# Waarom belanden COPD patienten op de spoedeisende hulp?

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion

**Status** Other

Health condition type -

**Study type** Observational non invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON26285

**Source** 

NTR

**Health condition** 

**COPD** 

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Orbis Medical Center, Sittard-Geleen, The Netherlands

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: None

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Distribution of respiratory and non-respiratory emergency room visits of COPD patients.

#### **Secondary outcome**

1. Distribution of medical specialism whom COPD patients are primarily referred to at their emergency room visits.

- 2. Phenotypical differences between COPD patients with respiratory and non-respiratory emergency room visits.
- 3. Percentage of COPD patients registered at our hospital visiting the emergency room.
- 4. Overview of diagnoses
- 5. Admission percentage
- 6. Mortality analyses

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Reports on health care utilization of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) have shown high rates of hospital admissions for COPD-related medical emergencies, mostly acute exacerbations (1, 2). It is now well-established that COPD is a multi-component disease with high comorbidity rates of, for example, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus, and cancer (3). No data are available on non-respiratory reasons that force patients with COPD to present at the emergency room (ER). Such data will provide more insight into the burden of these patients and will be valuable to respiratory physicians, ER staff, as well as other specialists treating non-respiratory emergencies in patients with COPD.

#### **METHODS**

This retrospective study will be performed at Orbis Medical Center, a 425-bed rural teaching hospital in Sittard-Geleen, The Netherlands. All patients with COPD who visited the ER for any referral indication between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012 will be included. Patients with COPD will be identified by electronically screening patients' medical history documents. Subsequently, medical charts will be individually reviewed by a medical doctor (BvdB and KB) and the following data will be extracted: age, gender, height, weight, pulmonary function, Charlson co-morbidity index, referral indication, referral specialism, time and day of the week of the ER visit, decision at the ER (discharge or admission), admission duration, diagnoses at discharge from ER or hospital, vital status at time of data collection, and the last date of contact in those who are still alive.

Respiratory visits are defined as ER visits with respiratory symptoms (dyspnea, cough, haemoptysis, suspected pneumonia) as the primary reasons for the ER visit. All other ER visits are defined as non-respiratory ER visits.

Descriptive statistics will be used to provide summary characteristics of respiratory and non-respiratory ER visits. Survival difference will be analyzed by Kaplan-Meier curve analysis and predictors for mortality will be analyzed by Cox regression analyses. Date of last contact will be used for censoring.

#### REFERENCES

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#### Study objective

It is expected that approximately 50% of the emergency room visits of COPD patients are not directly related to COPD.

#### Study design

Not applicable.

#### Intervention

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# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

This retrospective study will be performed at Orbis Medical Center, a 425-bed rural teaching hospital in Sittard-Geleen, The Netherlands. Any patient with COPD who visited the emergency room between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012.

### **Exclusion criteria**

None

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Other

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: N/A, unknown

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Other

Start date (anticipated): 12-05-2014

Enrollment: 1300

Type: Unknown

# **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 06-05-2014

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 NL4458 NTR-old NTR4581 Register ID

Other Orbis Medisch Centrum, Sittard-Geleen: 14.032

# **Study results**