

# Transfusion as supportive care for the improvement of the quality of life.

No registrations found.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Positive opinion
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	-
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON20749

### Source

NTR

### Health condition

Patiënts with a chronic need for bloodtransfusion due to e.g. myelodysplatic syndrome, myelofibrosis or myeloproliferative conditions.

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Medisch Spectrum Twente

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**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Tekke Huizinga Fonds

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Quality of life assesed with the EORTC QLQ C-30 questionnaire.

## Secondary outcome

1. Number of transfusion units;
2. Transfusion frequency;
3. Average Hb concentration before transfusion;
4. Number and duration of hospital visits.

## Study description

### Background summary

Improvement or maintaining quality of life is an important goal for patients that receive supportive care as their sole treatment. Blood transfusion can be considered as supportive care for patients with chronic anemia. Patients receive a blood transfusion if their Hb concentration is below 5.0 mmol/l. Under the current protocol, patients receive 2 units of packed cells per transfusion. Patients indicate that they feel better, however there are no objective data available on the quality of life, the optimal transfusion trigger and the quantity of packed cells needed to improve the patients well being. Due to the administration of 2 units of packed cell at every blood transfusion, large fluctuations in Hb concentration occur. This might increase the need for blood transfusions and affect the average quality of life.

Our hypothesis is that patients will feel better if their Hb concentration is maintained at a relative constant level and that the transfusion trigger can be lowered on asymptomatic patients.

Patients receiving blood transfusion as supportive care will be approached for this study. Upon enrollment, patients will be randomized in two groups:

1. Standard group undergoing the current protocol of 2 units of packed cells/transfusion;
2. Intervention group will receive only 1 unit of packed cells/transfusion.

The quality of life will repeatedly be assessed by a questionnaire, secondary measurements consist of average Hb concentration, frequency of transfusions and visits to the hospital etc.

Our patients will be recruited initially from Medisch Spectrum Twente, Enschede, the Netherlands.

## Study objective

A constant Hb concentration will improve the quality of life of patients with a chronic need for bloodtransfusions.

## Study design

1x/3 months questionnaire concerning quality of life.

## Intervention

Transfusion with either:

1. 1 erythrocyte concentrate;
2. 2 erythrocyte concentrate.

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## Eligibility criteria

### Inclusion criteria

1. Need for chronic transfusion;
2. 18-85 years;

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3. Patient is fully competent;
4. Written informed consent.

## Exclusion criteria

1. Chemotherapy;
2. Extra-medullary hematopoiesis;
3. Language barrier.

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	01-01-2011
Enrollment:	100
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	05-01-2011
Application type:	First submission

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

### Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

### In other registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL2293
NTR-old	NTR2684
Other	METC Medisch Spectrum Twente Enschede : P10-36
ISRCTN	ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd.

## Study results

### Summary results

N/A