

# Capillary versus venous blood sampling for clozapine blood levels: a practice based study comparing patients experiences, measurement outcomes and costs.

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON49486

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

FAst Clozapine blood LEvel test study (FACILE)

### Condition

- Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders

### Synonym

psychotic disorder, schizofrenie

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Stichting Rivierduinen

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

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Clozapine, Patiënt reported outcomes, Psychotic disorder

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

patients complete questionnaires on their experience using a VAS scale., risks are negligible (only one extra capillary prick besides regularly performed venous blood sample drawing) and therefore the burden is minimal and the study is group related (study can only be done using these patients groups).

### Secondary outcome

Correlation between serum values of clozapine and cost-effectiveness of point of care testing for clozapine.

## Study description

### Background summary

Patients who suffer from schizophrenia experience symptoms such as disorganized thinking, hallucinations and delusions, regularly complicated by abuse of drugs, suicidality and abnormal behavior, including aggressive behaviour. The disease is treated by antipsychotic drugs. Clozapine is an atypical antipsychotic drug for treatment-resistant schizophrenia. Clozapine is known as a last resort treatment option. For its effectivity clozapine has an unique opportunity among antipsychotic drugs. Clozapine may cause potentially dangerous side-effects for which intensive monitoring is mandatory, including blood-sample testing. Schizophrenia patients often experience blood-sample drawings as a part of their package of

symptoms, such as fear or psychotic experiences.

This makes drawing blood samples a challenge. Feasible, simplified, fast and easy clozapine blood level tests are desirable. This study is the first point of care (POC) clozapine-level test developed for daily practice in the Netherlands. No study has yet described patient experience and costs in an expert clinic in minimal invasive POC antipsychotic drug blood level testing in therapy resistant schizophrenia in Europe.

### **Study objective**

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### **Study design**

This is an cross-sectional explorative pilot study including 30 patients.

### **Study burden and risks**

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

patients aged 18 years of age or older, receiving clozapine for schizophrenia or schizo-affective disorder, accessible for treatment and follow-up and able (investigated by the treating physician) or willing to participate/giving informed consent for participation in this study.

### Exclusion criteria

Patients acutely involuntary admitted to the hospital (In Dutch: Crisismaatregel, former IBS), patients and/or not able or willing to give their informed consent (In Dutch: wilsonbekwaam inzake afweging participatie in dit onderzoek)

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Health services research

## Recruitment

NL  
Recruitment status: Pending  
Start date (anticipated): 01-11-2020  
Enrollment: 30  
Type: Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
Date: 24-09-2020  
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	NL74320.058.20