

# Continuous Passive Motion and Physical Therapy (CPM) versus Physical Therapy (PT) versus Delayed Physical Therapy (DPT) after Surgical Release for Elbow Contractures; A Prospective Randomized Controlled Trial

No registrations found.

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

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON29688

### Source

NTR

### Brief title

SET-Study

### Health condition

Stiff elbow, Capsule release, Rehabilitation, Continuous Passive Motion, Physical Therapy, Randomized Controlled Trial

Stijve elleboog, kapsel verwijdering, nabehandeling, Continuous Passive Motion, fysiotherapie, Randomized Controlled Trial

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Amphia Hospital

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** European Union

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The primary outcome measure is active and passive ROM (flexion, extension, pronation, supination) of both elbow joints, measured with a universal goniometer, twelve months after surgery.

### Secondary outcome

Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs):

The Oxford Elbow Score (OES)

The Mayo Elbow Performance Index (MEPI)

The quick-'Disabilities of Arm, Shoulder and Hand (DASH) score

The Visual Analogue pain Scale in rest and activity (VAS)

The Pain Catastrophizing Scale (PCS)

The SF-36

The WORQ questionnaire for the upper limb

## Study description

### Background summary

The elbow is prone to stiffness after trauma. To regain functional elbow motion several conservative- and surgical treatment options are available. If conservative treatment fails, an operative release –excision and release of the scarred hypertrophic elbow capsule– of the posttraumatic stiff elbow is often performed. After surgical treatment, several rehab protocols are available, but based on evidence, there is no rehabilitation protocol superior over any of the post-operative treatment options that patients will be assigned to in this study. The following rehab protocols will be compared: 3-day in-hospital regime of CPM with PT versus 3-day in-hospital regime of early motion PT supervised by an upper extremity specialized physical therapist versus outpatient delayed PT supervised by an upper extremity specialized physical therapist from postoperative day 7 as rehabilitation protocol. By conducting this study, we hope to make a statement on the efficacy of costly in-hospital CPM in the

treatment of post-operative rehabilitation for patients undergoing surgery for their posttraumatic stiff elbow. Hereby, unnecessary treatment burden for our patients (prolonged hospital stay, and lengthy CPM sessions) as well as redundant costs for society can be avoided, a more universal Evidence-Based method of treatment can be established and the quality of the care can be improved

## **Study objective**

No difference in range of motion at 12 months follow-up

## **Study design**

Clinical assessment will be performed preoperatively (baseline), during surgery, at day three, at day ten, eight weeks, five months and one year after surgery.

## **Intervention**

Patients that are assigned to the 'CPM' group will receive in-hospital CPM in combination with supervised physical therapy the first three days after surgery and supervised physical therapy from day three till day 14 postoperative. Patients that are assigned to the 'PT' group will receive in-hospital supervised physical therapy the first three days after surgery and supervised physical therapy from day three till day 14 postoperative. Patients that are assigned to the 'DPT' group will receive outpatient physical therapy from postoperative day 7 till 14 and will be discharged from the hospital immediately after surgery. Physical therapy includes both active and passive exercises; moreover patients will be invited to practice at home as well.

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## Eligibility criteria

### Inclusion criteria

Age between 18 and 65 years

Flexion-extension arc of less than 100 degrees or a flexion contracture of more than 30 degrees compared to the contralateral side

Open or arthroscopic surgical treatment received

More than 6 months after trauma

Unsuccessful conservative treatment

Able to read and write in Dutch

Provision of informed consent by patient

### Exclusion criteria

Inflammatory diseases (i.e. rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, or reactive arthritis)

Patients with any other elbow pathology (i.e. spastic contracture)

Neck pain or shoulder pain or other chronic widespread pain syndromes

Abnormalities on the X-ray

Wound problems

Inability to cooperate with a structures rehabilitation protocol

Burn-related contractures

A total elbow or interposition arthroplasty (either planned or in place)

## Study design

## Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	N/A , unknown

## Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Other
Start date (anticipated):	01-01-2017
Enrollment:	90
Type:	Unknown

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	31-08-2016
Application type:	First submission

## Study registrations

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

ID: 53066  
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Titel:

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

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## In other registers

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**Study results**