# Fixation of the posterior malleolus via the posterolateral or precutaneous "AP" approach, an analysis of radiological and functional outcome.

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To compare radiological and functional outcome in 2 retrospective cohorts. We compare the results of the MILAN study with a cohort after changing our operative strategy in 2010.

Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruitment stopped
Health condition type	Fractures
Study type	Observational invasive

# **Summary**

# ID

NL-OMON43896

**Source** ToetsingOnline

Brief title POSTAP

# Condition

• Fractures

**Synonym** ankle fracture, Trimalleolar fracture

**Research involving** Human

# **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: MCH en Bronovo-Nebo Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Landsteiner Instituut MCHaaglanden

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### Intervention

Keyword: Internal fixation., posterolateral approach, Trimalleolar fracture

### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Functional outcome will be evaluated by AAOS- (and AOFAS)-questionnaires. Both

questionnaires are developed for ankle and foot problems only. Additionally,

the VAS-pain is taken and a functional range of motion test of the injured and

contralateral ankle is taken.

#### Secondary outcome

Osteoarthritis will be measured on X-ray according to the Kellgren-Lawrence

scale.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

The optimal treatment in trimalleolar fractures remain unclear. Especially, if and how a posterior malleolar fracture needs to be fixed. Five years ago, a posterior malleolar fracture was fixed by percutaneous anterio-posterior screw fixation. Nowadays, the posterior malleolar fracture is fixed by a posterolateral approach which leads to a direct and anatomical reposition. It remains unclear if these theoretical advantages leads to a better functional and radiological outcome.

#### **Study objective**

To compare radiological and functional outcome in 2 retrospective cohorts. We compare the results of the MILAN study with a cohort after changing our operative strategy in 2010.

#### Study design

All patients with operative fixation of a trimalleolar fracture between Januar 1st 2011 and December 31st 2013 will be invited to visit the outpatient clinic

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for X-ray of the ankle, questionnaires and a functional test. Outcome of these patients will be compared with another cohort which was invited earlier (MILAN-study) with almost the same follow-up period.

#### Study burden and risks

Compared with the yearly dose of background radiation the additional radiation doser of 1 X-ray is such low that this risk is negligible according to the investigators.

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# **Trial sites**

# **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

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

### **Inclusion criteria**

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>18 years old at time of trauma and <75 years old at time of follow-up Open reduction and Internal Fixation of trimalleolar fracture

# **Exclusion criteria**

History of ankle fracture. Pre-existent impairment in mobility Inability to speak the Dutch language.

# **Study design**

### Design

Study type:	Observational invasive
Intervention model:	Other
Allocation:	Non-randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Treatment

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	17-05-2016
Enrollment:	50
Туре:	Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO	
Date:	18-03-2016
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)
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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

No registrations found.

## In other registers

**Register** CCMO **ID** NL55397.098.15