# Mechanical insufflation-exsufflation (Cough Assist) in Critically III Adults: A randomized controlled trial

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Completed
Health condition type	Other condition
Study type	Interventional

# Summary

### ID

NL-OMON52221

**Source** ToetsingOnline

Brief title ACACIA-trial

### Condition

- Other condition
- Lower respiratory tract disorders (excl obstruction and infection)

**Synonym** respiratory secretion accumulation

#### **Health condition**

airway clearance - mucociliary clearance

#### **Research involving**

Human

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### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W,NWO docentenbeurs nr: 023.011.016 t.n.v. W. Stilma

### Intervention

Keyword: Intensive Care, invasively ventilated patients, mechanical in-exsufflation

### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The primary outcome is the proportion of delivered MI-E sessions (2 times a

MI-E session of 3 cycles per calendar day) per patient according to study

protocol (feasibility).

#### Secondary outcome

Secondary outcomes are the total number of serious adverse events (incidence of

pneumothorax and serious hemodynamic of pulmonary instability) in relation to

MI-E (safety) and preliminary exploratory data on clinical outcomes including

duration of invasive ventilation, length of stay in ICU and mortality

(efficacy).

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

In invasively ventilated critically ill patients, removal of airway secretions is typically performed by mimicking a cough followed by endotracheal suctioning. A cough can be mimicked by applying manual hyperinflation, which is an uncontrolled maneuver with high risks. Another way to mimic a cough is by means of mechanical insufflation exsufflation (MI-E), which is more controlled, and by that probably safer and more effectious than manual hyperinflation. Also, MI-E could be more comfortable for the patient. It is uncertain, however, whether MI-E is feasible, safe, and effective in invasively ventilated critically ill patients.

#### **Study objective**

The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the feasibility of MI-E in invasively ventilated critically ill patients.

The secondary objective is to evaluate safety and explore data on the efficacy of MI-E in invasively ventilated critically ill patients with regard to need for airway care interventions, duration of invasive ventilation and mortality.

#### Study design

Multicentre randomized clinical feasibility trial.

#### Intervention

Bedside nurses, trained in using the MI-E device, will apply MI-E sessions at two moments per calendar day (morning and afternoon) for a maximum of 7 days while a patient is invasively ventilated. Airway secretions are removed by endotracheal suctioning, as part of routine airway care. Manual hyperinflation will only be used when necessary in an emergency situation.

#### Study burden and risks

The technique currently used to mimic a cough for invasively ventilated critically ill patients is manual hyperinflation. Manual hyperinflation could be accompanied or replaced by MI-E as part of regular airway care. MI-E could bring risks associated with the procedure due to disconnection from the ventilator and the settings of MI-E. MI-E could be associated with possible benefits due to a more controlled way to mimic a cough while insufflated and exsufflated pressures are applied according to the defined settings. Additionally the need for deeper tracheal suctioning may be reduced.

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# **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

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

### **Inclusion criteria**

- admission to one of the participating ICUs; and
- intubated with an endotracheal tube; and
- expected to need invasive ventilation for more than 48 hours from consideration for inclusion.

### **Exclusion criteria**

age <18 years;

already use of MI-E before hospital admission, i.e., at home; known presence of bullous emphysema; known bronchopleural fistula; known pneumothorax or pneumomediastinum; known rib fractures or unstable spinal fractures; unsecured subarachnoidal haemorrhage; uncontrollable intracranial pressures. Patients in aerogenic isolation, apart from cohort isolation due to COVID-19, are also excluded.

# Study design

## Design

Masking:	Open (masking not used)	
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial	
Intervention model:	Parallel	
Study type:	Interventional	

Primary purpose: Health services research

### Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Completed
Start date (anticipated):	08-05-2024
Enrollment:	50
Туре:	Actual

### Medical products/devices used

Generic name:	mechanical insufflation-exsufflation
Registration:	Yes - CE intended use

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO	
Date:	23-11-2022
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC

# **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** CCMO **ID** NL76195.018.22