# Combined PSGand HRM-MII measurement to assess the relation between gastroesophageal reflux and apnea in infants

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Gastrointestinal motility and defaecation conditions

**Study type** Observational invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON40182

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Relation between gastroesophageal reflux and apnea in infants

#### Condition

- Gastrointestinal motility and defaecation conditions
- Neonatal respiratory disorders

#### Synonym

cessation of breath/breathpauses, regurgitation/backflow of gastric contents into esophagus

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

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Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Ministerie van OC&W

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** apneas, gastro esophageal reflux, High resolution Manometry/, Polysomnography

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Temporal relation between onset transient lower esophageal sphincter relaxations (TLESR), onset of GER event, onset of GER reaching the pharynx (if present), onset of cessation of nasal airflow, onset of cessation of respiratory effort (if present), onset of deceleration of heart rate(if present) and onset of desaturation(if present)

#### **Secondary outcome**

GERd complaints objectified through questionnaire parents

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Gastroesophageal reflux (GER) and apnea are two phenomena often seen in infants. GER is the involuntary movement of gastric contents into the esophagus. Pathologic GER (GER disease (GERD)) is defined as GER which causes troublesome symptoms or complications. An apneal is a cessation of respiratory air flow and might be central (no respiratory effort), obstructive (usually upper airway obstruction) or mixed in nature. Pathological appea is defined as a cessation of breathing for >20 seconds, or a period of shorter duration accompanied with significant desaturation, hypoxemia or bradycardia. Since GER and apnea often coincide in infants, a causal relationship is commonly proposed. Several theories suggest GER to be a causal factor in the generation of both central and obstructive apnea\*s, but vice versa apnea\*s have been suggested to cause GER as well. Finally, both breathing an GER are centrally mediated in the same region of the brainstem and could thus both be the result of a single vagally mediated central phenomenon. There is a substantial number of studies conducted to assess these presumed relationships but no definite conclusions can be drawn as yet. This is most likely the result of these

studies, being of poor methodological quality and lacking a complete evaluation of gastroesophageal reflux and - function and/or evaluation of apnea. A combined high-resolution manometry / high resolution multichannel intraluminal impedance (HRM-MII) and complete polysomnography(PSG) is the most sophisticated way to assess any relation between GER and apnea and their underlying mechanisms.

## **Study objective**

Determine the existence of a relation between GER and apnea and their underlying mechanisms, in infants \*37 weeks \* 12 months.

## Study design

prostpective, pathophysiological, observational study

## Study burden and risks

All infants will undergo a combined HRM-MII for 6 hours during the 12 hour PSG study. The usual 24 hour clinical GER measurement is completed as per PSG protocol after the 6 hours, without the need of any additional hospital stay.

PSG recordings are non invasive and considered clinical necessary in the included infants. Per clinical PSG protocol, a standard 24 hour combined pH-MII measurement is included in the evaluation of the patient. For this purpose, infants are intubated with a 6 french gastroesophageal catheter. For the purpose of this study, this catheter will be replaced by a 6 french HRM-MII catheter for the first 6 hours of the study. In our experience, this procedure is well tolerated and causes only minor discomfort in infants. For correct placement of the pH-MII catheter, a thorax X-ray is made during clinical PSG studies. Our study catheter is able to exactly locate the position of the lower esophageal sphincter relative to the nose, making this X-ray unnecessary. All included patients will thus be spared radiation.

# **Contacts**

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## **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

### Age

Children (2-11 years)

## Inclusion criteria

Informed consent signed by care-givers
\*37wks \* 12 months GA
Clinical suspicion of unexplained respiratory events, apneas and gastroesophageal reflux

## **Exclusion criteria**

Previous gastro-intestinal (GI) surgery
Structural gastro intestinal abnormalities
Neurological Syndromes
Any condition that will make it unsafe the subject to participate.
medical treatment of GER and/or apneas < 3 days prior to study.
Any condition that will make discontinuation of medication impossible, as determined by the treating physician.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Basic science

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 22-04-2013

Enrollment: 20

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 06-03-2013

Application type: First submission

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 ID

CCMO NL43264.018.13