

# Multi-center, randomized clinical trial to study the impact of in-hospital guidance for acutely decompensated heart failure treatment by predefined NT-proBNP targets (>30% reduction in NT-proBNP during admission) on the reduction of readmission rates and mortality

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| <b>Ethical review</b>        | -                   |
| <b>Status</b>                | Recruitment stopped |
| <b>Health condition type</b> | Heart failures      |
| <b>Study type</b>            | Interventional      |

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON44072

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Prima II

### Condition

- Heart failures

### Synonym

acutely decompensated heart failure, congestive heart failure

## Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** NHS,Roche Diagnostics B.V.

## Intervention

**Keyword:** acutely heart failure, NT-proBNP

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The differences between the group which received the conventional therapie and the intervention group, treated according to NT-proBNP levels in readmission and mortalitly in the first 180 days.

### Secondary outcome

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## Study description

### Background summary

Guiding therapy of heart failure (HF) by an objective measure like NT-proBNP has received intense attention. The gain that is made by this form of guidance is modest when applied to chronic heart failure (CHF) patients. Recent post discharge data from our own group does show that NT-proBNP guidance can detect important short-term changes. Studies have also shown that NT-proBNP discharge value and a >30% NT-proBNP reduction during admission are statistically significant predictors of readmissions and mortality. These data suggest a role for such NT-proBNP guidance, rather in an acute than in a chronic setting. Acute admission for HF occurs frequent: in 2004, there were almost 25,000 hospital admissions in the Netherlands. Particularly worrisome is the high percentage of readmissions which reaches 30 to 60% within 6 months, importantly increasing the economic burden of this disease. In short, in-hospital care for acutely decompensated heart failure may be improved by NT-proBNP guidance to

reduce the number of readmissions.

## **Study objective**

The primary objective of the present study is to demonstrate that NT-proBNP guidance during in-hospital treatment for acutely decompensated heart failure (to strive for >30% reduction) reduces readmissions and mortality and increases the number of days alive out of hospital in the first 180 days compared to therapy guided by standard clinical judgment. Morbidity and mortality is measured in terms of days alive outside the hospital within the follow-up period of 180 days. Endpoint events will be evaluated on an intention-to treat basis.

Secondary objectives of the present study are:

1. To demonstrate within and between group effects of NT-proBNP titrated therapy on secondary outcome measures such as final NT-proBNP levels.
2. To demonstrate NT-proBNP titrated heart failure therapy is cost-effective in terms of hospitalization days in the first 180 days compared to conventional clinically guided HF-therapy.
3. To demonstrate which of the proposed interventions to achieve >30% reduction in NT-proBNP are relevant to reduce readmission and mortality in the first 180 days.
4. To demonstrate that NT-proBNP guidance during in-hospital treatment for acutely decompensated heart failure (to strive for >30% reduction) reduces readmissions and mortality in the first 90 days compared to therapy guided by standard clinical judgment.
5. To assess whether primary and secondary outcome measures are exceedingly prevalent in patients with elevated NT-proBNP levels that are not responsive to pharmacological intervention.
6. To assess whether there is a significant difference in quality of life between the groups treated with NT-proBNP titrated therapy or conventional clinically-guided therapy.

## **Study design**

Multi-center, randomized clinical intervention trial

## **Intervention**

Of patients who enter the study baseline NT-proBNP will be measured within 24 hours. Consenting patients are randomly assigned to one of the following treatment strategies:

- A. NT-proBNP guided treatment
- B. Conventional clinically guided treatment

All patients will receive treatment for at least 3 days until they are

clinically stable. The randomization will take place during hospital admission from day three or whenever the patient is clinically stable. Patients will be included in a randomized controlled trial of NT-proBNP-titrated therapy (group A) versus standard clinically guided therapy (group B).

In the NT-proBNP-titrated group A, NT-proBNP-levels will be reported to the treating physician. The first NT-proBNP is measured within 24 hours after admission. After the initial treatment and randomization, when the patient is clinically stable, the NT-proBNP is measured again. Based on this NT-proBNP measurement the discharge and follow-up of the patient is planned if the patient meets both requirements: clinically stability and a NT-proBNP reduction of >30%.

The NT-proBNP levels of patients in the clinically guided group B will be measured but not revealed to patients, physicians or nurses. The first NT-proBNP is measured within 24 hours after admission. After the initial treatment and randomization, when the patient is clinically stable, the NT-proBNP is measured (blind). If the patient is indeed clinically stable; the physician should plan and organize the discharge and follow-up of the patient.

### **Study burden and risks**

- The possible extend of admission with a maximum of three days.
- A follow up of 6 months with 4 visits of approximately 30 minutes with a standard physical examination.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

1. Hospital admission because of clinically validated acutely decompensated heart failure.
2. Elevated NT-proBNP levels  $\geq 1700$  ng/L ( $\geq 200$  pmol/L) on hospital admission.
3. Written informed consent to participate in this study prior to any study procedures

### Exclusion criteria

1. Severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) with FEV<sub>1</sub> < 1 l/min.
2. Pulmonary embolism within 1 month prior to admission and pulmonary hypertension not caused by left ventricle dysfunction (LVD).
3. Patients undergoing Continuous Ambulant Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD)/ Haemodialysis patients.
4. Patients with planned Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG), Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI), Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT) and/or valvular surgery before admission (until one day before admission).
5. Patients with planned Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG), Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI), Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT) and/or valvular surgery during admission until the moment of randomization
6. Patient with a history of ST-segment-Elevated Myocardial Infarction (STEMI), CABG, PCI, CRT and/or valvular surgery within 1 month prior to admission.
7. Patients in cardiogenic shock at admission requiring invasive treatment.
8. Signed informed consent for any current interventional study.
9. Presence of severe non-cardiac related life-threatening disease before inclusion with an expected survival of less than 6 months after inclusion.
10. Mental or physical status not allowing written informed consent.
11. Unwillingness to give informed consent.
12. Circumstances that prevent follow-up (no permanent home address, transient, etc.)

## Study design

### Design

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Study type:         | Interventional              |
| Intervention model: | Parallel                    |
| Allocation:         | Randomized controlled trial |
| Masking:            | Open (masking not used)     |

**Primary purpose:** Treatment

### Recruitment

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| NL                        |                     |
| Recruitment status:       | Recruitment stopped |
| Start date (anticipated): | 02-11-2011          |
| Enrollment:               | 362                 |
| Type:                     | Actual              |

## Ethics review

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| Approved WMO       |                    |
| Date:              | 13-07-2012         |
| Application type:  | Amendment          |
| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |
| Approved WMO       |                    |
| Date:              | 20-07-2012         |
| Application type:  | Amendment          |
| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |
| Approved WMO       |                    |
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| Application type:  | Amendment          |
| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |
| Approved WMO       |                    |
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| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |

Approved WMO  
Date: 15-03-2016  
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

ID: 21346  
Source: Nationaal Trial Register  
Title:

### In other registers

| Register | ID             |
|----------|----------------|
| Other    | 3279           |
| CCMO     | NL36873.018.11 |
| OMON     | NL-OMON21346   |