

# 4D \* EEG: a new tool to investigate the spatial and temporal activity patterns in the brain during stroke rehabilitation

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Central nervous system vascular disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON47437

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

4D \* EEG

### Condition

- Central nervous system vascular disorders
- Embolism and thrombosis

### Synonym

cerebrovasculair accident, Stroke

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** European Research Council Advanced

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## Intervention

**Keyword:** Biomarkers, Cerebrovascular accident, EEG, fMRI, Neural networks, Prognostic models, Stroke, System identification

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Action Research Arm Test

Location and network properties of movement related cortical electrical activity.

Physical properties of the paretic upper limb

Cortical electrical activity in response to medial nerve stimulation

Resting-state EEG power

Microstructural and connectivity changes during brain repair post stroke.

### Secondary outcome

Ashworth Score

Frenchay Arm Test

Motricity index

Brunnstrom Fugl Meyer arm/hand test

Nine Hole Peg Test

Erasmus MC Modification of the (revised) Nottingham Sensory Assessment

Stroke Impact Scale version 3.0

Nottingham Extended ADL

Motor Activity Log

O-Letter Cancellation Test

## Study description

### Background summary

Stroke is a major cause of disability in the developed world. Up to 80% of the stroke patients suffer an upper limb paresis. Only one one-third of those patients regain some dexterity, leaving the majority with disabilities in activities of daily living. (Dobkin et al. 2005; Kwakkel 2003). Little is known of the mechanisms behind functional recovery. Much of our knowledge on neuroplasticity and its mechanisms is derived from animal studies. Ways to assess neuroplasticity in humans are in an early developmental phase. In order to make true progress, the next step is to assess the dynamics of cortical activity in a larger cohort of patients, covering the entire possible phenotype from patients with an initial good to poor prognosis and longitudinal in time. In order to develop additional evidence based therapies, a better understanding of underlying brain dynamics is essential. To this end, accurate mapping of brain network connectivity and localization is needed.

### Study objective

The 4D-EEG study aims to elucidate the underlying mechanisms of upper limb functional recovery using high density portable EEG (electroencephalography) methodology as well as clinical measures of motor function. The following questions are addressed:  
How do true neurological restitution and substitution contribute to upper limb recovery? What changes occur in the brain when patients show recovery of upper limb capacity? Do these changes contribute to better function or do they result from decreased cortical inhibition? Does early EEG provide additional value in prediction algorithms of functional outcome of upper limb dexterity? And finally, how does the cortical spinal tract integrity affect the functional outcome?

### Study design

Projects:

- A1. Cross-sectional study: Relate our EEG methodology to fMRI (functional magnetic resonance imaging).
- A2. Cross-sectional study: Assess the construct validity of the NeuroFlexor
- A3. Cross-sectional study: Development of an EEG amplitude calibration

procedure

B1. Prospective cohort study: Repeated application of our EEG method in the first six month post stroke.

B2. Prospective cohort study: Longitudinal changes in neuromechanic parameters in the first six months post stroke.

C. Cross-sectional study: Cortical spinal tract (CST) integrity and its relation with functional recovery. Using trans cranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) & diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) measurements

D) Prospective cohort study: Longitudinal changes in neuroanatomical parameters in the first six months post stroke.

### **Study burden and risks**

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

\*First-ever ischemic stroke in an area supplied by the anterior, medial, and/or posterior cerebral arteries, mono-or hemiparesis, age over 18

### Exclusion criteria

pacemaker or other metallic implants, previous existing orthopedic limitations of upper limb that would affect the results, botuline-toxine injections or medication that may influence upper limb function in past 3 months.

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Observational non invasive
Intervention model:	Other
Allocation:	Non-randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Diagnostic

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	09-04-2015
Enrollment:	195
Type:	Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 16-06-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 05-08-2015

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

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Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

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Date: 18-05-2018

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

## 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	NL47079.029.14