

# Laparoscopic cholecystectomy versus radiological drainage of the gallbladder in acute cholecystitis.

No registrations found.

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

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON24221

### Source

Nationaal Trial Register

### Brief title

CHOCOLATE

### Health condition

Acute calculous cholecystitis

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** St. Antonius Ziekenhuis Nieuwegein

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** St. Antonius Ziekenhuis Nieuwegein

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

1. Mortality;
2. All procedure related major morbidity (Infectious complications, cardio-pulmonary

complications, need for re-intervention, recurrent biliary disease).

### **Secondary outcome**

1. All individual components of primary endpoint;
2. Length of hospital admission;
3. Time to full recovery;
4. Cost-effectiveness analysis.

## **Study description**

### **Background summary**

Acute calculous cholecystitis is a frequently encountered problem in the surgical practice and laparoscopic cholecystectomy (LC) is still the standard treatment for patients without significant comorbidity and therefore low-moderate risks on intervention. In elderly patients or patients with significant comorbidity, surgery in general is associated with higher complication rates and even mortality. Percutaneous cholecystostomy (PC) may be an alternative, and in the current surgical practice many surgeons prefer this method over LC in acute calculous cholecystitis in patients with increased risks. Because the gallbladder remains in situ, the infection can worsen mandating an emergency LC which can be even more difficult, and there is always the risk of recurrence.

The CHOCOLATE Trial is initiated to determine superiority of the laparoscopic cholecystectomy over percutaneous drainage in the treatment of acute cholecystitis in patients with increased risk. It is designed as a multi centre randomized controlled trial, including patients with acute calculous cholecystitis with increased risk (defined as APACHE score  $\geq 6$  AND  $\leq 14$ ). Patients will be randomized to either laparoscopic cholecystectomy or percutaneous drainage of the gallbladder. The endpoint is a combined endpoint of all procedure related morbidity and mortality with a total duration of follow up of one year.

### **Study objective**

Laparoscopic cholecystectomy is the preferred therapy for all patients eligible for surgery with acute calculous cholecystitis.

### **Study design**

Inclusion will approximately take two years, follow up will be one year.

An interim analysis will be performed every three months.

### **Intervention**

1. Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy;
2. Percutaneous Cholecystostomy.

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## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Inclusion criteria**

1. APACHE-II score greater than or equal to 7 AND smaller than or equal to 14;
2. Acute calculous cholecystitis, defined according to Tokyo Guidelines;
3. Written informed consent.

### **Exclusion criteria**

1. < 18 years of age;
2. Onset of symptoms lesser than or equal to 7 days before first presentation;
3. Already admitted to ICU;

4. Pregnancy;
5. APACHE-II score smaller than or equal to 6 OR greater than or equal to 15;
6. Acalculous cholecystitis;
7. Decompensated liver cirrhosis;
8. Mental illness prohibiting informed consent.

## 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:	Recruiting
Start date (anticipated):	01-02-2011
Enrollment:	302
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	27-12-2010
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	NL2548
NTR-old	NTR2666
Other	VCMO Antonius Hospital Nieuwegein : R-10.30A
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## Study results

### Summary results

N/A