LRTI patients

Medical history & physical examination

Eligible for trial?
Check inclusion and exclusion criteria

Patient information

Informed consent

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INCLUSION CRITERIA:
• First consultation of current episode of acute cough (duration < 4 wks.) considered by the GP to be caused by LRTI in adult patient (>18 years)
• At time of consultation at least one out of following 4 signs / symptoms:
  1. Shortness of breath
  2. Wheezing
  3. Chest pain
  4. Auscultation abnormalities
• At time of consultation at least one of the following 5 signs / symptoms:
  1. Fever > 38 C
  2. Perspiring
  3. Headache
  4. Myalgia
  5. Feeling generally unwell

EXCLUSION CRITERIA:
• Immediate hospitalisation
• Previous participation in the study
• Current antibiotic use or usage in past two weeks
• Hospitalisation in past six weeks
• Insufficient understanding of Dutch language

20 practices with 2 participating general practitioners

< 3 days telephone reminder by research team

> 28 days mail reminder by research team

Hand in at general practice after completion

Patient diary

informed consent & inclusion form to research team by fax

DAY 1

DAY 2-28

G P R I C E T I O N

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