# Supervised handtherapy versus selfmanagement exercise regimen in conservative treatment of dislocations or hyperextension injury of the vinger

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Fractures **Study type** Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON29119

**Source** 

NTR

**Brief title** 

**PINOT** 

#### **Condition**

Fractures

#### **Synonym**

volar plate injury, PIP dislocation, hyperextension injury of PIP

#### **Health condition**

volar plate injury, PIP dislocation, hyperextension injury of PIP

#### Research involving

Human

#### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Leading the Change

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: In progress

#### Intervention

Movement therapy

Keyword: Handtherapy

**Explanation** 

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Function, pain and disability expressed as change on the Michigan Hand Questionnaire Score (MHQ) after three months.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Pain as indicated on a Visual Analogue Scale (VAS), Well-being with the Patient Specific Functional and pain Scales (PSFS), Understanding medical information with the Newest Vital Sign- Dutch language version (NVS-D), Total active range of motion of the hand (TAM), Patient satisfaction score, Patient expectation, quality of life, complications, work-absence and cost effectiveness and measurement of health status with the EQ-5D-5L.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Approximately 10 000 patients have dorsal dislocations or hyperextension injuries with a volar plate avulsion fracture fragment of the proximal interphalangeal joint in the Netherlands yearly. These types of finger injuries are often caused by ball sports due to hyperextension or axial loading mechanisms. Most of these injuries are stable following reduction. A stable congruent joint following trauma allows for early motion with a dorsal block splint. Arora et al. published a retrospective study on treatment of dorsolateral dislocation of the PIP joint and concluded that early active motion in a dorsal block splint in almost full extension leads to significantly superior results in the range of motion compared to static splinting. A feared complication following hyperextension injuries with volar plate avulsion or PIP dislocations is the development of a flexion contracture. The Dutch guideline committee for hand fractures states that all patients with hyperextension injuries should be referred to a hand therapist within one week. Conversely, there is no evidence that hand-physiotherapy leads to better outcomes than self-management exercise regimen.

#### Study objective

Self-management exercise regimen are clinically non-inferior compared to supervised hand-therapy. The total costs of self-management exercise regimes are lower.

#### Study design

MHQ: 1,6 week, 3,12 months

VAS: 1,6 week, 3,6,12 months

PSFS: 1,6 week, 3,12 months

NVS-dlv: 1 week

TAM: 1,6 week 3 months

Patient satisfaction: 1,6 week, 3,6,12 months

Patient expectation: 1 week

Achievement of expectation: 3, 12 months

EQ-5D-5L: 1,6 weeks, 3,6,12 months

CEA: 6 weeks, 3,6,12 months

#### Intervention

The intervention group will be treated with a well-defined self-management exercise regimen, within 1 week after injury. Additionally, patients will receive a dorsal block splint in zero degrees of flexion for the period of four weeks, starting at the emergency department conform the recommendation by The Dutch Guideline committee for hand fractures.

In the control group, the hand-physiotherapist decides what frequency of follow-up is needed. Hand therapists will be briefed in advance and they will follow a standard protocol for this type of injury. Hand physiotherapy starts within 1 week after injury, according to the Dutch guidelines. Additionally, patients will receive a dorsal block splint in zero degrees of flexion for the period of four weeks, starting at the emergency department conform the recommendation by The Dutch Guideline committee for hand fractures.

### **Contacts**

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# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years) Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older) Elderly (65 years and older)

#### Inclusion criteria

- a. Population (base)
- All adult patients with a PIP hyperextension injury leading to a complete dorsal dislocation, objectified by a doctor at the emergency department or by radiograph at the emergency department. All adult patients with PIP hyperextension injury leading to a volar plate avulsion, objectified by an avulsion fracture of the proximal volar part of the mid phalanx (< 40% of the joint) on a radiograph at the emergency department.
- b. Inclusion criteria
- Patients 18 years and older
- Single PIP hyperextension injuries or dislocation of the fingers
- A stable joint after reduction, assessed by dorsal, volar, and lateral stress on the PIP joint in
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extension and 30 degrees of PIP flexion.

- Standard conservative treatment with a dorsal block splint in 0 degrees extension for four weeks.
- Avulsion fracture of the proximal volar part of the mid phalanx (< 40% of the joint)\* on a radiograph at the emergency department.
- Standardized Eaton classification: type I,II,IIIa

#### **Exclusion criteria**

An avulsion fracture of the PIP joint, >40% of the articular surface

- Re-displacement during digit motion
- An unstable joint after reduction assessed by dorsal, volar, and lateral stress on the PIP joint, requiring operative treatment
- Irreducible dislocations
- Suspicion for interposition of the volar plate
- Operation indication
- Hyperextension injuries of the IP of the thumb
- Multiple PIP hyperextension injuries or dislocation of the fingers
- Patients with impaired hand function prior to injury due to arthrosis/neurological disorders of the upper limb
- Multiple trauma patients (Injury Severity Score (ISS) ¡Ý16)
- Other injuries in the ipsilateral extremity
- Insufficient comprehension of the Dutch language to understand a rehabilitation program and other treatment information as judged by the attending physician
- Patients suffering from disorders of bone metabolism other than osteoporosis (i.e. Paget; size disease, renal osteodystrophy, osteomalacia
- Patients suffering from connective tissue disease or (joint) hyper-flexibility disorders such as Marfan; s, Ehler Danlos or other related disorders.

# Study design

### **Design**

Study phase: 3

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Treatment

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 02-12-2019

Enrollment: 222

Type: Actual

### **IPD** sharing statement

Plan to share IPD: Yes

### **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 24-06-2019

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

(Rotterdam)

# **Study registrations**

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

ID: 55623

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

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

No registrations found.

# In other registers

 Register
 ID

 NTR-new
 NL6383

 NTR-old
 NTR7655

 CCMO
 NL67400.100.18

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# **Study results**