# Acceptability and feasibility of exercise therapy in an aquatic environment for patients after burn injury

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To investigate the acceptability and feasibility of exercise therapy in an aquatic environment

by patients after burn injury.

Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeMuscle disorders

**Study type** Observational non invasive

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON43883

Source

ToetsingOnline

**Brief title** 

**Aquarius** 

#### **Condition**

- Muscle disorders
- Epidermal and dermal conditions

#### **Synonym**

burns, thermal injury

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Maasstadziekenhuis

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: De Nederlandse Brandwonden Stichting

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#### Intervention

**Keyword:** aquatraining, burns, rehabilitation

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Acceptability of exercise therapy in an aquatic environment.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Secondary study parameters are the following.

- \* Feasibility:
- ratio of the number of patients that participated in aquatic exercise therapy and the total number of eligible patients
- attendance rate of both forms of exercise therapy
- short questionnaire, to be filled out by patients having opted for exercise therapy on land, including items why they did not want or were able to participate in the aquatic exercise therapy
- complications, with specific attention to problems related to wound healing and infection
- \* Recovery of activities and health related quality of life.

Other study parameters:

- \* Enjoyment.
- \* Self-efficacy
- \* Profile of (non)participants: appearance, previous activity habits, patient and burn characteristics

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

A substantial number of people who have sustained a burn injury will need to regain their former fitness and activity levels after hospitalisation. Exercise therapy can help, and has proven to be effective in patients with burns. Whether exercise therapy is land or water based, the effect is largely comparable. The relevance, added value however, of exercise therapy in an aquatic environment is in lowering the threshold of becoming active by offering an environment that, among many other things, makes movement easier and is safe. However, the aquatic environment may in itself be a barrier e.g. requiring more planning and people may have problems exposing themselves in swimsuit.

#### Study objective

To investigate the acceptability and feasibility of exercise therapy in an aquatic environment by patients after burn injury.

#### Study design

Observational study

#### Study burden and risks

Participation in aquatic exercise therapy is by choice (patients have a clinical indication for exercise therapy, and can choose to do this on land) and is scheduled in combination with patients\* standard follow-up appointments, the burden of this study is primarily filling out the questionnaires.

## **Contacts**

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# **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

#### Inclusion criteria

In order to be eligible to participate in this study, a subject must meet all of the following criteria:

- competent (as determined by the treating burn physician)
- adult (18 years or older)
- been admitted to the burn centre and continuing with outpatient treatment
- healed or almost healed burns
- have an indication for exercise therapy (as indicated by the rehabilitation physician)

#### **Exclusion criteria**

Excluded will be patients with unsufficient understanding of the Dutch language to be able to follow instructions and / or give informed consent

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Other

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 23-06-2016

Enrollment: 30

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 23-05-2016

Application type: First submission

Review commission: MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United

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# **Study registrations**

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

No registrations found.

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

ID: 23053 Source: NTR

Title:

## In other registers

Register ID

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