

# Assessment of exercise induced respiratory symptoms in children using electromyography

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| <b>Ethical review</b>        | Approved WMO                 |
| <b>Status</b>                | Recruitment stopped          |
| <b>Health condition type</b> | Respiratory tract infections |
| <b>Study type</b>            | Observational non invasive   |

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON49352

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

AEIRSCUE

### Condition

- Respiratory tract infections

### Synonym

asthma, dysfunctional breathing

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Medisch Spectrum Twente

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Chiesi Farmaceutici,Chiesi Pharmaceuticals

## Intervention

**Keyword:** asthma, diaphragm, electromyography, non-invasive

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The changes in muscular activity and spirometry will be compared to their baseline values to determine the decrease in lung function, as well as the increase in muscular activity in response to exercise. Muscular activity will also be compared to spirometry in order to establish the correlation between muscular activity and lung function changes.

### Secondary outcome

Non-applicable

## Study description

### Background summary

Exercise induced bronchoconstriction (EIB) is a highly specific symptom for childhood asthma. The muscular activity of the diaphragm is known to be closely related to the pulmonary function measured with spirometry. We aim to investigate the use of the non-demanding EMG measurements as an alternative measure in childhood asthma.

### Study objective

To determine the differences in muscular activity of the diaphragm between children with controlled asthma, uncontrolled asthma, dysfunctional breathing patterns and healthy children.

### Study design

The study will have a cross sectional design, in which all children are exposed to the same exercise protocol. Asthma control will subsequently be determined by a paediatrician. Children will perform their scheduled exercise challenge test (ECT). Before the ECT protocol commences, children are equipped with a

portable EMG amplifier. Before standard spirometry measurements, children are asked to sit still for 45 seconds in order to perform EMG measurements. Measurements will be repeated throughout the ECT protocol.

### **Study burden and risks**

Participation in this study does not pose any additional risks to participants, other than the risks involved with the scheduled ECT. Study related patient burden is comprised of two sticky electrodes worn at the height of the diaphragm and a bracelet around one of the arms. The portable amplifier is worn on a belt. The study burden is negligible and no study related risks are present. The study must be performed in children, as exercise induced bronchoconstriction is a highly specific symptom in childhood asthma.

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Age**

Adolescents (12-15 years)

Adolescents (16-17 years)

Children (2-11 years)

## Inclusion criteria

exercise induced respiratory symptoms  
referred for exercise challenge test at our center  
ages between 7 and 18

## Exclusion criteria

children and/or parents that do not speak dutch  
ICD/pacemaker  
co-morbid diseases other than asthma  
premature birth (<37 weeks)  
psychomotor retardation

## 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

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| NL                        |                     |
| Recruitment status:       | Recruitment stopped |
| Start date (anticipated): | 20-05-2021          |
| Enrollment:               | 150                 |
| Type:                     | Actual              |

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 23-09-2020

Application type: First submission

Review commission: MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United (Nieuwegein)

Approved WMO

Date: 29-04-2021

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: 25819

Source: NTR

Title:

### In other registers

| Register | ID             |
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| CCMO     | NL73398.100.20 |