# A multicenter study on pain measurement among children with burns: assessment of reliability and validity of the POCIS and COMFORT scale

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitingHealth condition typeOther condition

**Study type** Observational non invasive

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON30015

#### **Source**

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Pain measurement in children with burns

## **Condition**

- Other condition
- Epidermal and dermal conditions

## **Synonym**

pain assessment, pain measurement

#### **Health condition**

pijn

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Vereniging Samenwerkende Brandwondencentra Nederland **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** nederlandse brandwonden stichting

## Intervention

**Keyword:** burns, Comfort scale, pain, Pocis

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

- 1. What is the reliability of Pocis en Comfort scale?
- 2. What is the validity of Pocis en Comfort scale?
- 3. What is the use-friendliness of both scales indicated by nurses?

## **Secondary outcome**

None

# **Study description**

### **Background summary**

Burns are extremely painful. Pain is categorized into two categories: background pain (pain at rest) and procedural pain (pain caused during manipulation of wounded body parts). Children aged 0 to 4 years are not or insufficiently capable of verbal indicating pain. For that reason, the literature suggests the use of pain observation scales in order to assess pain in this group of young children.

In the Netherlands there is no pain scale available that has been tested to assess pain in children with burns. Pocis and Comfort scales were used to assess post operative pain, which cannot be generalized to measure procedural pain in children with burns. For that reason, it is necessary to examine pain in the clinical setting in this specific group of children.

## Study objective

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To assess validity and reliability of two pain observation scales in children with burns aged 0 to 4 years. Moreover, nurses will be asked to judge use-friendliness of the scales.

After completion of the study, one of the scales should be used daily to assess pain in children admitted to a Dutch burns center.

## Study design

During a period of one year, nurses will observe children between 0 and 4 years of age using two pain observation scales. Pain observations will be performed two times a day in rest and immediately after dressing change procedures are completed.

## Study burden and risks

Children who will be observed do not experience any hindrance. Nurses will observe the children two times a day at rest and during wound dressing changes. Wond dressing procedures do not have any other course compared with standard care. Nurses rapport their observations after completion of the procedure. There will not be any changes in standard pain care procedures.

## **Contacts**

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

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# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

Children (2-11 years)

## Inclusion criteria

All children aged 0 to 4 years admitted to a Dutch burns center, not suffering from mental or physical retardation.

## **Exclusion criteria**

Mental or physical retardation

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Other

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 01-07-2006

Enrollment: 100

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 29-05-2006

Application type: First submission

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Review commission: BEBO: Stichting Beoordeling Ethiek Bio-Medisch Onderzoek

(Assen)

# **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

CCMO NL12178.030.06