

# Laxatives postoperative colorectal surgery

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Will not start
<b>Health condition type</b>	Malignant and unspecified neoplasms gastrointestinal NEC
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON33165

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

LAPOCS

### Condition

- Malignant and unspecified neoplasms gastrointestinal NEC

### Synonym

bowelpathology, colorectal pathology

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Atrium Medisch Centrum

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

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Colorectal surgery, Laxatives, Postoperative ileus

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Time to gastrointestinal recovery, defined as time to first flatus and first defecation.

### Secondary outcome

Appreciation of the laxatives being used, overall hospital stay and incidence of postoperative complications (anastomotic leakage, wound infection, intra-abdominal abscess)

## Study description

### Background summary

Postoperative ileus is a well-known consequence of abdominal surgery which leads to prolonged hospital stay. Over the past years, the implementation of ERAS programs have lead to a reduction in postoperative hospital stay. The use of laxatives after colorectal surgery within these protocols is not yet evidence based.

### Study objective

The objective of this trial is to compare time to gastrointestinal recovery after elective colorectal surgery between patients treated with a laxative versus patients treated with a placebo.

### Study design

A single center prospective randomized placebo controlled trial.

### Intervention

The laxatives being used in this trial are magnesiumoxide and bisacodyl.

Patients will receive the laxative or the placebo for three days postoperatively, twice daily starting on the evening of surgery.

### **Study burden and risks**

Participation is not associated with risks.

## **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**

Patients planned for elective colorectal surgery will be included regardless of age, underlying pathology or co-morbidity. Procedures to be performed include right hemicolectomy, transversectomy, left hemicolectomy, sigmoid resection, low anterior resection, polypectomy,

abdominoperineal resection, reconstruction ileostomy, reconstruction colostomy, laparoscopic right or left hemicolectomy

## Exclusion criteria

Lacking informed consent, age <18 years, objection by treating physician, emergency procedures, contra-indications to the laxatives being used or the use of other types of laxatives than magnesiumoxide or bisacodyl.

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Double blinded (masking used)
Control:	Placebo
Primary purpose:	Prevention

### Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Will not start
Start date (anticipated):	15-06-2009
Enrollment:	215
Type:	Anticipated

### Medical products/devices used

Product type:	Medicine
Brand name:	Bisacodyl
Generic name:	Bisacodyl
Registration:	Yes - NL intended use
Product type:	Medicine
Brand name:	Magnesium oxide

Generic name: Magnesium Oxide  
Registration: Yes - NL intended use

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
Date: 23-06-2009  
Application type: First submission  
Review commission: METC Z: Zuyderland-Zuyd (Heerlen)

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

### Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

ID: 26932  
Source: Nationaal Trial Register  
Title:

### In other registers

Register	ID
EudraCT	EUCTR2009-012700-53-NL
CCMO	NL28256.096.09
OMON	NL-OMON26932