Excluded
PHQ-9 negative (<15) or no response

Excluded
Not meeting DSM-IV criteria for major depressive disorder

1st informed consent, screening & baseline measurement (T0)
N=6300 to outpatients of the participating departments who have a specific chronic disease

MINI interview
N=630

2nd informed consent

Randomisation

Allocated to intervention N=63

T1 questionnaires (3 months)

T2 questionnaires (6 months)

T3 questionnaires (9 months)

T4 questionnaires (12 months)

Allocated to care as usual N=63

T1 questionnaires (3 months)

T2 questionnaires (6 months)

T3 questionnaires (9 months)

T4 questionnaires (12 months)

Excluded
Suicidal, psychotic, serious mental impairment, delirium, dementia, language problems, drug/alcohol addiction and/or already psychiatric treatment