# Anastomotic Perfusion Pressure Expressed in a Bowel-Arm Index and Gastric Conduit-Arm Index; a New Variable to Predict Anastomotic Leakage.

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| Ethical review        | Approved WMO                            |
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| Status                | Recruitment stopped                     |
| Health condition type | Gastrointestinal therapeutic procedures |
| Study type            | Observational non invasive              |

# Summary

### ID

NL-OMON39543

**Source** ToetsingOnline

**Brief title** Anastomotic perfusion pressure measurements

# Condition

Gastrointestinal therapeutic procedures

**Synonym** anastomotic leakage, bowel leakage following surgery

#### Research involving

Human

### **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: Veenhof Medical Divices B.V.

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### Intervention

Keyword: Anastomosis, Anastomotic leakage, Bowel resection, Esophageal resection

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Anastomotic perfusion expressed in a bowel-arm index.

Anastomotic perfusion expressed in a gastric conduit-arm index

Anastomotic dehiscence

#### Secondary outcome

none

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Anastomotic leakage remains a serious complication following colorectal surgery and esophageal resection with gastric conduit. Its reported prevalence varies between 1% and 39%. Currently, before making an anastomosis, viability of the bowel or gastric conduit is estimated by the color of the tissue. This remains very subjective and based on the experience of the surgeon. The aim of this study is to investigate if measurements of perfusion at the site of anastomosis expressed by a bowel-arm index or gastric conduit-arm index can help to predict anastomotic dehiscence.

First a pilot study will be conducted.

#### **Study objective**

A new device has been developed in the VU University Medical Center enabling us to measure perfusion pressure in mmHg in the bowel wall or wall of the gastric conduit. Correlating this measurement to systemic blood pressure in mmHg subsequently provides us a bowel-arm index or gastric conduit-arm index. In the future, an anastomosis could subsequently be made where the bowel-arm index in the bowel or gastric conduit-arm index is adequate and thus minimize the chance of anastomotic leaks.

### Study design

All patients undergoing colorectal, small intestinal surgery and esophageal resection in the VU University Medical Center (VUmc), Academic Medical Center (AMC), Zaans Medical Center (ZMC) and Medical Center Alkmaar (MCA), receiving a primary anastomosis will be entered into this prospective study. Patients must be 18 years and older. Informed consent must be obtained from all patients. Patients undergoing palliative treatment or emergency surgery will be excluded from this study. Standard anesthesia is given in all patients included in this study.

Just before performing the anastomosis the bowel perfusion of the bowel wall is measured in mmHg opposite of the mesenterium on both the oral and aboral side of the anastomosis. This is believed to be the site of poorest perfusion in the bowel wall. At the same time the systemic perfusion is measured using an arterial catheter in the radial artery. Bowel perfusion in mmHg is divided by the systemic pressure in mmHg providing us the bowel-arm index. Also the surgeon is asked to subjectively evaluate the bowel perfusion. In case of esophageal resection, after performing the gastric conduit, just before the anastomosis is made, perfusion of the gastric conduit wall is measured in mmHg opposite of the left gastric artery at the side of the anastomosis. This is believed to be the site of poorest perfusion in the gastric conduit. At the same time the systemic perfusion is measured using an arterial catheter in the radial artery. Gastric conduit perfusion in mmHg is divided by the systemic pressure in mmHg providing us the gastric conduit-arm index. Also the surgeon is asked to subjectively evaluate the gastric conduit.

Postoperatively patients are clinically followed for signs of anastomotic leakage. Patients with an increase in abdominal pain, leukocyte level and/or C-reactive protein level past postoperative day 3 will be evaluated for anastomotic leakage by CT-scan with oral, rectal and IV contrast. In case of esophageal resection this will be a CT scan of the chest with possibly a gastroscopy. In addition, a CT-scan of the abdomen or thorax will be made at any other postoperative day if deemed necessary by the treating physician. We will investigate if a threshold in bowel-arm index or gastric conduit-arm index will be able to help predict anastomotic leakage.

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#### Study burden and risks

perfusion.

No additional risk or burden is expected. The new device only exerts pressure on the bowel wall and wall of the gastric conduit as would a surgical clamp for instance. The perfusion measuring device has a CE approval. No addition out patien clinic visits are planned.

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# **Trial sites**

# **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

### **Inclusion criteria**

Elective bowel resection with primary anastomosis Elective esophageal resection with gastric conduit reconstruction Informed consent Above 18 years of age

### **Exclusion criteria**

No informed consent Emergency surgery

# 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): | 26-08-2013          |
| Enrollment:               | 400                 |
| Туре:                     | Actual              |

# Medical products/devices used

| Generic name: | Bowel perfusion measuring device / Gastric conduit perfusion measuring device |
|---------------|---|
| Registration: | Yes - CE intended use   |

# **Ethics review**

| Approved WMO       |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Date:              | 24-01-2012         |
| Application type:  | First submission   |
| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |
| Approved WMO       |                    |
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| Application type:  | Amendment          |
| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |

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| 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** CCMO ID NL36900.029.11