

# The arm functions and abilities of boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy explored by movement analysis

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Muscle disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON37466

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Duchenne dynamic arm study (DDAS)

### Condition

- Muscle disorders

### Synonym

Duchenne muscular Dystrophy (DMD), muscular dystrophy

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Sint Radboud

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## Intervention

**Keyword:** Arm function, Disease progression, Duchenne muscular dystrophy

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The main study parameters are: maximal sEMG amplitude during movements as percentage of EMG amplitude in Maximum Voluntary Contraction, active range of motion and activity level during a longer period of time.

### Secondary outcome

Secondary study parameters are: a questionnaire on medical history, drug use and activity level, passive range of motion, absolute muscle force, fatigue, pain and quantitative ultrasound for measuring muscle volume and muscle quality

## Study description

### Background summary

Due to progression of the disease a boy with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) will lose gradually his arm function after he gets wheelchair confined. A possible solution to compensate the loss of arm function is the development of an exoskeleton. To give input to the technical engineers of such an exoskeleton, more insight in the patterns of deterioration is needed. A pilot study, using 3D movement analysis combined with surface electromyography (sEMG) has proven to be a new effective way of studying the course of disease. Therefore this method is used to determine the course of deterioration in a larger group of boys with DMD.

### Study objective

Primary Objectives:

1: Gain insight in the way arm function changes during the natural course of DMD through 3D movement analysis, surface electromyography and ambulant activity monitoring.

2: Investigate if a newly developed exoskeleton is able to support the arm functions and activities in boys with DMD effectively.

3: To examine the possibility of activity classification of arm movements of people with DMD with the use of ambulatory motion monitoring.

## **Study design**

Explorative case control study

## **Study burden and risks**

The burden and risks associated with participation are very small. The movements that are measured are movements that are also performed in daily living and the movements will not be forced. Furthermore, the measurement protocol is not invasive.

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adolescents (12-15 years)  
Adolescents (16-17 years)  
Adults (18-64 years)  
Children (2-11 years)  
Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

DNA established diagnosis of DMD  
Brooke scale 1-5

### Exclusion criteria

Other disabling diseases influencing upper extremity function  
Boys  $\leq$  six years old  
Surgical scoliosis correction

## 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

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	04-04-2013
Enrollment:	30

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
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Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

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Date: 20-12-2013  
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Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

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Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

## 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	NL39126.091.12