

# Effectiveness of adenoidectomy in children with recurrent upper respiratory tract infections

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Hepatobiliary neoplasms malignant and unspecified
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON30729

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Adenoidectomy in children

### Condition

- Hepatobiliary neoplasms malignant and unspecified

### Synonym

common cold, rhinosinusitis, upper respiratory tract infection

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** ZONMw programma doelmatigheid

## Intervention

**Keyword:** adenoidectomy, child, cost-effectiveness, upper respiratory tract infection

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Upper respiratory tract infections including common colds and episodes of rhinosinusitis, with or without fever.

### Secondary outcome

Health-related quality of life.

## Study description

### Background summary

Adenoidectomy is one of the most common operations in children in Western countries. With 24,450 adenoidectomies carried out as a primary procedure in 2002, it is the third most common operation in children in the Netherlands. Remarkably, the surgical rate in the Netherlands exceeds that in most other Western countries. Whereas in our country the main indication for adenoidectomy is recurrent upper respiratory tract infections, i.e. common colds or episodes of rhinosinusitis, in other countries most adenoidectomies are carried out for otitis media and upper airway obstruction. Convincing evidence regarding the effectiveness of adenoidectomy in children with upper respiratory tract infections is lacking.

### Study objective

To establish:

- 1) the effectiveness of adenoidectomy compared to a non-surgical strategy in children in terms of reduction of upper respiratory tract infections (with or without fever) and improvement in quality of life
- 2) the costs-effectiveness of this procedure.

### Study design

Multi-center randomized controlled trial.

Follow-up will be 2 years including symptom diaries and daily temperature

measurements and scheduled follow-up visits at 3, 6, 12, 18 and 24 months.

## **Intervention**

Adenoidectomy within 6 weeks versus a non-surgical watchful waiting strategy.

## **Study burden and risks**

Burden:

1 inclusion visit of 90 minutes at the participant's home, 5 follow-up visits of 45 minutes at the practice of the local ENT-surgeon, 19 telephone contacts of 10 minutes.

Risk:

Participants allocated to the adenoidectomy group carry the usual risks associated with this operation (haemorrhage, aspiration, nausea, fever). Participants allocated to the watchful waiting group carry the risk of persistence or progression of their symptoms of upper respiratory tract infections. Their parents are advised both in the information brochure and at the follow-up visits to contact their general practitioner and/or local ENT surgeon if symptoms grow worse. If both the doctor and parents agree that adenoidectomy is indicated, they are free to have this operation performed.

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## **Trial sites**

## Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Children (2-11 years)

### Inclusion criteria

- age 1-8 years
- selected for adenoidectomy in current ENT practice because of recurrent upper respiratory tract infections

### Exclusion criteria

- children selected for adenoidectomy primarily because of ear related symptoms or symptoms of upper airway obstruction
- children selected for a combined procedure including adenoidectomy and insertion of tympanostomy tubes
- Down syndrome
- craniofacial malformations
- immunodeficiencies

## Study design

### Design

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

**Primary purpose:** Treatment

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	11-04-2007
Enrollment:	110
Type:	Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	03-10-2006
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Approved WMO	
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Review commission:	METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (Utrecht)

## 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	NL14149.041.06