

# Prevention of incisional hernias with prophylactic synthetic mesh placement during stoma reversal

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| <b>Ethical review</b>        | Approved WMO  |
| <b>Status</b>                | Recruiting  |
| <b>Health condition type</b> | Abdominal hernias and other abdominal wall conditions |
| <b>Study type</b>            | Interventional  |

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON47547

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Prevention of incisional hernias following stoma closure

### Condition

- Abdominal hernias and other abdominal wall conditions

### Synonym

hernia cicatricalis, incisional hernia

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Meander Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Voor dit onderzoek is geen financiering nodig;dus niet van toepassing

## Intervention

**Keyword:** hernia cicatricalis, incisional hernia, stoma reversal, synthetic mesh

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Incisional hernia rate as detected by abdominal ultrasound at 1 year following stoma closure. An incisional hernia was defined as an opening or defect in the abdominal wall with protruding tissue through it at the stomal incision site.

### Secondary outcome

- Clinical diagnosis of incisional hernia at 1 year follow-up
- Number of patients requiring surgical intervention for correction of a incisional hernia
- Postoperative pain
- 30-day mortality, cause of death
- 30-day morbidity, specifically focussing on infectious complications.
- 30-day re-admission and re-operation rate
- Quality of life
- Cost-effectiveness

## Study description

### Background summary

A recent meta-analysis showed that one in three patients develops an incisional hernia following stoma closure. In addition, approximately fifty percent of these patients require surgical correction. It is important to realize that incisional hernias are a major cause of patient morbidity as they cause abdominal pain, discomfort, impaired quality of life and an increase hospital stay and the number of surgical interventions. According to recent

retrospective comparative studies, prophylactic mesh placement during stoma closure could markedly decrease incisional hernia rate. However, the currently available studies comparing standard stoma closure and mesh-reinforced stoma closure mainly focused on ileostomy closure, included only a limited number of patients and were all retrospective, therefore; strong evidence is lacking.

## **Study objective**

The aim of this study is therefore to prospectively investigate whether prophylactic synthetic mesh placement reduces the rate of stomal site incisional hernias after stoma closure without increasing (infectious) complications.

## **Study design**

Randomized controlled trial, single-blinded.

## **Intervention**

One group (standard arm) receives standard stoma closure and the other group (intervention arm) will have a preventive synthetic mesh placed in addition to standard stoma closure

## **Study burden and risks**

Half of the patients included in the study (intervention arm) will have a synthetic mesh placed in order to prevent incisional hernia development. These meshes have been used in hernia repair for several decades and are regarded as safe. However, in our study, the meshes are placed in possibly contaminated area. Even though several studies have shown that synthetic mesh placement in a mildly contaminated area can be safely performed when using the right surgical techniques, this could in theory still lead to a slightly increased risk of surgical site infection. In order to minimize this risk several preventive measures will be taken, such as per-operative administration of antibiotics, avoidance of contact between incision site and mesh when placing it in the abdomen and closure of the fascia with PDS (monofilament). In addition, the patients will be asked to fill out quality of life questionnaires five times, which will take approximately 20 minutes.

A possible advantage of participation for patients in the intervention arm could be a lower incidence of incisional hernias. Hereby, patients could be spared from the discomfort and other symptoms associated with incisional hernias. In addition, fewer patients will have to undergo an additional surgical intervention in order to repair an incisional hernia.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

Age >18 years

Signed informed consent

### Exclusion criteria

Not able to sign informed consent

Connective tissue disorder

Intraperitoneal dialysis

Immunodeficiency

Use of immunosuppressive medication (including high dose corticosteroids)

Previous intraperitoneal mesh placement <3cm of the stoma closure wound

allergy of contra-indication for mesh placement  
Pregnancy or pregnancy wish in the future  
Inflammatory bowel disease as indication for stoma construction

## Study design

### Design

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| Study phase:        | 3                             |
| Study type:         | Interventional                |
| Intervention model: | Parallel                      |
| Allocation:         | Randomized controlled trial   |
| Masking:            | Single blinded (masking used) |
| Control:            | Active                        |
| Primary purpose:    | Prevention                    |

### Recruitment

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| NL                        |            |
| Recruitment status:       | Recruiting |
| Start date (anticipated): | 02-07-2018 |
| Enrollment:               | 80         |
| Type:                     | Actual     |

### Medical products/devices used

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Generic name: | Synthetic mesh        |
| Registration: | Yes - CE intended use |

## Ethics review

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| Approved WMO       |   |
| Date:              | 16-08-2016  |
| Application type:  | First submission  |
| Review commission: | MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United (Nieuwegein) |

Approved WMO

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| Date:              | 19-02-2018  |
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| Review commission: | MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United (Nieuwegein) |
| Approved WMO       |   |
| Date:              | 02-03-2018  |
| Application type:  | Amendment   |
| Review commission: | MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United (Nieuwegein) |
| Approved WMO       |   |
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| Review commission: | MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United (Nieuwegein) |
| Approved WMO       |   |
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| Application type:  | Amendment   |
| Review commission: | MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United (Nieuwegein) |

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

### Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

ID: 27268

Source: Nationaal Trial Register

Title:

### In other registers

| Register | ID             |
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| CCMO     | NL58088.100.16 |
| OMON     | NL-OMON27268   |