# The effect of exercise therapy in patients with thumb base osteoarthritis

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**Ethical review** Positive opinion **Status** Recruiting

Health condition type -

**Study type** Observational non invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON21555

**Source** 

NTR

#### **Health condition**

Thumb base osteoarthritis, CMC-1 OA, duimbasis artrose, basal joint arthritis

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** - Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam

- Handtherapie Nederland B.V.
- Xpert Clinic Nederland

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: N/A

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

- Pain intensity
- Limitations in activities of daily life
- Pinch & grip strength

## **Secondary outcome**

- Return to work
- Patient satisfaction
- Secondary treatment

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

#### **SUMMARY**

Background: Osteoarthritis (OA) of the thumb base joint (CMC-1) is a common disorder. More insight in the effect of conservative interventions is needed due to a lack of studies of high methodological quality.

Research Questions: Primary research question (I): what is the effect of a combination of exercise therapy and splinting compared to splinting alone on pain intensity, limitations in activities of daily life (ADL) and pinch & grip strength in patients with CMC-1 OA? Secondary research questions: (II) What is the effect of a combination of exercise therapy and splinting compared to splinting alone on return to work and patient satisfaction in patients with CMC-1 OA? (III) Which baseline determinants can predict outcome on pain intensity, limitations in ADL and pinch & grip strength in patients with CMC-1 OA?

Design: Prospective open cohort with propensity score matching (PSM). Exercise therapy combined with splinting will be compared with splinting alone. Data collection will be part of usual care.

Population: All patients with CMC-1 OA referred by hand surgeons of Xpert Clinic for hand therapy, in a total of ten clinics in the Netherlands.

Analyses: After PSM, linear mixed models regression analyses will be conducted with respect to the primary research question (I) and secondary research question (II). Furthermore,

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independent samples t-tests and the Mann-Whitney test will be used for the secondary research question (I). Multiple imputation will be used in the case of missing data.

Key words: Thumb, carpometacarpal joint, osteoarthritis, exercise therapy, propensity score

### Study objective

The hypothesis is that a combination of exercise therapy and splinting is superior to splinting alone in the treatment of patients with thumb base osteoarthritis.

## Study design

Baseline

6 weeks

3 months

12 months

#### Intervention

Exercise therapy and splinting is compared with splinting alone

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# **Eligibility criteria**

## Inclusion criteria

In order to be eligible to participate in this study, a subject must meet all of the following criteria:

- Male/female and diagnosed with CMC-1 OA by the hand surgeon. The hand surgeon follows the guideline of the Dutch Society for Hand Surgery in the diagnostic process.15
- Eaton-Glickel20 stage I-IV
- Age ≥18

## **Exclusion criteria**

A potential subject who meets any of the following criteria will be excluded from participation in this study:

- Secondary basal joint arthritis (i.e. due to Bennet fracture)
- Comorbidities that may interfere with treatment/ bias outcome (i.e. rheumatoid arthritis, carpal tunnel syndrome, Quervain tenosynovitis)
- Patient history includes surgery that may interfere with treatment/ bias outcome
- Steroid injection <6 weeks in hand or wrist

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Single blinded (masking used)

Control: N/A, unknown

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#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 12-10-2015

Enrollment: 148

Type: Anticipated

# **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 22-12-2015

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 NL5362 NTR-old NTR5627

Other : MEC-2015-691

# **Study results**