

# Optimization of a new MR protocol measuring iron content in gastrointestinal cancer

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	Gastrointestinal conditions NEC
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON48263

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Gastrointestinal tumor iron measurement (GIRON)

### Condition

- Gastrointestinal conditions NEC
- Gastrointestinal neoplasms malignant and unspecified

### Synonym

colon cancer with liver metastasis, pancreatic cancer) and with a clinical indication for MR examination, Patients with gastrointestinal cancer (including rectum cancer

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Leids Universitair Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Gastrointestinal tumor, Iron, MRI

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The results of the additional MR technique are compared with those of conventional MR techniques. The additional MR protocol is evaluated for their added value, points for optimization are identified and these are included in the continuous process of development. Scientifically relevant results from this clinical pilot study will be published.

Endpoints: quantity of iron on T2 \* MRI, LIF score, fat fraction

### Secondary outcome

Not applicable

## Study description

### Background summary

MR is a technique that is constantly evolving. One of the potentially new applications of a new MR protocol concerns the measurement of iron levels in the body, and specifically in gastrointestinal tumors. This application appears to be very interesting since scientific research has shown that iron seems to play an important role in almost all aspects of both cancer development and cancer growth. This technique can only be fully optimized in sensitivity and specificity when patient data is available. To promote this MR technique, it is important to conduct a pilot study, specifically in patients presenting with a gastrointestinal tumor who receive an MRI as part of the standard diagnostic procedure. In the future, for example, the MR technique can be used to measure the effect of iron chelation, which is currently investigated as a new anticancer therapy.

### Study objective

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## Study design

Observational. Patient participation implies extension of the clinical MR scan with the additional MR technique. The research concerns the non-invasive assessment of the iron content in gastrointestinal tumors by means of T2 \* MRI.

## Study burden and risks

MR acquisitions will be added to the conventional clinical MR scans, with a maximum extension of 15 minutes. The new MR technique does not include administration of extra contrast fluid / medication. Additionally, patients will be asked to stay sober 4 hours in advance, and blood will be taken for interpretation of the MR data.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

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

## Inclusion criteria

All patients with gastrointestinal cancer (including rectum cancer, colon cancer with liver metastasis, pancreatic cancer) and with a clinical indication for MR examination

## Exclusion criteria

All contra-indications for MR examinations (claustrophobia, cardiac pacemaker, implants not approved for MR at the employed field-strength, metal objects, etc)  
Incapable to undergo prolonged MR examination additional to clinical MR examination (due to frailty of old age, general condition, etc).  
No informed consent for notification of study participation to the medical specialist.  
No informed consent for the work-up of incidental findings.

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-07-2019

Enrollment: 100

Type: Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 28-05-2019  
Application type: First submission  
Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)  
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## 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	NL67569.058.18