# Three- and four-part fracture of the proximal humerus in the elderly. Angle stable locking compression plate osteosynthesis versus hemiarthroplasty.

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Will not start

**Health condition type** Bone and joint therapeutic procedures

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON35023

#### **Source**

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Hemiarthroplasty vs Osteosynthesis in huMEral fRactUreS;HOMERUS-study

## **Condition**

Bone and joint therapeutic procedures

#### Synonym

3- and 4 part fracture of the proximal humerus/ shoulderfracture

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen

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

## Intervention

**Keyword:** -angle stable locking compression plate osteosynthesis, -hemiarthroplasty, - proximal humeral fractures

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Primary outcome parameter is speed of recovery of functional capacity of the affected upper limb.

## **Secondary outcome**

Secondary outcomes are: pain, patient satisfaction, functional outcome, quality of life, radiographic evaluation and complications

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

The optimal surgical management of three- and four-part proximal humeral fractures in elderly osteoporotic patients remains controversial. Mostly used techniques are hemiarthroplasty and angle stable locking compression osteosynthesis. In literature there is no evidence available showing advantage of angle stable locking compression plate osteosynthesis compared to hemiarthroplasty regarding speed of recovery of functional capacity, pain, patient satisfaction, functional outcome, quality of life, and complications.

## **Study objective**

The objective of this study is to conduct a randomized controlled trial to compare hemiarthroplasty with open reduction and internal fixation with an angle stable locking compression plate in the treatment of dislocated three-and four-part fractures of the proximal humerus in the elder population. Primary outcome parameter is speed of recovery of functional capacity of the effected upper limb. We hypothesize that hemiarthroplasty shows quicker recovery of functional capacity. Secondary outcome parameters are pain, patient satisfaction, functional outcome, quality of life, radiographic evaluation and

complications.

## Study design

A prospective, non-blinded, multicentric randomized controlled trial will be conducted to allocate patients to either hemiarthroplasty or open reduction and internal fixation with angle stable locking compression plate osteosynthesis to study speed of recovery of functional capacity and other secondary outcomes.

#### Intervention

One group will be treated by hemiarthroplasty and the other group will be treated by open reposition and internal fixation with a angle stable locking compression plate.

## Study burden and risks

The methods of treatment in this study are contemporary \*common current treatment\* methods. There can be found two main risk factors. The first is the possible negative effects of exposure to radiation when making a CT-scan. Nevertheless, this is a common used and necessary investigation in characterizing the fracture type and in choosing the forthcoming treatment method. The second is the possibility of appearence complications after operative treatment of three- and four- part fractures of the proximal humerus. In literature, operative treatment is recommended and no significant difference in number or gravity in the appearance of complications between treatment with hemiarthroplasty or treatment with angle stable locking compression plate osteosynthesis can be found. Furthermore, patients will be seen three times during an outpatient clinic visit and will be asked twice to fill in a questionnaire that will be send to their home address.

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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 to be included suffer from three- or four- part fracture of the proximal humerus according to the Neer classification with more than 5 mm dislocation in one of the fracture-planes and are aged above 60 years.

## **Exclusion criteria**

Patients with a fracture existing more than 14 days, ASA IV-V, multitrauma (ISS>16), pathological fracture, previous surgery on the injured shoulder, severely deranged function caused by a previous disease, head-split proximal humerus fracture and unwillingness or inability to follow instruction are excluded.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

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Control: Active

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

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Recruitment status: Will not start

Enrollment: 134

Type: Anticipated

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 28-04-2010

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

# **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: 23688 Source: NTR

Title:

## In other registers

Register ID

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