# DREAMS II Study; HPA axis function and sympathetic nervous system activity in survivors of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia

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To study HPA axis regulation and sympathetic nervous system activity in survivors of childhood ALL during relaxation and during stress.

**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Leukaemias

**Study type** Observational non invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON37326

Source

ToetsingOnline

**Brief title** 

**DREAMS II study** 

#### Condition

- Leukaemias
- Adrenal gland disorders
- Central nervous system vascular disorders

## **Synonym**

acute lymphoblastic leukemia, leukemia

## **Research involving**

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: KWF; en geld is aangevraagd bij KIKA

### Intervention

**Keyword:** acute lymphoblastic leukemia, HPA axis, sympathetic nervous system

#### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

HPA axis regulation (cortisol) and sympathetic nervous system activity (blood pressure, heart rate) during relaxation and during the Trier social stress test.

## **Secondary outcome**

The association between HPA axis activity and sympathetic nervous system activity and fatigue and quality of life.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

The results of a previous study, the DREAMS I study, showed an increased baseline activity and an enhanced feedback sensitivity of the HPA axis in survivors of childhood ALL. A plausible explanation for the altered HPA axis regulation is the presence of stress, in its various guises. Stress also activates the sympathetic nervous system. Increased sympathetic outflow has clinical implications, since it is associated with the development of the metabolic syndrome. Indeed, it is known that survivors of childhood ALL are at increased risk for the metabolic syndrome.

## Study objective

To study HPA axis regulation and sympathetic nervous system activity in survivors of childhood ALL during relaxation and during stress.

## Study design

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For this multicenter observational study, all 65 participants of our previous DREAMS I study will be invited. During a relaxation period and during the Trier Social Stress Test adapted for children, consisting of a speech task and arithmetic, saliva cortisol levels and sympathetic outflow which is monitored by a non-invasive device will be measured.

## Study burden and risks

To perform reliable research on HPA axis function in childhood, this study can not be performed in other subjects than children, for the most part minors. However, the risks of this study are negligible and the possible objections are minimal. The participants will complete a questionnaire at home regarding fatigue and regarding quality of life. In addition, they will be invited for one afternoon in the hospital to perform a Trier Social Stress Test.

# **Contacts**

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adolescents (12-15 years)

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Adolescents (16-17 years) Adults (18-64 years) Children (2-11 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

## Inclusion criteria

All subjects from the VUmc, the UMCU and the UMCN that have been treated according to the Dutch Childhood Oncology Group (DCOG) ALL-9 or ALL-10 protocol and that participated in the DREAMS I study.

Healthy age and sex matched controls, existing of: 1) friends of ALL survivors who participate in the DREAMS study, 2) friends of current ALL patients in the VUmc, 3) friends of survivors of childhood cancer who visit the outpatient clinic late effects of the VUmc.

## **Exclusion criteria**

Prolonged glucocorticoid therapy for other reasons than treatment for ALL. Chronic health conditions that might influence HPA axis activity.

# Study design

# **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Other

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 04-01-2012

Enrollment: 65

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 19-12-2011

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 02-10-2012

Application type: Amendment

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 ID

CCMO NL38017.029.11