# A prospective, multicenter clinical study to evaluate the safety profile of the FlexiSurge Adhesion Barrier for the prevention of intra-abdominal adhesion formation after laparotomy

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON40303

#### **Source**

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

FlexiSurge Study

#### **Condition**

Other condition

#### **Synonym**

adhesion formation, postoperative adhesions

#### **Health condition**

vorming van adhesies na buikchirurgie

#### Research involving

Human

#### **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: Medisse BV

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Medisse

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Adhesion, FlexiSurge, Laparotomy

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Evaluation of Adverse Events reported during the study

#### **Secondary outcome**

Time to discharge; post discharge follow up; implant handling and macroscopical

features of the FlexiSurge Adhesion Barrier; Incidence, severity and extent of

the adhesions formed

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Postsurgical adhesions are a recognized clinical problem and can affect a majority of patients undergoing abdominal surgery. Fibrous tissue bands may start forming between surrounding tissue and organs or between organs, due to prosthetic, foreign materials, or other intrinsic and extrinsic factors which potentially can lead to major mid-term and long-term complications such as chronic pain, intestinal obstruction or secondary female infertility.

There are several prevention methods for reducing or avoiding adhesion formation after surgery. Most commonly, a barrier is placed around the treated tissue at the end of the surgery. In this way the growth of fibrous tissue from one trauma site (organ or surrounding tissue) to another traumatized or healthy site is interrupted and the adhesion formation halted.

The use of this FlexiSurge Adhesion Barrier may thus lead to a significant

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reduction in the incidence, severity and extent of adhesion formation after major abdominal surgery.

#### Study objective

Aim of this study is to see if the use of an anti-adhesive medical device, the FlexiSurge, is safe to use against adhesions that arise after open abdominal surgery.

#### Study design

A prospective, multicenter clinical study.

#### Intervention

All patients will receive the standard of care before and after laparotomy. In addition, the patients will receive the FlexiSurge medical device as anti-adhesion barrier.

#### Study burden and risks

The normal risks that can occur with open abdominal surgery include thrombosis, lung inflammation, bleeding, pain and wound infections.

In this study, no additional invasive procedures need to be performed. All standard procedures that are the basis for a laparotomy will be applied. However, half of the participating subjects will also receive a FlexiSurge anti-adhesion medical device during the laparotomy. Furthermore, a pregnancy test needs to be performed.

The possible risks of the medical device used in this research in this form are not yet known. Since the medical device will be regarded as foreign and is biodegradable, it is plausible that a mild tissue reaction occurs during the decomposition process of the medical device by enzymes of the body.

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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 colectomy elective colectomy with temporary stoma placement, followed by elective stoma reversal elective liver first surgery, followed by elective surgical colectomy ASA score 1-3

#### **Exclusion criteria**

previous surgery through abdominal incision patients with a known history of adhesiolysis BMI <= 19 or >= 35

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Prevention

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 20-06-2014

Enrollment: 10

Type: Actual

#### Medical products/devices used

Generic name: FlexiSurge Adhesion Barrier

Registration: No

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 24-02-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit

Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

Approved WMO

Date: 22-09-2014

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit

Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

Approved WMO

Date: 26-01-2015

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit

Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

# **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 NL44765.068.13

# **Study results**

Date completed: 11-05-2015

Actual enrolment: 5

**Summary results** 

Trial ended prematurely