

# Coordination of trunk, head and arm movements during functional tasks, in healthy children and children with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy and cerebral palsy.

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Muscle disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON45000

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Upper body movement during functional tasks

### Condition

- Muscle disorders

### Synonym

muscle diseases, Neuromuscular diseases

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Sint Radboud

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## Intervention

**Keyword:** Coordination, Movement, Neuromuscular diseases, Upper body

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The primary study parameters will be the active range of trunk and head motion (e.g. motion in one direction), dynamic range of trunk and head motion (e.g. during functional arm tasks), maximal sEMG amplitude during movements as percentage of EMG amplitude in maximal voluntary contraction (MVC) and a trunk impairment classification score.

### Secondary outcome

Secondary study parameters will be the force and/or pressure profiles as parameters for balance and stability of the trunk, and for determination of the kinetics.

## Study description

### Background summary

Children with neuromuscular diseases suffer from muscle weakness, which results in activity limitations. The coordination between arm, trunk and head movements is very important in performing activities of daily life (ADL) from a wheelchair. Weakening of the muscles causes limitations in performing activities independently, resulting in a decrease in autonomy and quality of life.

While the coordination of arm, trunk and head movements is key in performing

functional tasks, the focus in literature and in the development of supportive devices, is mainly on one of the three body parts. Current arm supportive devices improve the activity level of the patients, but they cannot function optimally because of the lack of trunk and head support. A trunk and head supportive device will be developed, which also can interact with the arm supportive device, in collaboration with several technical universities. Therefore more insight is needed in the coordination between trunk, head and arm movements in healthy children and children who suffer from muscular weakness (i.e. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) and Cerebral Palsy (CP)).

## **Study objective**

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## **Study design**

Explorative, cross-sectional study

## **Study burden and risks**

The burden and risk associated with participation is limited, since the measurements are non-invasive and the intensity is relatively low. The measured movements are movements also performed during activities of daily living and will not be forced.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adolescents (12-15 years)

Adolescents (16-17 years)

Adults (18-64 years)

Children (2-11 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

- Between age of 6 and 20 years
- Able to show arm motor skills at request
- For patient groups: genetically confirmed diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy or clinically confirmed diagnosis of cerebral palsy

### Exclusion criteria

- Other disabling diseases affecting the trunk, head or arms
- Surgical scoliosis correction
- Participating in other studies at the same time

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Other

## Recruitment

NL  
Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped  
Start date (anticipated): 09-11-2015  
Enrollment: 71  
Type: Actual

## Ethics review

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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	NL53143.091.15