# The Influence of Psychological Factors on Health Outcomes in Patients Treated with Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: A Prospective, Single-Center, Observational Study.

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Ethical review Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Heart failures

**Study type** Observational non invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON35428

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

Psychological outcome in Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy.

#### **Condition**

Heart failures

## **Synonym**

chronic heart failure, reduced cardiac output

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht

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

## Intervention

**Keyword:** biomarker, cardiovascular, health outcome, psychological

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

(1) Health status/quality of life

## **Secondary outcome**

- (2) Mortality (both cardiac and non-cardiac)
- (3) Morbidity

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Cardiac resynchronization therapy with defibrillator (CRT-D) is a promising treatment in congestive heart failure (CHF), both in terms of improving functional status and quality of life and in reducing mortality and morbidity. However, despite proven benefits, a subgroup of patients (20-30%) still report impaired quality of life and functional status following CRT, which cannot be explained solely by traditional objective indicators of CHF severity. A paucity of studies have examined the role of psychological factors in predicting health outcomes, such as quality of life and morbidity, in patients treated with CRT-D. In addition, little is known about the relationship between psychological factors and cytokine activation in heart failure.

## Study objective

## **Primary**

1. To examine whether psychological factors moderate the effect of the objectively assessed clinical CRT-D response on quality of life in patients with CHF.

## Secondary

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- 2. To examine whether psychological factors moderate the effect of the objectively assessed clinical CRT-D response on morbidity in patients with CHF.
- 3. To investigate whether the relationship between Type D personality and 2-year mortality and morbidity in CHF patients treated with CRT-D is mediated by cytokine activation.

## Study design

Prospective, observational, single-centre study, with a 2-year follow-up. Psychological assessments will take place at 5 time points during a period of 12 months. At visits to the outpatient clinic, patients will undergo standard medical tests, give blood for the determination of cytokine activation, and complete a set of standardized and validated questionnaires. Information on medical characteristics and adverse clinical events during the 2-year follow-up period will be retrieved from the patients\* medical records.

## Study burden and risks

The proposed study incurs no extra risk to patients, as they receive no additional treatment and/or tests nor will any treatment be withheld from them compared to patients who choose not to participate or are excluded on the basis of the exclusion criteria. No extra venapuncture will take place, as the extra blood samples for the study will be taken at the time of the standard assessments for the clinical management of patients. The only burden to patients is the time that it will take to complete a set of psychological questionnaires at the clinical follow-up visits, which is estimated to take 1 hour. Given that patients often have to wait for the different tests and appointments with various professionals at the outpatient clinic, the questionnaires can be completed during this waiting period.

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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 aged between 18-85 years and receiving a CRT-D device, according to the most recent guidelines.

## **Exclusion criteria**

Patients with a history of psychiatric illness other than affective/anxiety disorders, with cognitive impairments (e.g. dementia), being treated with anti-inflammatory drugs other than low-dose aspirin, on dialysis or a creatinine level > 250 micromol/liter, with chronic systemic disease and treated with corticosteroids, chemotherapy, or colchicines, on the waiting list for heart transplantation, or with insufficient knowledge of the Dutch language will be excluded.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Other

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 15-01-2009

Enrollment: 140

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 09-12-2008

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (Utrecht)

Approved WMO

Date: 05-11-2010

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (Utrecht)

# **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 NL21600.041.08