# \*Does maintaining endotracheal tube cuff pressures at 20 mm Hg prevent dysphagia and hoarseness after anterior cervical spine surgery?\* A randomised controlled trial.

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Administration site reactions

**Study type** Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON39864

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

-Endotracheal tube cuff pressures in anterior cervical spine surgery

#### **Condition**

- Administration site reactions
- Procedural related injuries and complications NEC
- Upper respiratory tract disorders (excl infections)

#### **Synonym**

dysphagia, problems with swallowing

#### Research involving

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Medisch Centrum Haaglanden

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Wetenschapsfonds

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Anterior cervical spine surgery, Dysphagia, Endotracheal tube cuff pressure,

Hoarseness

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Postoperative dysphagia

#### **Secondary outcome**

Postoperative sore throat and hoarseness.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

In anterior cervical spine surgery a retractor is used. Previous studies showed an increase of endotracheal tube cuff pressures after placement of a retractor. It is known that a high endotracheal tube cuff pressure increases the incidence of postoperative dysphagia, hoarseness, and sore throat. However, until now no evidence supports maintaining the endotracheal tube cuff pressure during anterior cervical spine surgery to prevent this comorbidity.

#### Study objective

To determine if adjusting endotracheal tube cuff pressure after placement of a retractor during anterior cervical spine surgery prevents postoperative dysphagia. Furthermore laryngo-tracheal complaints (hoarseness and sore throat) will be scored

#### Study design

Study patients are randomized in two arms. In the control arm endotracheal tube cuff pressure is not adjusted after retractor placement. In the intervention

arm endotracheal tube cuff pressure after retractor placement is maintained at 20 mm Hg. Twenty-four hours and 2 months after the operation the study patients are questioned about dysphagia, hoarseness and sore throat.

#### Intervention

Maintaining the endotracheal tube cuff pressure to 20 mm Hg after retractor placement

#### Study burden and risks

The study patient will be interviewed postoperative. Maintaining the endotracheal tube cuff pressure does not imply extra risks of burden to the study patient .

## **Contacts**

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# **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

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Elderly (65 years and older)

#### Inclusion criteria

Male and non-pregnant female patients between 18-90 years of age requiring anterior cervical spine surgery on 1 or more levels with the use of a retractor

#### **Exclusion criteria**

Pre-operative dysphagia, hoarseness, sore throat or recurrent laryngeal nerve palsy

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

**Primary purpose:** Prevention

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 06-01-2012

Enrollment: 177

Type: Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Generic name: cuff pressure gauge

Registration: Yes - CE intended use

## **Ethics review**

#### Approved WMO

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Approved WMO

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# **Study registrations**

## Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

ID: 25072 Source: NTR

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# In other registers

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