# Nonoperative versus operative treatment for flail chest and multiple rib fractures after blunt thoracic trauma. A multicenter prospective cohort study.

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion

**Status** Pending

**Health condition type** -

**Study type** Observational non invasive

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON23596

Source

Nationaal Trial Register

**Brief title** 

**OPVENT2** 

#### **Health condition**

rib fracture; blunt thoracic trauma; nonoperative; rib fracture fixation; hospital length of stay; intensive care unit length of stay

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** DePuy Synthes

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: DePuy Synthes

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

- Intensive care unit length of stay for patients with a flail chest
- Hospital length of stay for patients with multiple rib fractures

#### **Secondary outcome**

- Numerical rating scale (NRS) for pain on day 3, 5, 7 and 14
- Pneumonia during hospital stay; date of pneumonia
- In hospital mortality
- Days of epidural / IV / systematic analgesia (morphine)
- Number of days admitted to Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Number of days on mechanical ventilation`
- Number of days in need oxygen therapy
- Vital capacity
- Tracheostomy yes / no
- Number of complications during admission
- Total number of days admitted in the hospital
- Quality of life as measured with EQ5D-5L 1 year after trauma
- Lung function related problems as measured with the mMRC 1 year after trauma
- Implant related complaints and removal yes / no
- Cost-effectiveness of rib fixation
- Chest tube yes/no

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

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Patients with thoracic injury and multiple rib fractures are at high risk of serious health outcomes. Nonoperative treatment for flail chest and multiple rib fractures has been the gold standard but there is an increasing popularity for rib fracture fixation in the last two decades, however, the literature remains scarce. The aim of this large multicentre prospective cohort study is to compare rib fixation with nonoperative treatment for flail chest or multiple rib fractures by evaluating treatment effects in 'real-world' patients treated in different level 1 trauma centers by means of a propensity score matched analysis.

#### **Study objective**

The aim of this large multicentre prospective cohort study is to compare rib fixation with nonoperative treatment of a flail chest and multiple rib fractures by evaluating treatment effects in 'real-world' patients treated in different level 1 trauma centers.

#### Study design

- hospital admission
- 6 weeks after discharge
- 1 year after discharge

#### Intervention

Rib fracture fixation for patients with a flail chest or multiple rib fractures

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# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

All adult (over 18 years) patients presenting at the Emergency Department (ED) of the participating hospitals with a CT scan confirmed flail chest or multiple rib fractures after blunt thoracic trauma will be enrolled in the cohort.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- Mentally impaired patients who are unable to fill in the EQ5D-5L questionnaire
- Non-traumatic rib fractures
- Rib fractures as a result of cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Allergy for titanium

# Study design

## Design

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-01-2018

Enrollment: 250

Type: Anticipated

# **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 13-11-2017

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 NL6647 NTR-old NTR6833

Other METC: 17-544/C

# **Study results**