# Pain and patient-reported outcome associated with surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome or trigger finger under local anesthesia with and without tourniquet

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON48016

#### **Source**

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

CTR or TFR with or without tourniquet

## **Condition**

- Other condition
- · Peripheral neuropathies

## **Synonym**

1.) Carpal tunnel syndrome, median neuropathy. 2.) Stenosing tenosynovitis, trigger finger

#### **Health condition**

Carpale tunnel syndroom, tenovaginitis stenosans

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Jeroen Bosch Ziekenhuis

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Afdeling plastische chirurgie van het JBZ

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Carpal tunnel release, tourniquet, Trigger finger release, WALANT

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Pain during the surgery on a 0-10 numeric rating scale

## **Secondary outcome**

Patient-reported outcome measures:

- QuickDASH
- BCTQ
- Postoperative complications

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Elective hand surgery such as carpal tunnel release and trigger finger release can be performed in the outpatient clinic with local anesthesia and tourniquet. A tourniquet is used for controlled exsanguination of the limb during surgery to minimize blood loss and increase visibility in the surgical field. The tourniquet, however, may be uncomfortable or even painful for the patient. In \*Wide-Awake, Local Anesthesia, No Tourniquet\* (WALANT) surgery, adrenalin is used for local vasoconstriction (Lalonde, 2017). Within the plastic surgery department of the JBZ hospital, both WALANT and tourniquets are used during hand surgery at the discretion of the surgeon.

## Study objective

The aim of this study is to compare pain or discomfort during the ingreep between WALANT and tourniquet use.

In addition, we aim to determine whether carpal tunnel release or trigger finger release using WALANT has an effect on recovery, patient-reported outcome on the short and long term, and rate of postoperative complications. The information can be used to recommend the use of WALANT during minor hand surgery in the nationwide protocol.

## Study design

Randomized controlled trial

#### Intervention

Application of a tourniquet during regular surgery

## Study burden and risks

Burden: questionnaires at 4 timepoints, max 5 minutes each time.

Risk: negligible.

## **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**

Operative treatment for carpal tunnel syndrome or stenosing tenosynovitis

## **Exclusion criteria**

Coagulopathy or use of vitamin K antagonist that may not be temporary withdrawn Recurrent or persisting CTS or TVS

Axillary lymph node dissection of the affected limb

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Single blinded (masking used)

**Primary purpose:** Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 18-05-2019

Enrollment: 140

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 19-04-2019

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Brabant (Tilburg)

Approved WMO

Date: 04-11-2019
Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Brabant (Tilburg)

# **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 NL68903.028.19

# **Study results**

Date completed: 10-08-2021

Actual enrolment: 142