# Multidisciplinary step in the prediction and primary prevention of preterm birth

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

**Health condition type** Pregnancy, labour, delivery and postpartum conditions

**Study type** Observational invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON41673** 

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

Prevention of Preterm Labour in Low Risk Women (PROPELLOR)

## **Condition**

- Pregnancy, labour, delivery and postpartum conditions
- Lifestyle issues

#### Synonym

premature labour, preterm birth

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: ZonMW;projectnummer 209020002

## Intervention

Keyword: Premature birth, Prevention and control, Prognosis, Risk Factors

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Primary outcome is spontaneous preterm delivery before 37 weeks (expected incidence is approximately 5%)

## **Secondary outcome**

Secondary outcome measures are:

- preterm delivery before 28, 32 and 34 weeks
- the number of women that present for signs and symptoms of preterm birth
- referral to secondary/tertiary care for threatened preterm birth
- administration of corticosteroids and tocolysis
- maternal admission days for preterm labour and costs
- time to delivery
- maternal morbidity
- perinatal mortality
- perinatal morbidity (respiratory distress syndrome (RDS), broncho pulmonal dysplasia (BPD), intraventricular haemorrhage (IVH) grade 3 or worse, necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) stage 2B or higher, periventricular leucomalacia (PVL), rethinopathy of prematurity (ROP), and culture proven
- days of admission in neonatal intensive care unit
- financial costs

sepsis)

- long term neonatal outcome (developmentscores)

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Preterm birth is the most important cause of neonatal mortality in the Netherlands. In the region around the AMC, we already study, in a multidisciplinary setting, preterm birth in studies and evaluate treatments for threathening preterm labour.

In this study, risk factors for preterm birth will be studied in nulliparous women at present considered to have low risk pregnancies. These risk factors will be linked to the occurence of preterm birth as well as subsequent neonatal outcome. The project is unique in the sense that it integrates factors in the field of public health, factors on labour and physical activity, clinical factors and the subsequent course of pregnancy.

The data will be used to develop and validate a prediction model for preterm birth. This model can be used for the design of intervention studies. This project facilitates a next multidisciplinary step in the prediction and primary prevention of preterm birth.

## Study objective

The aim of this study is to study risk factors (in the field of public health and occupation as well as medical technical factors) to enable early detection of pregnant women at increased risk and to integrate these risk factors in a risk prognostic model to enable the identification of pregnant women at increased risk for preterm birth. The data will be collected in an unselected population and their offspring, both short term and long term.

This will then result in answering the following questions:

- 1. What is the risk of spontaneous preterm birth in the regions Noord-Holland, Flevoland, Gooi- en Vechtstreek en Kennemerland in terms of
- spontaneous preterm birth before 37 weeks?
- spontaneous preterm birth before 34 weeks?
- spontaneous preterm birth before 32 weeks?
- 2. What is the neonatal mortality and morbidity due to spontaneous preterm birth?
- 3. Which risk factors contribute to spontaneous preterm birth?
- socioeconomic factors
- ethnic factors
- regional factors
- occupational health, labour and physical activity
- nutrition
- medical history

- biomarkers, including serum samples, bacteriuria and cervical length
- 4. How do these risk factors interact? Can differences in biomarkers be explained by ethnic, socioeconomic, regional, occupational health and other factors?

## Study design

Observational cohort study in the catchment area of the Regional Perinatal Network Northwest Netherlands (Netwerk Geboortezorg Noordwest Nederland).

## Study burden and risks

This study is an observational study, so no interventions will take place. Two extra serum samples will be taken, a vaginal and rectal swab will be collected and an extra transvaginal ultrasound measure will be performed. The performed tests are widely used in common obstetrical care, so the extra burden and risks for the women remain very low. Also women will be asked to complete a web-based questionnaires, one in each trimester. In the first trimester filling in takes 30 minutes, the next questionnaires take 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**

Nulliparous women
First visit in midwifery practice before a gestational age of 24 weeks
Low risk pregnancy
Maternal age > 18 years

## **Exclusion criteria**

Multiparous women

First visit in midwifery practice and hospital beyond a gestational age of 24 weeks High risk pregnancy (indication for referral to 2nd or 3rd line)
Multiple pregnancy
Maternal age < 18 years

# 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): 13-02-2014

Enrollment: 4000

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 30-08-2013

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 17-01-2014

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 24-01-2014

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

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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

No registrations found.

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

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register ID

CCMO NL43414.018.13