

# Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) treatment for persistant nocturnal enuresis

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	Other condition
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON31355

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

EMDR as treatment for persistant nocturnal enuresis

### Condition

- Other condition
- Urinary tract signs and symptoms

### Synonym

bedwetting and night wetting

### Health condition

enuresis nocturna

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Deventer Ziekenhuis

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Er is een aanvraag gedaan bij Nuts Ohra

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Bedwetting, EMDR, Enuresis nocturna, Treatment

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Wet versus dry

Number of EMDR sessions

Number of training days before being dry

### Secondary outcome

Wet versus dry after follow-up

Relapse

Mono-symptomatic versus non mono-symptomatic

Bladder capacity

Arousability

## Study description

### Background summary

Enuresis is a common problem of childhood. Alarm treatment is the most effective method, but treatment can be expanded with bladder training and medication. In a Dutch survey of primary enuresis patients treated in primary care 85.5% of the patients was dry after alarm treatment, after 2 years of follow up 76.7% was still dry. (Leerdam, 2005). So 15% of the patients remain wet and 10 percent have a relaps. Spontaneous resolution of bedwetting is described as 15% per year (Neveus, 2006). Self esteem and confidence are decreased in enuretic patients. Persisting enuresis can have a large psychosocial impact.

The aim of this study are patients who are not treated successfully with the accepted methods. The method to investigate in this research is a combination of alarm treatment and EMDR. EMDR is added to the treatment for processing the traumatic memories of being wet and for visualizing being dry to increase self-confidence.

## **Study objective**

The aim of the study is to investigate if alarm treatment in combination with EMDR is a better method for persistent enuresis nocturna than only alarm treatment.

Subquestions:

1. What is the success percentage of EMDR with alarm treatment?
2. If EMDR is added to alarm treatment do children with persistent enuresis nocturna become more rapidly dry compared with only alarm treatment?
3. If EMDR is added to alarm treatment is there less relapse?
4. Is there a difference in the success percentage of EMDR in combination with alarm treatment between children with mono - and non mono-symptomatic enuresis?
5. If EMDR is added to alarm treatment does this influence bladder capacity or arousability?

## **Study design**

It is an open randomized intervention study.

## **Intervention**

The intervention group receives 1-2 sessions EMDR, subsequently standard alarm treatment starts. The first 10 days of the alarm treatment before going to bed they listen to mp3 with a story to visualize awakening at night from the alarm and visualize how it looks and feels to awake dry in the morning. The control group only receives alarm treatment.

## **Study burden and risks**

The treatment consists of 1-2 sessions EMDR and during the alarm treatment on 10 consecutive days listening to a mp3 for approximately 6 minuts. There are no risks.

## **Contacts**

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adolescents (12-15 years)  
Adolescents (16-17 years)  
Children (2-11 years)

### Inclusion criteria

persistent nocturnal enuresis: no effect of earlier alarm treatment  
age: 8-18 year  
no abnormalities in day/night variation of urinary osmol.

### Exclusion criteria

Disturbance of osmol test  
Primary Family problems  
No motivation

## Study design

## Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Treatment

## Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	01-11-2007
Enrollment:	150
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	15-01-2008
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Isala Klinieken (Zwolle)

## 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	NL18618.075.07