# Feasibility of using the Pap-smear as a screening device for the detection of endometrial and ovarian cancer

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To verify the feasibility of using the Pap-smear in diagnosing endometrial and ovarian cancer.

**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Reproductive neoplasms female malignant and unspecified

**Study type** Observational invasive

# **Summary**

## ID

NL-OMON39020

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

Detecting endometrial and ovarian cancer with the Pap-smear

## Condition

Reproductive neoplasms female malignant and unspecified

#### **Synonym**

Cervical smear (Pap-smear), uterine cancer (endometrial cancer)

## Research involving

Human

# **Sponsors and support**

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

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Stichting Ruby & Rose

### Intervention

Keyword: Cervicovaginal self-sampling, Endometrial cancer, Ovarian cancer, Pap-smear

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

The main study parameter is the correlation between mutations found in the Pap-smear and the pipelle endometrial sampling and the primary tumor.

## Secondary outcome

The main study parameter is the correlation between mutations found in the vaginal swab and the pipelle endometrial sampling and the primary tumor.

To assess the correlation between the results of the mutation analysis and tumour characteristics (histology, stage).

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

In 2011, 1257 women in The Netherlands were diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 1913 with endometrial cancer, causing respectively 1043 and 484 deaths. Ovarian cancer has few symptoms in an early stage and is usually diagnosed in an advanced stage, leading to a bad prognosis. Endometrial cancer has a better prognosis, but the incidence is still rising. Earlier detection or even screening for these diseases would help improve survival. Recent developments in DNA analysis might be used to diagnose ovarian and endometrial cancer with a Pap-smear. The possible upcoming change from the traditional screening for cervical cancer to HPV testing raises a second question whether DNA isolation is possible from this test as well.

# Study objective

To verify the feasibility of using the Pap-smear in diagnosing endometrial and ovarian cancer.

## Study design

Prospective multicentre cohort study.

## Study burden and risks

All patients with postmenopausal bleeding are suspected of having endometrial cancer and therefore undergo a Pap-smear and a pipelle endometrial sampling. The vaginal swab is an extra test, but this can be performed during routine gynaecologic examination, which means there will be no extra burden or risk. Patients suspected of having ovarian cancer and patients undergoing a hysterectomy for benign pathology normally do not undergo a Pap-smear, vaginal swab and pipelle endometrial sampling. The Pap-smear and vaginal swab can be done during routine gynaecologic examination and will not be an extra burden or risk. The pipelle endometrial sampling is done preoperative, these patients are sedated and won\*t experience extra discomfort and there will be no extra risk. These diagnostic tests are extensively used by gynaecologists and were proven to be safe.

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

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

# Inclusion criteria

Endometrial cancer: patient suspected of having endometrial cancer i.e. postmenopausal bleeding

Ovarian cancer: patient highly (99% certainty) suspected of having ovarian cancer. This will be based on RMI>200, CA125/CEA ratio, ascites, peritoneal depositions, omental cake or even laparoscopic evaluation.

# **Exclusion criteria**

Previous pelvic radiotherapy

# Study design

# **Design**

Study type: Observational invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 11-03-2014

Enrollment: 150

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 29-11-2013

Application type: First submission

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

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# In other registers

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