

# Cost-effectiveness of the Demands and Capacities Model based treatment compared to the Lidcombe programme of early stuttering intervention: Randomised trial

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To evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the Demands and Capacities Model based treatment (Dutch standard) compared to the Lidcombe programme for early stuttering intervention. Follow-up: Long-term outcome, taking into account recent genetic findings.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Other condition
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON46887

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Cost-effectiveness of DCM based treatment and LP for early stuttering

### Condition

- Other condition

### Synonym

stuttering

### Health condition

spraakstoornis

## Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

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

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** ZonMW,DT Fonds

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Cost-effectiveness, Genes, Randomised trial, Stuttering, Treatment

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The percentage of recovered children at 18 months post randomisation, frequency of stuttering and severity ratings, Child Health Questionnaire, costs for a recovered child.

Follow-up measurement: idem but > 2;6 years later. Also, disease specific questionnaire will be filled in by the children (OASES).

### Secondary outcome

Health Utility Index, Child Behaviour Check List

Follow-up measurement: idem, but > 2;6 years later. Also: the questionnaires with Child's versions (HUI-3, TAPQOL, EQ-VAS), will be filled in by the children themselves. Besides, genetic mutations related to stuttering will be investigated.

## Study description

## **Background summary**

Currently, treatment is provided to all pre-school stuttering children, to prevent stuttering becoming a chronic, handicapping condition in some of them. In the Netherlands, most children are treated with the Dutch standard, the DCM. Experienced clinicians spend about 9 sessions of treatment for each child in the Demands and Capacities based treatment. Recently, the Australian standard treatment, the Lidcombe Programme has been introduced in the Netherlands. The lidcombe Programma takes mostly at least about 18 sessions, so twice as much. But, the clinicail impression is that the results with the Lidcombe Programme are significanty better. Yet, about 50 clinicians have been trained to deliver treatment along the LP approach also. The difference in empirical support for LP and DCM suggests that in the long-term, LP might be more cost-effective than the current standard, DCM: the proportion of pre-school stuttering children that not only decrease their stuttering frequency but recover from stuttering after completion of the LP might be higher than for DCM, though, for higher costs. But, in the long term, for comparable costs. This study therefore explores the cost-effectiveness of the two treatments.

For the Follow-up measurement:

Long-term follow-up after stuttering treatment is essential for a comprehensive understanding of the treatment outcome. Furthermore, genes related to stuttering have been demonstrated recently (Kang et al, 2010). During the proposed clinical follow-up study, the involvement and clinical relevance of these (and possibly other) genes will be studied as well.

## **Study objective**

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Follow-up: Long-term outcome, taking into account recent genetic findings.

## **Study design**

A pragmatic, open plan, parallel group, randomised trial with blinded outcome assessment.

## **Intervention**

1. Treatment based on the Demands & Capacities Model
2. Lidcombe Programme of early stuttering intervention.

## **Study burden and risks**

Maximum of 8,5 hours for filling in questionnaires and making audio-recordings at home by the parents.

Follow-up: additional 2,5 hours.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### **Age**

Adolescents (12-15 years)  
Adolescents (16-17 years)  
Children (2-11 years)

### Inclusion criteria

age at recruitment 3-6 years, frequency of stuttering at least 3.3% Stuttering Like Disfluencies , type of Stuttering Like Disfluencies cf. Yairi & Ambrose ( 2005), and proficiency in Dutch for children and parents

### Exclusion criteria

onset of stuttering in the six months before recruitment, treatment for stuttering during the previous 12 months, and diagnosed neurological, learning, emotional or behavioral disorder.

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Uncontrolled
Primary purpose:	Basic science

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	01-08-2007
Enrollment:	199
Type:	Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	09-05-2007
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)
Approved WMO	
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Review commission:	METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)
Approved WMO	
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Review commission:

METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam  
(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

No registrations found.

### In other registers

Register	ID
CCMO	NL16180.078.07