# A prospective clinical trial with sequential cohorts on the effect of individualized prognostic counselling on treatment decisions and quality of life in patients with head and neck cancer.

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitingHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON47696

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

Prognostic counselling in head and neck cancer

#### Condition

- Other condition
- Miscellaneous and site unspecified neoplasms malignant and unspecified

#### **Synonym**

head and neck squamous cell carcinoma

#### **Health condition**

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## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

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

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Ministerie van OC&W, Stichting Theia

## Intervention

**Keyword:** decision making, head and neck cancer, prognostic model, quality of life

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

\* A significant reduction of decisional conflict in the intervention group.

## **Secondary outcome**

- \* Fraction of patients who choose not to follow RWHHT advice and therefore receive a non-protocol based treatment in the intervention group.
- \* Quality of life: level of quality of life, specified on head and neck cancer, anxiety and/or distress.
- \* (Disease-free) survival rates: recurrence of the tumor, death and cause of death
- \* Socio-economic status: highest level of education, current profession and postal code of the home address

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

In the Netherlands, about 2700 new patients with head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC) are diagnosed annually. In majority of cases, treatment consists of surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and combinations of these modalities. All types of treatment are associated with high morbidity,

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sometimes compromising vital functions. Accurate counselling for treatment options, survival rates and quality of life is important. Dedicated software packages incorporating prognostic models have proven to aid physicians in making accurate predictions of prognosis for the individual patient with HNSCC. Our hypothesis is that individualized prognostic counselling leads to less decisional conflict. In patients with a poor prognosis individualized prognostic counselling may lead less extensive treatment and an improved quality of life.

## **Study objective**

To investigate decisional conflict, treatment choices, and quality of life in patients with HNSCC after individualized prognostic counselling, in comparison with the current prognostic counselling. Secondary objectives are to investigate (disease-free) survival rates in patients after individualized prognostic counselling, in comparison with the current prognostic counselling and to investigate the influence of socio-economic status on treatment choices, decisional conflict, quality of life and (disease-free) survival.

## Study design

Prospective clinical trial with sequential cohorts.

#### Intervention

The individual prognosis is calculated by OncologIQ, software on the computer, which is able to calculate survival rates in each individual, by using tumorand patient characteristics. Besides localization and TNM-classification of the tumor, also age, gender, past diseases and comorbidity (ACE-27) of the patient are taken into account. The calculation shows a patient-specific survival rate, expressed in time-bound percentages for 1, 2 and 5 years of survival.

## Study burden and risks

The extra burden of a patient is restricted to answering 4 questionnaires (total of 27 questions).

## **Contacts**

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## **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

## Inclusion criteria

Primary squamous cell carcinoma of lip, nasopharynx, oral cavity, oropharynx, larynx or hypopharynx

Second primary squamous cell carcinoma of lip, nasopharynx, oral cavity, oropharynx, larynx or hypopharynx

Curative intent

Follow-up takes place in the Erasmus MC

Written informed consent from the patient

## **Exclusion criteria**

No curative intent based on tumor site and tumor characteristics
Recurrent tumor
Simultaneous or synchronic multiple primary HNSCC
Illiterate patient
Insufficient knowledge of Dutch language
Incompetent (due to a.o. mental state) to consider their own treatment choice

## Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Primary purpose: Other

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 13-01-2014

Enrollment: 400

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 28-05-2013

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

(Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

Date: 28-09-2016

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

(Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

Date: 25-03-2019

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

(Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

Date: 04-09-2019

Application type: Amendment

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

ID: 27751

Source: Nationaal Trial Register

Title:

## In other registers

Register ID

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