# Diagnostic Accuracy and Inter Rater Reliability of the Lateral-Flexion-Test and Flexion-Rotation-Test in infants

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To determine the diagnostic accuracy and interrater reliability of two tests for upper cervical mobility: the lateral-flexion-test (LFT) and the flexion-rotation-test (FRT), in infants referred with an assumptive UCD.

Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruitment stopped
Health condition type	Joint disorders
Study type	Observational non invasive

# Summary

### ID

NL-OMON45564

**Source** ToetsingOnline

**Brief title** IRR of diagnostics in infants

### Condition

• Joint disorders

**Synonym** upper cervical dysfunction; positional preference

# Research involving

Human

### **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: Radboud Universitair Medisch Centrum Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Nederlandse Vereniging voor Manuele Therapie

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### Intervention

Keyword: diagnostic accuracy, infants, inter rater reliability, manual therapy

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Outcomes on the LFT and FRT of all manual therapists in terms of upper cervical

restriction (yes/no) and indication for treatment (yes/no).

Objectively measured degrees of motion towards the same directions, are

measured by a 3D kinematic analysis system and used as golden standard.

#### Secondary outcome

Parents provide information on characteristics of the infants, the pregnancy

and delivery. Posture and movement are being observed by the researcher.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

In the Netherlands, every year 7500 infants (younger than 6 months) are treated with manual therapy. These infants are being referred for positional preference of the head. Manual therapists hypothesize that a positional preference is caused by an upper cervical dysfunction (UCD). However, literature on diagnostics on this assumptive UCD is scarce. The diagnostics that are being used in clinical practice showed good reliability in adults, but have never been studied in infants. Nonetheless these diagnostics are frequently used in clinical practice.

#### **Study objective**

To determine the diagnostic accuracy and interrater reliability of two tests for upper cervical mobility: the lateral-flexion-test (LFT) and the flexion-rotation-test (FRT), in infants referred with an assumptive UCD.

#### Study design

Cross sectional observational diagnostic accuracy and interrater reliability

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#### Study burden and risks

The execution of the tests will take 20 minutes, which equals the amount of time during an intake or session with a pediatric physiotherapist or manual therapist in the usual care process.

The time investment for parents, and infants, is approximately 1 hour.

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# **Trial sites**

# **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

**Age** Children (2-11 years)

### **Inclusion criteria**

infants of 6 months or younger referred for manual therapy with an assumption of HCFS

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# **Exclusion criteria**

previous treatment by manual therapist assumptive underlying pathology (red flags) neurologic complaints other treatment at disfunctional level, such as chiropractic, osteopathy and cranio-sacral therapy

# Study design

# Design

Study type: Observational non invasive		
Masking:	Open (masking not used)	
Control:	Uncontrolled	
Primary purpose:	Diagnostic	

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	23-06-2017
Enrollment:	36
Туре:	Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO	
Date:	01-05-2017
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)
Approved WMO	
Date:	28-06-2017
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Review commission:	CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)
Approved WMO	

Date:	04-10-2017
Application type:	Amendment
Review commission:	CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

# **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** NL58488.091.16