# Inventory of sexual dysfunctions in patients with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and patients with obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)

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Ethical review Approved WMO

**Status** Pending

**Health condition type** Sexual dysfunctions, disturbances and gender identity disorders

**Study type** Observational non invasive

## **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON51189** 

#### **Source**

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Sexual dysfunctions in PTSD and OCD

#### **Condition**

Sexual dysfunctions, disturbances and gender identity disorders

#### Synonym

Sexual dysfunctions/Sexual (dis)satisfaction and functioning

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** ProPersona (Nijmegen)

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

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Sexual dysfunctions

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The degree of sexual (dis)satisfaction (Female Sexual Distress Scale, FSDS; also a separate version for men), as well as the presence and nature of possible sexual dysfunctions (measured by administrating a short interview about sexual history as well as the abbreviated version of the Female Sexual Function Index, FSFI; or of the International Index of Erectile Function, IIEF respectively).

#### **Secondary outcome**

Indication of care needs (measured by administrating a short interview),
disgust (1-item Likert scale), body image (Body Image Self-Consciousness Scale;
BISC), shame (Trauma Related Shame Inventory; TRSI) and pelvic floor
overactivity (Amsterdam Hyperactive Pelvic Floor Scale-Women; AHPFS-W).

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Based on results from previous research there was suggested that sexual dysfunctions are common among patients with PTSD and OCD. However, information is still lacking about the actual prevalence and nature of sexual dysfunctions in this target group, as well as about their care needs and to what extent the guideline treatments aimed at PTSD and OCD reduce the severity of sexual dysfunctions. Some theoretical models - in which disgust, body image, shame, pelvic floor overactivity and / or psychotropic medication play a role -

attempt to explain how trauma, PTSD and OCD may cause sexual dysfunctions. Again, however, the actual relationship between sexual dysfunction and trauma, PTSD and OCD is still unknown. Gaining insight into the presence of sexual dysfunctions, the relationship with other problems and the effect of the guideline treatments aimed at PTSD and OCD on these sexual dysfunctions within this target group can - in time - lead to a (better) treatment aimed at diminishing sexual disfunctioning. Sexual functioning is evaluated as an important aspect of quality of life, also in patients with psychological problems, and furthermore, sexual dysfunction can also maintain PTSD and OCD symptoms because avoidance behavior is not stopped.

#### Study objective

Primary objectives are to investigate (1) the prevalence and nature of sexual dysfunctions in patients meeting the criteria for PTSD or OCD, and; (2) whether sexual dysfunctions decreases after the guideline treatment aimed at PTSD or OCD. Secondary objectives are to investigate (1) the care needs of the subjects who suffer from sexual dysfunctions (with regard to these sexual dysfunctions); (2) the relationship between the severity of sexual dysfunctions and the severity of PTSD or OCD symptoms; (3) the possible mediation of the relationship between PTSD or OCD symptoms and sexual dysfunctions due to disgust, body image or shame, pelvic floor overactivity, or psychotropic medication.

#### Study design

This study is an observational study.

#### Study burden and risks

Subjects spend extra time completing the questionnaires (total study duration is a maximum of 70 minutes) for which they do not have to travel (extra) to a (treatment) location. A possible advantage of participation is that their care needs concerning (possible) sexual dysfunction is investigated and that subjects are directed to appropriate care when needed.

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## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

#### Inclusion criteria

- age >= 18 years
- participation in the Intensive Exposure Treatment (IET; aimed at PTSD) OR FOCUS-treatment (aimed at OCD)
- meeting the criteria for PTSD OR for OCD

#### **Exclusion criteria**

For the current study there are no exclusion criteria: any patient enrolled in the IET- or the FOCUS-treatment is eligible to be informed about the study.

# Study design

## **Design**

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

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Primary purpose: Diagnostic

#### Recruitment

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Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 16-02-2025

Enrollment: 148

Type: Anticipated

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 16-07-2021

Application type: First submission

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

Date: 02-01-2023

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

Date: 07-01-2025

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

# **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 NL75503.091.20