# Neo-adjuvant chemotherapy followed by surgery versus surgery alone in high-risk patients with resectable colorectal liver metastases; The CHARISMA randomized multicenter clinical trial

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Hepatobiliary neoplasms malignant and unspecified

**Study type** Interventional

# Summary

#### ID

NL-OMON44796

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

**Brief title** 

**CHARISMA** 

#### Condition

- Hepatobiliary neoplasms malignant and unspecified
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- Gastrointestinal therapeutic procedures

#### **Synonym**

Liver metastases colorectal cancer

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

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**Studies** 

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Chemotherapy, High-risk, Liver metastases, Survival

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Primary endpoint: overall survival (OS), calculated from the date of randomization to the date of death from any cause of the patient

#### **Secondary outcome**

Besides OS, we will evaluate PFS of the patients included in the study. PFS will be defined counting from the date of randomization to the first event defined as local recurrence or progression, distant recurrence or death from any cause. Furthermore:

- \* To determine quality of life in the two study arms
- \* To determine treatment response on neoadjuvant chemotherapy
- \* To compare morbidity of surgery and resection rate between the 2 arms
- \* To evaluate whether CEA can predict for treatment response, PFS and OS

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Efforts to improve the outcome of liver surgery by combining the resection with chemotherapy have failed to demonstrate overall survival (OS) benefit. This

may partly be due to the fact that these studies often involve strict study protocol inclusion criteria. Consequently, patients with a high Clinical Risk Score (CRS) - who might benefit the most from chemotherapy - are often underrepresented in these studies. Since genuine survival benefit has not yet been demonstrated, could this low impact of chemotherapy on survival then be explained by the relatively low risk of the patients in these trials? In view of the retrospective observations that pre-selection of patients by using prognostic characteristics may define the patient population most likely to benefit from chemotherapy, it was decided to take CRS stratification as the base for a randomized controlled trial in resectable patients.

This study will therefore evaluate the impact of neo-adjuvant chemotherapy in patients with high-risk (CRS 3-5) resectable colorectal liver metastases (CRLM) without extrahepatic disease. Our hypothesis is that adding neo-adjuvant chemotherapy to surgery will provide an improvement in OS in this high-risk patient group.

#### Study objective

The primary study objective is to compare the efficacy, as assessed by overall survival, of surgery and neo-adjuvant chemotherapy to surgery alone in patients with resectable liver metastases of colorectal cancer and a high clinical risk score. Secondary objectives are to investigate the progression free survival (PFS) in both arms and Quality of Life (QOL), to investigate morbidity of resection in both arms and to investigate whether CEA levels can predict for treatment response PFS

#### Study design

Randomized, prospective, phase III study

#### Intervention

Patients will be randomized into one of two groups. One group will be treated by surgery for the liver metastases only (standard treatment, arm 1). The other group will be treated by neo-adjuvant oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy, followed by surgery for the liver metastases (arm 2).

#### Study burden and risks

Patients who will participate in the study and randomize for arm B (neo-adjuvant chemotherapy + surgery) are expected to have a better overall survival compared to the current standard therapy (surgery only). However, the neo-adjuvant chemotherapy administered in arm B may cause systemic side effects. The chemotherapy regimen used in arm B is known to be well-tolerated as the regimen is used as a standard adjuvant treatment in stage 3 colorectal cancer patients. Unlike non-study patients, all patients participating in the

study will complete Quality of Life questionnaires (QLQ-C30 and MFI) at baseline and then every 3 months until 1 year after treatment completion.

# **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

- \* Age \* 18 years.
- \* ECOG performance status 0 or 1
- \* Histologically confirmed primary colorectal carcinoma. Primary colorectal carcinomas to be included are:
- \* Previously resected histologically proven colorectal carcinoma
- \* Coloncarcinoma still in situ, deemed suitable for resection at the time of liver surgery
- \* Rectal carcinoma still in situ, requiring no neo-adjuvant radiotherapy, deemed suitable for resection at the time of liver surgery
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- \* Rectal carcinoma still in situ, requiring short-course neo-adjuvant radiotherapy, deemed suitable for resection at the time of liver surgery
- \* Radiologically confirmed and resectable liver metastasis of colorectal cancer after surgery. Criteria for resectability are outlined in the study protocol.
- \* Clinical risk score of 3-5

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- \* Prior adjuvant chemotherapy for the primary colorectal carcinoma given <6 months prior to detection of the liver metastases.
- \* Prior non colorectal malignancies, except for patients with basal or squamous cell carcinoma of the skin, or patients with carcinoma in situ of the cervix.
- \* Presence of extrahepatic disease
- \* Locally advanced rectal cancer in situ requiring long-course pre-operative chemoradiotherapy
- \* Major surgical procedure <4 weeks prior to randomization.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study phase: 3

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Treatment

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 22-10-2014

Enrollment: 224

Type: Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Oxaliplatin

Generic name: Oxaliplatin

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Xeloda

Generic name: Capecitabine

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 23-07-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

(Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

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Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

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Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

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Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

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Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

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(Rotterdam)

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(Rotterdam)

# **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: 27498

Source: Nationaal Trial Register

## Title:

# In other registers

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