# Neutrophil dysfunction and sepsis in ICU patients.

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| Ethical review        | Approved WMO           |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Status                | Recruitment stopped    |
| Health condition type | Other condition        |
| Study type            | Observational invasive |

# Summary

## ID

NL-OMON31712

**Source** ToetsingOnline

Brief title NERTHUS-Study II

## Condition

- Other condition
- Immune disorders NEC
- Bacterial infectious disorders

## Synonym

multiple organ failure, Sepsis

## **Health condition**

Trauma en acute post-operatieve patiënten

#### **Research involving**

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Ministerie van OC&W

## Intervention

Keyword: Critically ill patients, Neutrophils, Recirculation, Sepsis

## **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Primary variables:

- Degree of inactivity of neutrophils

Primary outcome:

- Development of inflammatory-induced complications (sepsis/septic

shock/(multiple) organ failure)

(According to the SIRS/Sepsis criteria)

## Secondary outcome

Secundary variables:

- Normalization of neutrophil receptor profile
- Percentage of cells in specific populations of neutrophils.

Secundary outcome:

- Development of inflammatory-induced complications (sepsis/septic

shock/(multiple) organ failure)

- Severity of illness during the intensive care period

(According to disease severity on admission: APACHE II Score)

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Multiple organ failure due to the presence of sepsis is an important cause of death in intensive care patients. Neutrophils play an important role in the defence mechanisms against bacteria. Dysfunction of this component of the innate immune system can lead to a paralysis of the immune system, which can lead to sepsis. How this dysfunction of neutrophils develops and in which timeframe is unknown.

## **Study objective**

In previous studies we have identified specific receptor and surface protein expression profiles on neutrophils. Some of these profiles point at partially refractory neutrophils.

In the current NERTHUS study we have seen that circulating neutrophils are less responsive to inflammatory stimuli. During the first 12 hours after injury, the responsiveness of neutrophils is considerably lower in patients developping septic complications compared to those who do not.

The aim of this study is to validate the correlation between neutrophil unresponsiveness and the development of inflammatory-induced complications.

## Study design

Immediately after admission (within 16 hours) a blood sample is taken. Thereafter, bloodsamples will be taken on day 5 and 6 of admission. The blood will be analyzed on the presence of neutrophils. These neutrophils are analyzed for their degree of activation and the presence of specific surface proteins. The APACHE II Score is determined on admission. Furthermore, the SOFA score and MODS score are calculated on a daily basis. This can be done by variables which are determined daily on the intensive care.

The presence of sepsis is classified by the SIRS/Sepsis criteria.

## Study burden and risks

There is no additional risks involved for the patient. The blood taken on a daily basis is drawn from the arterial line. The study protocol stops when the patient leaves the intensive care.

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

## **Inclusion criteria**

- 1) Patients admitted to the intensive care unit
- 2) After sugery or major trauma
- 3) Age above 18
- 4) Expected stay > 2 days

## **Exclusion criteria**

Immunological compromised - e.g. patients treated with steroids and/or cytostatic drugs

# Study design

## Design

| Study type: Observational invasive |                         |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Masking:                           | Open (masking not used) |  |
| Control:                           | Uncontrolled            |  |
| Primary purpose:                   | Basic science           |  |

## Recruitment

| NL                        |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Recruitment status:       | Recruitment stopped |
| Start date (anticipated): | 12-03-2007          |
| Enrollment:               | 160                 |
| Туре:                     | Actual              |

# **Ethics review**

| Approved WMO<br>Date: | 12-12-2006  |
|-----------------------|---|
| Application type:     | First submission                                    |
| Review commission:    | METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (Utrecht) |
| Approved WMO<br>Date: | 11-11-2008  |
| Application type:     | Amendment   |
| 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

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