# Prevention of Phantom Limb Pain After Transtibial Amputation (PLATA) - Randomized, double-blind, controlled, multi-center trial comparing Optimized intravenous pain control vs Optimized intravenous pain control plus Regional anesthesia

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typePeripheral neuropathies

Study type Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON41348

Source

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**Brief title** PLATA

## Condition

• Peripheral neuropathies

### **Synonym**

Chronic pain, Phantom limb pain

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## Research involving

Human

# **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

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## Intervention

**Keyword:** phantom limb pain, prevention, regional anesthesia

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Point prevalence of chronic phantom limb pain after 12 months.

## **Secondary outcome**

- Subjective classification of chronic phantom limb pain by patient in the preceding 4 weeks
- SF-12v2 Short form 12 quality of life assessment
- McGill short Pain Questionnaire
- Vascular preoperative status
- SIGAM mobility scale
- Inventarization of rehabilitation methods applied during follow-up
- Inventarization of drugs used to treat phantom limb pain
- Incidence of reamputation and surgical complications (bleeding, infection of surgical site)

# **Study description**

# **Background summary**

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Phantom limb pain following amputation is a major clinical problem. Current evidence how to best prevent phantom limb pain is equivocal because previous trials have included small numbers of patients, and tested heterogeneous patient collectives. There is some evidence that optimized perioperative pain control is effective in preventing phantom limb pain, but the potential added role of regional anesthesia has not been defined.

# **Study objective**

The aim of this study is to test the hypothesis that a combination of optimized intravenous pain therapy and continuous sciatic nerve block decreases the point prevalence of phantom limb pain 12 months after transtibial amputation for peripheral vascular disease when compared to optimized intravenous pain therapy alone.

## Study design

Interventional, randomized, prospective, triple-blind (patient, physician, statistician) clinical trial.

#### Intervention

Sciatic nerve block with continuous application of local anesthetic during surgery, and during the first week after surgery.

## Study burden and risks

All patients, regardless of group allocation, will receive optimized intravenous pain treatment. The aim of this study is to assess whether additional regional anesthesia (ultrasound-guided sciatic nerve block) can further decrease the incidence of phantom limb pain.

The administration of both optimized intravenous pain treatment and peripheral nerve blockade is routine clinical practice for many procedures on the lower leg, including amputation. The risk of this intervention can be described as very low.

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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 undergoing elective transtibial amputation for peripheral vascular disease, age over 18 years, ASA\* status II to IV.

\* ASA American Society of Anesthesiology classification.

# **Exclusion criteria**

- contraindication to peripheral regional anesthesia
- confirmed allergy to local anesthetics
- prior amputation resulting in current phantom limb pain
- severe psychiatric disease
- pregnancy or breastfeeding status
- amputation for tumour surgery
- traumatic amputation and
- inability to give written and informed consent.

# Study design

# **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Prevention

# Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 06-02-2014

Enrollment: 130

Type: Actual

# Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: bupivacaine

Generic name: bupivacaine

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 19-07-2013

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 27-08-2013

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

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Approved WMO

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Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

# **Study registrations**

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

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Register ID

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