

# Imaging-based evaluation of the treatment of tremor by targeted lesioning of the brain

No registrations found.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Not applicable
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	-
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON21836

### Source

NTR

### Health condition

Thalamotomy; lesioning; tremor; DTI

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** University Medical Center Groningen

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** University Medical Center Groningen

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

In all patients: relation between tremor severity and localization of the lesion. Relation between clinical tremor severity and radiographic (DTI) features of the cerebello-rubro-thalamic tract.

- The difference in localization of the lesioned area in the brain towards the preoperative

assessed target measured in millimetres

- The volume of the cerebello-rubro-thalamic tract involved in the lesioned area and compared to the contralateral side
- Tremor severity as measured by accelerometers (amplitude and frequency) and the Bain & Findley Clinical Tremor Rating Scale

### **Secondary outcome**

Patient satisfaction after (sub)thalamotomy using a short questionnaire (VAS score).

## **Study description**

### **Background summary**

Rationale:

In the neurosurgical treatment for medication-refractory debilitating tremor, deep brain stimulation (DBS) is nowadays far more popular than thalamotomy. But in selected cases lesioning may be preferable over DBS. This study aims to learn more about the therapeutic mechanism of (sub)thalamotomy.

A novel MRI technique, Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI), can be used to detect microstructural changes in the white matter. It is also applied to visualize white matter tracts in the brain.

Objective:

This evaluation aims to improve the optimal surgical target planning for thalamotomy, and to optimize the selection process of individual patient for either DBS or thalamotomy.

Study design:

Participants will have a clinical evaluation consisting of:

- Tremor registration and video registration, followed by a clinical tremor rating scale assessment
- Short questionnaire about patient satisfaction
- Repeat MRI with diffusion weighted imaging

Study population:

A cohort of 19 patients who were treated with (sub)thalamotomy in the UMC Groningen is

eligible.

Main study endpoints:

- Difference in localization of lesioned area towards preoperative assessed target (in millimeters)
- Volume of the cerebello-rubro-thalamic tract involved in the lesioned area and compared to the contralateral side
- Tremor severity as measured by accelerometers (amplitude and frequency) and the Bain & Findley Clinical Tremor Rating Scale
- Patient satisfaction after (sub)thalamotomy using a short questionnaire (VAS score)

### **Study objective**

This study aims to improve the optimal surgical target planning for thalamotomy, and to optimize the selection process of individual patients for either DBS or (sub)thalamotomy.

### **Study design**

MRI and tremor registration will be scheduled on the same day if possible.

### **Intervention**

- Tremor registration and video registration, followed by a clinical tremor rating scale assessment
- Short questionnaire about patient satisfaction
- Repeat MRI with diffusion weighted imaging

## **Contacts**

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## Eligibility criteria

### Inclusion criteria

- Adult patients (>18 years old)
- Treatment for tremor with (sub)thalamotomy in the UMCG
- Written informed consent

### Exclusion criteria

- Contra-indications to MRI examination (e.g. heart pacemaker, metal foreign body in eye, aneurysm clip in brain, severe claustrophobia)
- Implantation of DBS electrodes
- Patients with a life expectancy less than 6 months
- Patients physically not able to lie flat for one hour

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Observational non invasive
Intervention model:	Other
Allocation:	Non controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	N/A , unknown

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	01-02-2016
Enrollment:	19
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Not applicable	
Application type:	Not applicable

## 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	NL4462
NTR-old	NTR5704
Other	METc : 2015/597

## Study results