# Timing of PEG tube placement in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: soon or later?

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion

**Status** Recruiting

Health condition type -

**Study type** Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON26494

**Source** 

NTR

#### **Health condition**

Patients with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and dysphagia

## **Sponsors and support**

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** The study is funded by the Prinses Beatrix Fund, The Hague, The Netherlands

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Survival

#### **Secondary outcome**

- 1. Vital capacity;
- 2. BMI;
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- 3. Triceps skinfold;
- 4. ALSFRS;
- 5. VAS Q0L;
- 6. SF 36;

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

ALS patients with dysphagia tend to delay a PEG procedure, sometimes with evident impact on nutritional status. Nutritional status is known to be in independent prognostic factor for survival in ALS. PEG procedures in ALS patients with compromised vital capacity is not without risk. In a randomised controlled trial we include ALS patients with dysphagia (Hillel score 7 or 8) and vital capacity >65%. In arm 1 patients receive a PEG within 1 month after inclusion, in arm 2 patients wait untill either VC falls below 55%, or Hillel score is 4 or 5, or any other moment that they decide for themselves to have a PEG placed. Effects of these two strategies on survival, nutritional and functional status, and quality of life are investigated. Follow-up is 15 months.

#### Study objective

Early PEG placement in ALS patients with dysphagia is associated with longer survival, better nutritional and functional status, and better quality of life

#### Intervention

Early PEG (PEG placement within 4 weeks after inclusion) versus a "wait and see approach", with probably a PEG placement at a later stage

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# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

- 1. Patients with possible, probable, probable lab supported, or definite ALS;
- 2. Dysphagia Hillel score 7 or 8 (ALSSS dyspagia subscale);
- 3. Vital capacity >65%;
- 4. Age > 18 yr and < 85 yr;
- 5. Informed consent.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

1. Contra-indication for PEG

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 04-08-2004

Enrollment: 20

Type: Anticipated

# **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 15-01-2007

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 NL857 NTR-old NTR871 Other : N/A

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# **Study results**

#### **Summary results**

N/A