

# Thermophysiological strain and electrolyte and fluid balance in athletes with heat-related problems during the 7-hills run

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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>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON32869

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Thermic and electrolyte and fluid balance in heat-related problems

### Condition

- Other condition

### Synonym

heat-related problems

### Health condition

hitte-gerelateerde problemen tijdens fysieke inspanning

### 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:** Core body temperature, Heat-related problems, Running exercise, Sodium levels

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

- core body temperature
- fluid intake and toilet visits

When a core body temperature above 40 degrees is recorded:

- blood (10 ml venous) and urine assessments of electrolytes (sodium)

### Secondary outcome

- Heart rate
- Clothing

## Study description

### Background summary

Past years, a large number of participants of endurance athletic events (marathons of Rotterdam-London-Boston, dam-tot-dam-loop) ended up in hospital, primarily because of heat-related problems. To the best of our knowledge, only little is known about the impact of endurance events on the thermoregulation. Based on a pilot study, core body temperature during the 7-hills run increases to 39.4 degrees, with some individuals demonstrating an increase above 40 degrees. In general, we aim to gain better insight into the impact of the 7-hills run upon the thermophysiological strain. Specifically, we aim at those subjects that finish the 7-hills run with a core body temperature above 40

degrees. This group is predisposed to develop (serious) heat-related problems. After identification of these subjects, additional tests will be performed to gain insight into the electrolyte and fluid balance. A fluid imbalance is suggested to be crucial in the development of clinical symptoms and problems when core body temperature rises. This information is essential to prevent and treat heat-related problems during endurance events.

## **Study objective**

The primary goal is to determine the thermophysiological strain during the 7-hills run. Specifically, we are interested in those subjects with a core body temperature above 40 degrees. Based on additional research, we aim to gain better insight into the fluid and electrolyte balance, which may relate to the heat-related problems in these subjects with core body temperatures above 40 degrees.

## **Study design**

Observational study

## **Study burden and risks**

In addition to a questionnaire, heart rate monitor and determination of body weight, subjects receive a sensor pill that records core body temperature. The latter assessment is a safe, valid and 'friendly' method to record core body temperature. The burden of these tests is, physically as well as in time, minimal and provides important information which is necessary for the primary aim of the study.

In the subpopulation of subjects with a core body temperature above 40 degrees, blood and urine will be taken to gain insight into the fluid and electrolyte balance. This is a minimally invasive burden for the subjects, while it provides important information.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

- older than 18
- participant of the 7-hills run

### Exclusion criteria

obstructive disease of the gastro-intestinal tract, including diverticulitis and inflammatory bowel disease

- previous gastrointestinal surgery, except cholecystectomy and appendectomy
- MRI during the period that the CorTemp<sup>tm</sup> sensor is within the body (e.g. 1 day preceding the 7-hills run, the day of the 7-hills run and 2 days after the 7-hills run)
- subject having a cardiac pacemaker or other implanted electromedical device.

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Prevention

## Recruitment

NL  
Recruitment status: Pending  
Start date (anticipated): 01-08-2008  
Enrollment: 250  
Type: Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
Application type: First submission  
Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

## 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	NL24437.091.08