# Influenza, pneumococcal and hepatitis B vaccination in patients with rheumatic autoimmune disorders treated with immunosuppressants.

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**Ethical review** Not approved **Status** Will not start

**Health condition type** Autoimmune disorders **Study type** Observational invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON31399** 

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

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## **Condition**

- Autoimmune disorders
- · Joint disorders

## **Synonym**

rheumatic autoimmune diseases

## **Research involving**

Human

# **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Sint Radboud

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Ministerie van OC&W

## Intervention

**Keyword:** immunosuppressant, response, rheumatic autoimmune disorders, vaccination

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Increase in titer of:

- Haemagglutination inhibition test for influenza
- ELISA for pneumococcal
- ELISA for hepatitis B

## **Secondary outcome**

- Potential adverse events
- Disease activity

# **Study description**

# **Background summary**

Patients with rheumatic autoimmune disorders often require therapy with agents that potentially compromise the immune response and subsequently increase the risk for morbidity and mortality due to infections. Influenza and pneumococcal vaccination is therefore indicated in these patients, but often forgotten. The disease itself and immunosuppressive therapy may influence the response to vaccination. However, little is known about this influence. Therefore, in this study we want to investigate the response to vaccination during immunosuppressive therapy. This may lead do adjustments to the current vaccination policy.

## Study objective

The primary goal of this study is to evaluate the efficacy and safety of

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influenza, pneumococcal and hepatitis B vaccination in patients with rheumatic autoimmune diseases treated with immunosuppressive therapy compared to healthy controls.

The secondary goal of this study is to evaluate the efficacy of a two-dose vaccination regimen of influenza vaccination in patients with rheumatic autoimmune diseases treated with immunosuppressive therapy.

## Study design

In this open-label study the response to influenza, pneumococcal and hepatitis B vaccination will be investigated in patients with rheumatic autoimmune diseases treated with immunosuppressive therapy. This response will be compared with the response to these vaccinations in healthy controls. The response to a second influenza vaccination will also be examined in the patients. The response to influenza vaccination is T cell dependent and the response to pneumococcal vaccination is T cell independent with stimulation of B cells. A part of the patients with rheumatic autoimmune disorders will have received these vaccinations prior to start of this study. Hepatitis B vaccination is chosen to investigate the response to a de-novo antigen. The response to influenza vaccination will be assessed by a haemagglutination inhibition test. The response to pneumococcal and hepatitis B vaccination will be assessed by standard ELISAs (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays). In total 90 patients will be included in the study: 30 treated with rituximab, 30 treated with TNFa blocking agents and 30 treated with traditional DMARDs. The responses of these patients will be compared with the response to the same vaccinations in 30 healthy controls.

## Study burden and risks

#### Burden patients:

- Drawing of extra blood samples (in total 4 times, total 40 ml blood).
- Extra time investment (5 times of 30 minutes = 2,5 hours).
- Extra hospital visits (about 2-3 times).

## Burden healthy controls:

- Drawing of extra blood samples (in total 2 times, total 20 ml blood).
- Extra time investment (2 times 15 minutes = 0,5 hour).
- Extra hospital visit (1 time).

#### Risks:

- Venapunction: adverse events are rare.
- Intramuscular injections: most people will not experience adverse events. Mild local reactions at the injection site may occur (including pain, mild redness, swelling, bruises and a stiff arm). Sometimes systemic side effects occur, including fever, chills, sweating, malaise, tiredness and muscle or joint pain. The complaints often resolve within 1 to 2 days without

intervention. Serious side effects are rare.

# **Contacts**

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# **Trial sites**

# **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

## Inclusion criteria

In general: willing to give written informed consent.

Per group:

- 1. Patients with rheumatic autoimmune diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, poly or dermatomyositis, systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjögren\*s syndrome, treated with rituximab within 3-9 months prior to start of the study with or without concomitant treatment with traditional DMARDs and/or corticosteroids.
- 2. Patients with rheumatic autoimmune diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, poly or dermatomyositis, systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjögren\*s syndrome, treated with TNF $\alpha$  blocking agents as single therapy or combined with DMARDs and/or corticosteroids on stable
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therapy of 3 or more months.

- 3. Patients with rheumatic autoimmune disease, including rheumatoid arthritis, poly or dermatomyositis, systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjögren\*s syndrome, on stable therapy with only traditional DMARDs and/or corticosteroids for 3 or more months.
- 4. Age and gender matched healthy controls

## **Exclusion criteria**

- Age under 18 years
- No informed consent
- Pregnancy
- History of vaccination allergy
- Known allergy to egg products
- Patients known with positive hepatitis B serology

# Study design

# **Design**

Study type: Observational invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Prevention

# Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Will not start

Start date (anticipated): 01-10-2007

Enrollment: 120

Type: Anticipated

# **Ethics review**

Not approved

Date: 22-10-2007

Application type: First submission

Review commission: CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den

Haag)

# **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

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