

# Reasons for exclusion prenatale diagnosis or preimplantation genetic diagnosis in Huntington disease

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Movement disorders (incl parkinsonism)
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON37329

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Reasons for exclusion PND or -PGD

### Condition

- Movement disorders (incl parkinsonism)

### Synonym

Huntington disease

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Medisch Universitair Ziekenhuis Maastricht

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

## Intervention

**Keyword:** exclusion testing, Huntington disease, preimplantation genetic diagnosis, prenatal diagnosis

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Motives in the decision making process for exclusion testing

Reasons why the at risk person decided not to be tested

Recommandation for future counselling

Make an inventory of the future interest for exclusion PGD

### Secondary outcome

NA

## Study description

### Background summary

Huntington disease is a neurodegenerative disorder with autosomal dominant inheritance. Age at onset is usually at adult age. This devastating disorder has great impact on genecarriers and their familymembers, also in the presymptomatic phase.

Possible gene carriers, with 50% risk to be affected in the future, who do not want to be informed about their carrierstatus, and who want to prevent transmission of the disease to offspring, have the possibility to choose for prenatal exclusion testing or for preimplantation exclusion testing. These couples, but also health care workers and policymakers are confronted with ethical and moral dilemma's regarding exclusion testing. This study aims to explore motives for exclusion testing.

### Study objective

This study aims to get insight in reasons and motives of couples who choose for exclusion prenatal or preimplantation genetic testing. We will explore experiences of these couples in order to give recommendations for counseling of future couples.

Futhermore, we will explore the choices the couples made and how they finally

fulfilled their childish wish. Also, we will ask the couples for the reason why they did not want to be tested in the past.

### **Study design**

This is a retrospective cohort study of couples who underwent exclusion prenatal testing or exclusion PGD. They will be asked to participate in a semistructured interview (lasting one hour) concerning their reasons to choose for this type of testing.

### **Study burden and risks**

This study comprises one semistructured interview, lasting about one hour. Probably adverse consequences of the interview may appear when sensitive, difficult experiences are dragged up. The interviewer has a large experience with Huntington disease and we expect that she will be capable to handle these emotions. We guarantee adequate acute support and/or referral to a psychologist if necessary.

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

Couples who underwent prenatal exclusion testing.

Couples who were referred for PGD and underwent PGD treatment in Maastricht or Brussels

### Exclusion criteria

Unable to give informed consent

Poor physical or psychological condition due to symptoms of Huntington disease

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 17-02-2012

Enrollment: 35

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date:	12-12-2011
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)
Approved WMO	
Date:	24-02-2012
Application type:	Amendment
Review commission:	METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

## 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	NL38536.068.11