

Obstetrical brachial plexus lesion: a pilot study of outcome and general functioning in adults.

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruitment stopped
Health condition type	Bone disorders (excl congenital and fractures)
Study type	Observational non invasive

Summary

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NL-OMON36402

Source

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Brief title

OBPL: a pilot study of outcome and general functioning in adults.

Condition

- Bone disorders (excl congenital and fractures)
- Congenital and peripartum neurological conditions

Synonym

erb's palsy, obstetrical brachial plexus lesion

Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum

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

Intervention

Keyword: adults, general outcome/pain, obstetrical brachial plexus lesion, shoulderfunction

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

DASH

Secondary outcome

X-ray anteroposterior and axial; right and left shoulder

Passive range of motion test of the upper extremity

Active range of motion test of the upper extremity

Handheld dynamometry / Yamar dynamometer

sensitivity 2-pointdiscrimination

Scoliosis investagion (sitting)

Armlength left and right (cm)

Circumference of the arm, left and right (cm)

VAS scores

Modified Mallet-score

ARA-test

NHP-test

MOS-SF 36

Study description

Background summary

Obstetric brachial plexus lesion (OBPL) occurs at birth. There has been done a lot of research on how to treat children. During childhood mild constraints in

daily life are being seen as well as occurrence of pain and glenohumeral deformities. There has been very little research to the effects of OBPL to adults. Adults with OBPL are hardly being seen by physiatrists. Therefore little is known about adults with OBPL among physiatrists. The fact that adults with OBPL are hardly seen can have multiple explanations. It is possible that there are little to no constraints. It is also possible that patients don't know their way to the physiatrist.

Study objective

To increase the knowledge of how adults with OBPL function, this research will be done with the next research question: what are the long-term consequences of OBPL among adults?

These questions are being addressed with the ICF structure:

- body structure & function: how is the anatomy of the affected side compared to the healthy side? Is osteoarthritis more common on the affected shoulder? How is the passive range of motion (PROM) and the active range of motion (AROM) of both shoulders? How is the strength on the affected side? Are there big differences between the different lesion levels? How frequent and to what extent does pain occur? Which body part endures the most pain?
- Activity and Participation: are there constraints in activities of daily life? What is the influence of OBPL on daily life functioning: work, household, freetime?
- Is there a relation between shoulder function/shoulder pain and functioning in activity and participation?

Study design

In this cross-sectional pilot study the ICF will be used: body structure & function and activity & participation. The instruments that will be used are physical examination, x-rays, functionality testing and questionnaires. If possible the affected side will be compared to the healthy side. Other tests will be compared to healthy numbers. The entire research will take place in 2,5 year time.

Study burden and risks

A time investment of 3,5 hours is asked. In this period a questionnaire has to be filled in and a visit to the VUMC will be made. During this visit a thorough physical examination will take place and there will be 4 x-rays made, 2 of each shoulder. The risks that come with the x-rays are minimal.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age

Adults (18-64 years)
Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

The inclusion criteria are adults with unilateral OPBL, aged 18-65 years, able to speak Dutch or English.

Exclusion criteria

The exclusion criteria are double sided OPBL and central neurological comorbidity.

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): 03-02-2012

Enrollment: 30

Type: Actual

Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 24-06-2011

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

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

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