

# Physical fitness and physical strain in people after lower limb amputation during rehabilitation .

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Other condition
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON40280

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Physical fitness and physical strain in people after lower limb amputation.

### Condition

- Other condition

### Synonym

amputation, lower limb amputation

### Health condition

beenamputatie

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Wetenschappelijk college fysiotherapie (KNGF)

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Amputation, Physical fitness, Physical strain, Rehabilitation

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Aerobic capacity in terms of maximal oxygen uptake (ml/kg/min)

Aerobic strain in terms of heart rate reserve (%heart rate reserve)

### Secondary outcome

Exercise capacity in terms of maximal mechanical power, and minimal and maximal heart rate

Aerobic strain in terms of rating of perceived exertion (Borg scale) and activity diary.

Walking ability in terms of the SIGAM mobility scales and items scored on the LCI-5 questionnaire.

Participation in terms of items scored on the USER-P questionnaire.

## Study description

## **Background summary**

People with a lower limb amputation have a large risk of physical deconditioning before, during or after amputation. Although the importance of physical fitness for functioning after amputation is well acknowledged, little objective data is available on the level of physical fitness and the change thereof in people who undergo rehabilitation after lower limb amputation. In addition, it is unknown what level of physical strain is imposed during regular rehabilitation and whether this complies with guidelines for improving physical fitness.

## **Study objective**

The aim of the study is to assess physical fitness of people in rehabilitation after lower limb amputation and to assess their physical strain during the regular rehabilitation program and specific (physical therapy) sessions of this program. Physical strain will be compared to accepted training guidelines for improving physical fitness. Additionally, it will be investigated how physical fitness is related to walking ability and general functioning after rehabilitation.

## **Study design**

Patients will undergo peak exercise capacity testing at two instants during rehabilitation: at the start and end of the rehabilitation program. In addition, physical strain imposed on these patients will be monitored during a full week at the beginning and end of the rehabilitation program. Furthermore, a telephone interview will be done half a year and a year after discharge from clinical rehabilitation to evaluate their functioning on that moment.

## **Study burden and risks**

The study will take place within the regular rehabilitation program of the participating patients.

The exercise tests will be administered by experienced therapists and if necessary supervised by a medical doctor. Absolute and relative contraindications for maximal exercise test as postulated by the ACSM will be applied.

During the exercise tests cardiovascular stress will be monitored through blood pressure and ECG. Safety, feasibility and validity of the protocol has recently been established (Wezenberg et al 2012). In case of emergency a crash team is stand by according to regular procedures in both rehabilitation centers.

The assessment of physical strain during rehabilitation with the use of heart rate monitors will impose negligible burden to the patient.

The burden of the telephone interview done at two moments respectively half a year and a year after discharge will be a time investment of 10 minutes.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

Patients with a unilateral amputation of part of the lower limb that will be admitted to the in- or outpatient clinic of the participating rehabilitation centers

### Exclusion criteria

serious cardiovascular, neurological or musculoskeletal pathology that imposes a contra-

indication for the execution of a maximal exercise test.

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Other

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 22-07-2013

Enrollment: 40

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 03-04-2013

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 27-06-2014

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	ID
CCMO	NL43218.029.13