# Comforting support for incubator bound children by means of maternal scent communication.

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeOther condition

**Study type** Observational non invasive

## **Summary**

## ID

NL-OMON39739

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Comforting scents

## Condition

Other condition

#### Synonym

pain expression, pain perception

#### **Health condition**

pijn perceptie

## **Research involving**

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Maxima Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Agentschap NL

## Intervention

Keyword: Incubator, Parents, Premature, Scent

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

As a means of observing the baby\*s perceived pain the Premature Infant Pain

Profile (PIPP) will be used. The PIPP score of the first observation the will

be an indication for the pain perceived by the baby.

## **Secondary outcome**

The time it takes for the baby to reach a PIPP score of below 5 (max score of

21) will be a measurement of self regulatory capabilities of the child.

Observation intervals of the PIPP score will be 30 sec. with a maximum of total

observation of 5 min.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Since there is a need for effective non-pharmacological means of pain relieve in incubator bound neonates, various studies have been undertaken to enable parents to provide comfort to their child during their hospitalization

## Study objective

The aim of this study is to see if we can enhance the effectiveness of the nurse\*s comforting capabilities through the addition of maternal scent communication during heellance.

## Study design

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Observational, single factor, double blind, within subjects study

## Study burden and risks

Data will be gathered by a trained nurse familiar with the PIPP scoring method. The nurse will be present besides the nurse who will perform a procedural heellance on the child. This means that the only burden associated with the study is the participation of an observing nurse for a total of max. 15 min. Furthermore only bare minimum risks are expected to be present for the baby, since the use of \*geurdoekjes\* and Kangaroo Mother Care is already widely used in the MC department.

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## **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Children (2-11 years)

## Inclusion criteria

- Babies born 28> weeks GA.
- Babies with a "test age" of 32> weeks GA.
- Babies that are indicated as \*safe\* to include into the study by their treating nurse and/or doctor.

## **Exclusion criteria**

- Medically unstable children or are in any threat of complications.
- Babies who are on full respiration support
- Older than 37 weeks GA

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 10-06-2013

Enrollment: 40

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 29-01-2013

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Maxima Medisch Centrum (Veldhoven)

# **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 NL42809.015.12