GPs approached N= 120

GPs participating N= 40

Screening
Partial informed consent, PHQ9, and baseline measurement
N= 6000 to all visiting patients within the previous 6 months

MINI interview and 2nd informed consent

Randomisation

Excluded
PHQ9 negative (<15) & no response

Excluded
Less than 6 weeks complaints, no dysfunctioning in at least one social role (work, household, relationship), suicidal, psychotic or dementia, language problems, drugs/alcohol addiction and/or already receiving psychiatric treatment

Collaborative care N=120
N=60 with comorbid chronic physical illness
N=60 without comorbid chronic physical illness

T_1 questionnaires (3 months)
T_2 questionnaires (6 months)
T_3 questionnaires (9 months)
T_4 questionnaires (12 months)

Care as usual N=120
N=60 with comorbid chronic physical illness
N=60 without comorbid chronic physical illness

T_1 questionnaires (3 months)
T_2 questionnaires (6 months)
T_3 questionnaires (9 months)
T_4 questionnaires (12 months)