

Online Supplementary Material

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Supplemental Table 1. Comparison Between Baseline and Follow-up Period of Respiratory Tract Infection Episodes per Patient per Year in Intervention and Control Arms				
Patient Group	RTI Episodes PPPY Baseline	RTI Episodes PPPY Follow-up	Difference	P Value^a
	Mean No. (95% CI)	Mean No. (95% CI)		
C-reactive protein test				
All patients, N = 379				
Intervention, n = 203	0.40 (0.33-0.47)	0.40 (0.33-0.47)	0.00	.99
Control, n = 176	0.45 (0.37-0.53)	0.56 (0.43-0.68)	0.11	.04
Patients without COPD, n = 331				
Intervention, n = 181	0.37 (0.30-0.44)	0.34 (0.28-0.40)	-0.03	.53
Control, n = 150	0.37 (0.30-0.44)	0.39 (0.32-0.45)	0.02	.45
Communication skills training				
All patients, N = 379				
Intervention, n = 178	0.35 (0.29-0.41)	0.36 (0.30-0.42)	0.01	.75
Control, n = 201	0.49 (0.41-0.57)	0.57 (0.46-0.69)	0.08	.08
Patients without COPD, n = 331				
Intervention, n = 158	0.34 (0.28-0.41)	0.33 (0.26-0.39)	-0.01	.58
Control, n = 173	0.40 (0.33-0.47)	0.39 (0.33-0.46)	-0.01	.71
COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PPPY = per patient per year; RTI = respiratory tract infection; Note: intervention was family physician use of C-reactive protein point of care testing or communication skills training. ^a P values come from Wilcoxon matched pairs signed rank test comparing RTI episodes PPPY during follow-up with episodes during baseline period.				