

## **Meta-analysis: effect of interactive communication between collaborating primary care physicians and specialists.**

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This meta-analysis found that interactive communication between [collaborating](#) primary care providers and specialists (psychiatrists and endocrinologists in this study) is associated with improved patient outcomes. The interactive communication methods included joint consultations, scheduled phone discussions, and shared documentation, with the authors suggesting a need for changes in reimbursement models to support such interventions.