# Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing treatment in pregnant women with Fear of Childbirth

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

Health condition type -

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON23809

Source

NTR

**Brief title** 

EMDR FoC

**Health condition** 

Pregnancy, Fear of Childbirth, tocophobia, labour, EMDR

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Onze Lieve Vrouwe Gasthuis

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Vereniging EMDR Nederland

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Severity of FoC

#### **Secondary outcome**

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Obstetrical and neonatal complications, percentage caesarean sections, subjective childbirth experience, health care costs.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

About 6-10% of pregnant women have severe Fear of Childbirth. Our objective is to assess efficacy and safety of EMDR treatment for women with Fear of Childbirth. After screening 1600 pregnant women, 120 pregnant women with Fear of Childbirth will be randomized between care-as-usual and 3 sessions of 90 minutes EMDR.

#### Study objective

Our hypotheses are that in follow-up measurement compared to pretreatment-measurement:

- 1) WITHIN treatment group there will be a decrease in the severity of the FoC symptoms, and
- 2) BETWEEN treatment group and care-as-usual group there will be less severe FoC symptoms, less caesarean sections, lower health care costs, and a more positive childbirth experience. Last hypothesis is
- 3) that EMDR does not lead to more obstetrical or neonatal complications.

#### Study design

Data will be collected at several timepoints:

- -Screening (gestational age 8-20 weeks)
- -T0:Pre-assessment (circa 20 weeks gestational age)
- -In between sessions (every two weeks for care as usual)
- -T1: Post-treatment antepartum (30-32 weeks gestational age)
- -T2: Post-treatment postpartum (2-3months postpartum)

#### Intervention

Care-as-usual group: care-as-usual is defined as standard care during pregnancy, with routine obstetrical checks. Assuming good clinical care, anxious pregnant women will receive more counseling compared to not-anxious pregnant women, but will (probably) not be referred for EMDR.

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) group: EMDR is a psychological intervention that was developed for the treatment of traumatic memories. It is internationally recognized as a first choice therapy for treating posttraumatic stress disorder. EMDR is conducted according to the Dutch translation of the basic EMDR protocol 2015, and is provided in 3 sessions of 90 minutes. Eye movements were applied as the distracting stimulus.

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# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

Pregnant women with a gestational age of 8-20 weeks, who mastered the Dutch language

#### **Exclusion criteria**

<18 years old,

current psychological treatment

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Single blinded (masking used)

Control: Active

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 01-04-2015

Enrollment: 120

Type: Anticipated

## **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 28-03-2015

Application type: First submission

## **Study registrations**

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

ID: 47031

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

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

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## In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL4885 NTR-old NTR5122 Register ID

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# **Study results**