# **Auditory Processing in young children**

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruiting

Health condition type Hearing disorders

**Study type** Observational non invasive

### **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON32980

**Source** 

ToetsingOnline

**Brief title** 

**Auditory Processing** 

#### **Condition**

· Hearing disorders

#### **Synonym**

(Central) Auditory Processing Disorder, APD

#### Research involving

Human

### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

### Intervention

**Keyword:** APD, Auditory Processing, Auditory Processing Disorder, Children

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The primary study parameters are the differences in detection thresholds for the three auditory tests and the two visual tests between the patients and the controls.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Gender, age, results of questionnaires, speech in noise test (words)

## **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Some children are having problems with understanding speech in situations with background noise, despite a normal peripheral hearing. Poor processing of sound (by brains), so called auditory processing disorder (APD), can be the cause of these problems. The psychophysical tests, nowadays used in the auditory centers, to diagnose these problems are poorly useful. However, the ages at which children presents themselves with these problems is getting younger. With this research we want to test a newly developed test battery to diagnose auditory processing disorders at younger ages. With this test battery we will try to distinguish between patients and controls. If this is possible we will try to distinguish between a purely auditory and a general problem within the group of patients, something that is not possible with the current diagnostic possibilities.

### **Study objective**

With this study we will investigate if our test battery is able to distinguish between children with and without suspection of auditory processing disorders. We also want to investigate the normale development of the auditory system of children between the ages 4.0 and 7.5.

### Study design

This study is a case-control study. A new test battery is developed to test auditory processes in young children. With this test battery we will test two groups of children: one groep children suspect of APD and one group children,

control population, of a regular primary school.

#### Study burden and risks

Participation will not involve any physical risks. The test will take about 30 minutes per child. Besides testing the child, the parents and teacher are asked to fill in a questionnaire. The filling in will take about 5 minutes per questionnaire per child. The benefit of participation for the child is the screening for hearing problems. After participation the child will receive a little present.

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### **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

## **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Children (2-11 years)

### Inclusion criteria

Patients: suspect of auditory processing disorder and normal peripheral hearing; Controls: age between 4.0 - 7.5 and normal peripheral hearing

#### **Exclusion criteria**

Patients: detected developmental disorder; Controls: speech therapy for more than an isolated speech-production problem, repeating a class, children with 'special care', or detected developmental disorder

## Study design

### **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

**Primary purpose:** Basic science

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 05-06-2009

Enrollment: 68

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 03-06-2009

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

(Rotterdam)

# **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 NL26579.078.09