# Wireless Micro Current Stimulation: adjunctive therapy for hard-to-heal chronic wounds \* a double-blind, placebo controlled trial

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Ethical review Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders NEC

Study type Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON44959

#### **Source**

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

Placebo Wireless Micro Current Stimulation/Placebo-WMCS

## **Condition**

- Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders NEC
- Skin and subcutaneous tissue therapeutic procedures

## **Synonym**

Diabetic ulcer, pressure sores/decubitus

## **Research involving**

Human

# **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Haaglanden Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Researchfonds Bronovo

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Adjunctive wound treatment, Hard-to-heal chronic wounds, Placebo controlled trial, Wireless Micro Current Stimulation (WMCS)

#### **Outcome measures**

### **Primary outcome**

Our main study parameter will be the monthly wound area reduction during the maximum study related treatment of twelve weeks.

## **Secondary outcome**

Secondary outcomes are: days upon full epithelisation of the wound surface, pain reduction, complications compared to contemporary wound therapies, a monthly Patient Related Outcome Measure and a cost-effectiveness analysis from a healthcare perspective.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Wireless Micro Current Stimulation (WMCS) is a new method within Electric Stimulation (ES) therapy. It allows contactless wound treatment and stimulates the healing process through the induction of the natural \*current of injury\*. It uses the capacity of nitrogen and oxygen to donate electrons, thereby surpassing expensive and cumbersome electrodes and devices. This simple noninvasive technology has had astounding results in recent studies and is assumed not only to have a huge potential to recalcitrant wounds but also to treat chronic wounds generally. It could prove to have a transformative effect on the treatment of chronic with significant cost reduction.

## Study objective

Our aim is to determine whether Wireless Micro Current Stimulation accelerates wound healing in hard-to-heal chronic wounds as compared to standard wound care treatment by conducting a double-blind, placebo controlled trial.

## Study design

This study will be a double-blind, randomized, placebo controlled trial conducted within Haaglanden MC, The Hague and Erasmus MC, Rotterdam. Patients that already received 4 weeks of once weekly standard wound care treatment during outpatient control are randomised for placebo-controlled WMCS treatment thrice weekly for 45 minutes. The placebo WMCS device is indistinguishable from the original WMCS device.

#### Intervention

All subjects will receive (placebo) WMCS treatment thrice weekly for 45 minutes per session during the maximum study related treatment of twelve weeks while using the same dressings as received during once weekly standard outpatient wound care. All data prior to the start of (placebo) WMCS treatment will be used as control group data.

### Study burden and risks

During the start of the therapy patients may report a minimal burning sensation or itch at the treatment area, but no side effects or complications have been reported. Pain medication has never been administered within the recent studies and no change of the surrounding healthy tissue has been observed.

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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:

- Age of 18 years and older
- Mentally competent
- Ankle-brachial index between 0.7-1.2
- In case of patients with diabetes: toe systolic pressure should be above 50mmHg
- Signed the informed consent form
- Hard-to-heal chronic wound as defined: Wounds existing over six weeks with a biological or physiological reason for stagnation of the healing process, such as diabetic ulcers, arterial or venous ulcers and pressure sores on the lower extremity with failure to achieve the expected wound healing progress with the use of standard outpatient wound care.

## **Exclusion criteria**

- Pregnancy
- (Cardial) Implanted electrical device
- (Skin)malignancy within the therapeutic range.
- Epilepsy
- Overshoot granulation tissue of the wound
- Severe woundinfection
- Any treatment with metal ion-containing wound care products
- Ankle-brachial index < 0.7 or > 1.2
- In case of patients with diabetes: toe systolic pressure <50mmHg

# Study design

# **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 12-10-2015

Enrollment: 34

Type: Actual

# Medical products/devices used

Generic name: Wireless Micro Current Stimulation (WMCS)

Registration: Yes - CE intended use

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 22-05-2015

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)

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Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

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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 ID

CCMO NL52982.098.15