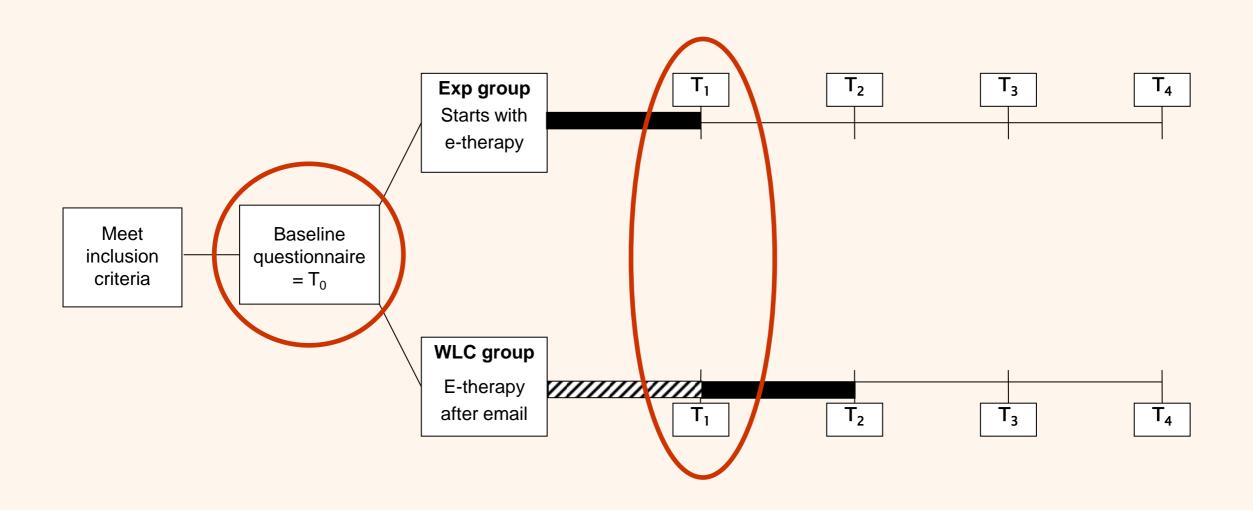
	E-therapy (n=172)	Face-to-face (n=172)
Females	55%	25%
Having a job	80%	33%
Higher educated	54%	15%
No prior treatment	75%	23%

Randomized Controlled Trial



Trial registration ISRCTN39104853, for more information: http://www.controlled-trials.com/isrctn39104853

RCT flow (n=156)



E-therapy

///////////////////// Email messages

Participants characteristics

- Female = 54%
- Higher educated = 58%
- Employed = 82%
- Mean age = 45 years
- Problem drinking = 100%
- Weekly alcohol consumption = 50.5 (M) and 36.2 (F) units
- DSM-IV diagnosis dependence = 81%
- Prior alcohol treatment = 14%**

^{**} Significant difference between E-therapy and Control group

Outcome measures

- Primary
 - Difference score weekly alcohol consumption
 - Proportion drinking within guidelines
- Secondary
 - Health status (GHQ-28 and MAP-HSS)
 - DASS score
 - Quality of life (EQ-5D)
- ITT (Last observation carried forward) and CO (completers only)

Weekly alcohol consumption (년句)

E-therapy group (n=36)

Control group (n=68)





Drinking within the guidelines

	E-therapy			Control			Test result	
	N	n (%)	OR	N	n (%)	NNT	X ²	р
ITT	78	48 (62%)	8.8	78	12 (15%)	2.1	X ² =35.1	<.001
СО	36	31 (86%)	31.0	66	11 (17%)	1.4	$X^2 = 46.4$	<.001



Secondary outcome measures (CO)

	E-therapy				Control Test result		
	N	Mean (SD)	d	N	Mean (SD)	95% CI	Р
GHQ score							
СО	36	13.8 (12.1)	1.15	66	4.4 (10.4)	9.37 (4.83 to 13.90)	<.001
MAP-HS	SS sco	re					
СО	36	5.4 (5.7)	.83	66	0.9 (3.6)	4.57 (2.73 to 6.40)	<.001
DASS total score							
СО	36	17.2 (19.4)	.86	66	1.6 (15.3)	15.65 (8.72 to 22.58)	<.001
EQ-VAS							
СО	36	-13.7 (30.5)	61	66	-1.6 (24.6)	-12.09 (-23.12 to -1.06)	<.05

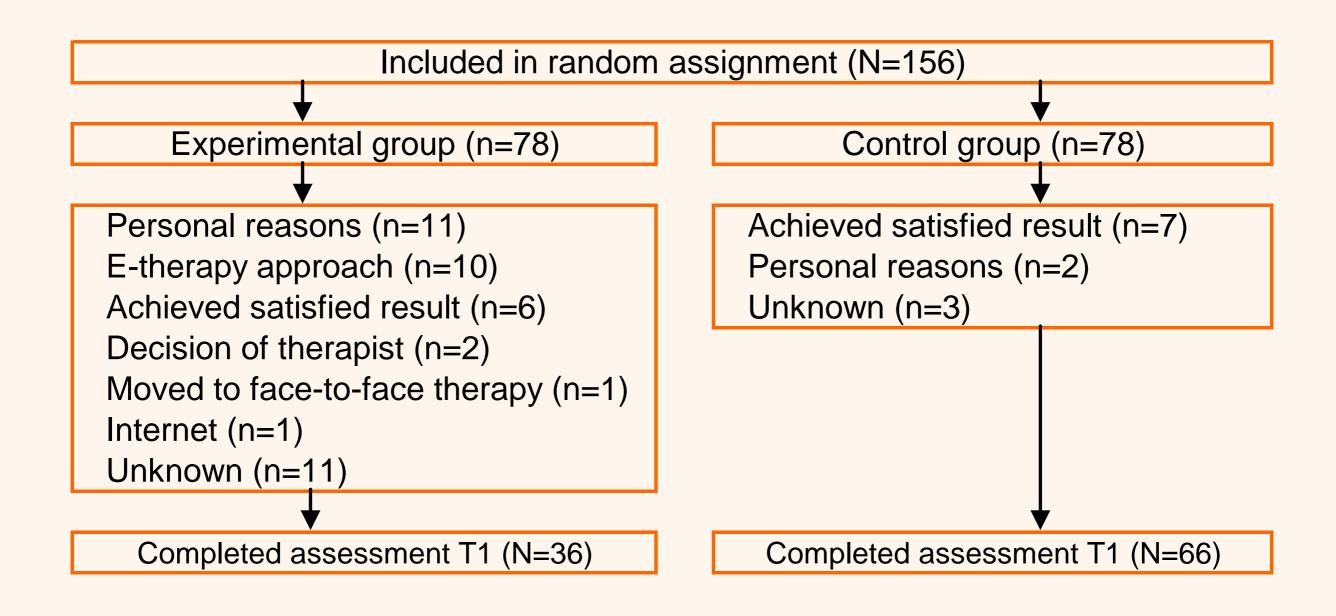


Secondary outcome measures (ITT)

	E-therapy				Control	Test result		
	N	Mean (SD)	d	N	Mean (SD)	95% CI	Р	
GHQ score								
ITT	78	6.4 (10.7)	.53	78	3.8 (9.7)	2.62 (-0.61 to 5.85)	ns	
MAP-H	SS scoi	re						
ITT	78	2.5 (4.7)	.38	78	0.7 (3.3)	1.77 (0.48 to 3.06)	<.01	
DASS total score								
ITT	78	7.9 (15.7)	.40	78	1.3 (14.1)	6.62 (1.90 to 11.33)	<.01	
EQ-VAS								
ITT	78	-6.3 (21.7)	28	78	-1.4 (22.6)	-4.96 (-11.97 to 2.05)	ns	



Reasons for dropout

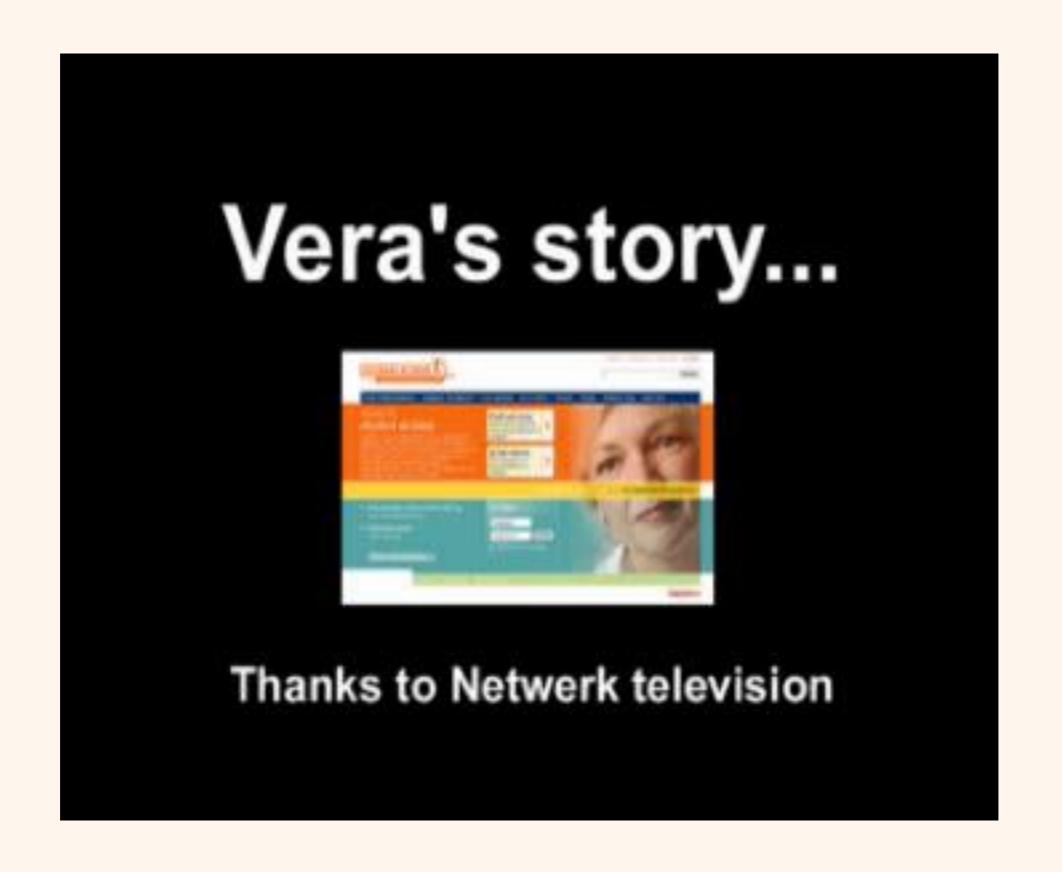


Participants were pleased

'The approach is respectful and isn't judgmental (I can do that for myself!). That feels really good and supportive. And it's great to feel you people know where I'm coming from...' Jane, 45 years

'As far as I'm concerned, the main value of the treatment is the focus on my goal and the support that I'm given, the feeling that we're pals, that you really are. There's someone keeping me on the ball, keeping an eye on me.' Harry, 54 years

'I really love this... I like the fact that no-one else notices or knows about it, that I don't have to take time off work or find a baby-sitter. I'm in control of things...' Kelly, 41 years



Conclusions

- New population of problem drinkers
- Effective in reducing alcohol consumption at 3 months
- Dropout ≠ relapse or dissatisfaction
- E-therapy fulfills a need
- Further data analyses needed:
 - Effects at 6, 9 and 12 months
 - Prediction of success
 - Multiple Imputation

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