

# Immobilisation and scar tissue repair after open carpal tunnel release

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	Nervous system, skull and spine therapeutic procedures
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON32750

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

CTR

### Condition

- Nervous system, skull and spine therapeutic procedures

### Synonym

Compression of the median nerve. Nerve-entrapment at the wrist.

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Alysis Zorggroep

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** eigen onderzoeksfonds

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Carpal Tunnel Release (CTR), Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS), Immobilisation, Scar tissue repair

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

1) Function (DASH: Disabilities of Arm Shoulder and Hand). 2) Satisfaction (VAS-scale). 3) Pain (VAS-scale). 4) Sensibility (2-points discrimination).

### Secondary outcome

None

## Study description

### Background summary

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) is the most frequent diagnosed perifer mononeuropathia. When conservative treatment failes to relief the patients complaints the retinaculum flexorum is surgically released, the so called Carpla Tunnel Relase (CTR). Overall, the outcome of this procedure are very good in general. Only little research has been performed toward the treatment after CTR. Also postoperative scar tissue frequently forms a difficult problem, while complaint of CTS can return. We think that this latter problem can be solved by a different stitching technique.

### Study objective

To determine wether the results of CTR are influenced by postoperative immobilisation of the wrist during nights. Secondly we want to determine wether scar tissue forming is influenced by the technique used to close the wound. (simple vs Donati stitches)

### Study design

Following earlier studies a number of 50 patients will get a postoperative treatment of four weeks of immobilisation at night. The control group will also exist of a total of 50 patients, which will get the regular treatment; no immobilistion postoperative  
In another 50 patients the wound will be suitered using the Donati stitches. To

compare whether there is a difference in scar tissue forming these will be compared with 50 patients who get the regular single stitches.

## **Intervention**

CTR

Peroperative: Single vs Donati stitches

Postoperative: Immobilisation vs no immobilisation

## **Study burden and risks**

Same as regular CTR

## **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

CTS proven by physical examination and EMG

## Exclusion criteria

- DM
- hypothereoidia
- wristtrauma/wristoperation
- pregnancy
- obesity

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Single blinded (masking used)

**Primary purpose:** Treatment

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	01-01-2010
Enrollment:	200
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	22-07-2010
Application type:	First submission

## 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	NL29488.091.09