

# Performance feedback on quality of care in hospitals performing thrombectomy for ischemic stroke, a cluster-randomized trial

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-OMON28435

### Source

NTR

### Brief title

PERFEQTOS

### Health condition

Ischemic stroke

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Erasmus MC University medical center, Rotterdam

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## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Door-to-groin time.

## **Secondary outcome**

Door-to-needle time, post-EVT recanalization grade (eTICI), post- EVT neurological deficit (NIHSS after 24 hours), functional outcome measured at 3 months (modified Rankin Scale (mRS)), adjusted for prognostic factors at baseline.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

**Background:** The treatment effect of endovascular thrombectomy (EVT) for ischemic stroke on functional outcome is highly time-dependent. Therefore, process indicators such as door-to-groin time are considered measurements of quality of stroke care. Although provision of performance feedback to healthcare professionals based on data from quality registries is common practice in many fields of medicine, observational studies of its effect on quality of care have shown mixed results. We propose an interventional study about the effect of performance feedback on quality of care for ischemic stroke.

**Objective:** The overall aim of this study is to assess whether performance feedback to healthcare providers in individual hospitals providing EVT for ischemic stroke, resulting in action plans and targets based on this feedback, improves door-to-groin time and thereby quality of care.

**Setting:** Thirteen hospitals in The Netherlands providing endovascular treatment (EVT) for ischemic stroke, participating in the Dutch Acute Stroke Audit (DASA) from the Dutch Institute of Clinical Auditing (DICA), will participate in this study.

**Study design:** This is a stepped-wedge cluster randomized trial. The study will be initiated with a period of 6 months in which no hospitals receive the intervention. Subsequently, every six months three to four hospitals are randomized to cross over from the control to the intervention group. This process continues until all hospitals are crossed over to receive the feedback intervention.

**Intervention group:** These hospitals will receive performance feedback consisting of three-monthly reports with patient characteristics, structure, process and outcome indicators on patients with ischemic stroke treated with EVT. Hospitals can compare their present performance with their own performance in the past and with other hospitals in The Netherlands. The performance feedback is provided to local Quality Improvement Teams (QIT), including at least a neurologist, interventional (neuro)radiologist, neurology resident, and a stroke nurse. The QIT uses the performance feedback report to define their own target(s) on (a) specific indicator(s) and to develop a performance improvement plan (PIP). The impact of this improvement plan is evaluated in the next three-monthly performance reports.

**Control group:** These hospitals receive no structured performance feedback and are not yet required to have a QIT and PIP.

**Primary outcome:** Door-to-groin time.

Secondary outcomes: Door-to-needle time, post-EVT recanalization grade (eTICI), post- EVT neurological deficit (NIHSS after 24 hours), functional outcome measured at 3 months (modified Rankin Scale (mRS)), adjusted for prognostic factors at baseline.

Statistical analysis: The effect of intervention will be analyzed in multilevel regression models that accommodates the cluster design of the study and adjust for center and patient characteristics as well as time since start of the trial.

## **Study objective**

We hypothesize that giving feedback to healthcare providers on the performance of their own hospital improves processes of care and leads to better outcomes.

## **Study design**

90 day follow-up

## **Intervention**

Performance feedback consisting of three-monthly reports with patient characteristics, structure, process and outcome indicators.

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## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Inclusion criteria**

Hospitals performing endovascular thrombectomy for ischemic stroke and participating in

DASA.

## Exclusion criteria

none

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Crossover
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruiting
Start date (anticipated):	01-01-2020
Enrollment:	13
Type:	Anticipated

### IPD sharing statement

**Plan to share IPD:** Undecided

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	03-12-2020
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	NL9090
Other	METC Erasmus MC : MEC-2019-0738

## Study results