

# Alveolar cleft repair using osteoinductive ceramics in children with unilateral cleft lip and palate

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	Congenital and hereditary disorders NEC
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON54352

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Alveolar cleft repair using osteoinductive ceramics (ACROSTIC)

### Condition

- Congenital and hereditary disorders NEC

### Synonym

cleft lip and palate, cleft palate

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht

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## Intervention

**Keyword:** Alveolar cleft, Bone substitute, Cleft lip and palate

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Preoperatively and one year postoperatively routine 3D Cone beam computertomograms are acquired. These are 3D radiological images with significant lower radiation doses than conventional multislice CT scans. Since approximately ten years this is considered as standard of care in all Cleft Units in The Netherlands.

Residual bone volumes are succesively calculated using a voxel based mathching method. (Janssen NG, Schreurs R, Bittermann GKP, Borstlap WA, Koole R, Meijer GJ, et al. A novel semi-automatic segmentation protocol for volumetric assessment of alveolar cleft grafting procedures. J Craniomaxillofac Surg. 2017;45(5):685-9.21.)

Sucessively, residual bone volumes of study and control groups are compared

### Secondary outcome

Secondary outcome parameters are eruption of teeth into the reconstructed alveolar cleft and pain scores one to seven days postoperatively (based on a ten-point Visual Analog Scale)

## Study description

## **Background summary**

At an age of 8 to 12 years, the alveolar cleft is closed in children with cleft lip and palate. An autologous bone graft, mostly harvested from the chin or iliac crest is harvested in order to reconstruct the alveolar cleft defect.

This harvesting procedure causes pain at the donor site, increased operating time and can potentially cause donor site complications. To avoid this the use of a synthetic calcium phosphate bone substitute is a logical next step.

Scientific evidence for the effectiveness of calcium phosphate bone substitutes in alveolar cleft surgery is currently limited to cohort studies, case series and case reports.

## **Study objective**

To provide for evidence that calcium phosphate based scaffolds generate equal amounts of residual bone volume compared to the use of autologous bone grafts in unilateral alveolar cleft grafting. A secondary objective is to prove that calcium phosphate based scaffolds facilitate canine eruption through the reconstructed alveolar cleft and provide for uncomplicated orthodontic tooth movement in the cleft region.

## **Study design**

A stepped wedge design is applied. There are four participating centers and each center will switch at a certain time point from their current standard treatment (using autologous bone grafts harvested from the chin) to the use of a calcium phosphate based scaffold (MagnetOs Putty, a CE certified bone substitute for maxillofacial use). The study will not randomise per patient. Daily practise in the UMC Utrecht, where the use of bone substitutes is considered as standard of care, shows that patients with cleft palate and their parents favor the use of a bone substitute. However, thorough scientific evidence for calcium phosphate scaffolds being of equal effectiveness compared to autologous bone grafts for this particular operation is still lacking.

Inclusion will take one year. Goal is to include 30 patients in both study and control group in order to obtain a proper power for a non-inferiority design. Center 1 will start with the study method (use of a bone substitute) after 4 months, center 2 will change from control method to study method after 8 months of inclusion, center 3 will do this after 12 months and center 4 after 16 months. Total inclusion time is 20 months

## **Intervention**

The surgical procedure of alveolar cleft closure is similar in both study and control group. There only is a difference in the bone transplant that is applied into the reconstructed alveolar cleft:

In the study group: A calcium phosphate based scaffold is placed in the alveolar cleft. It will take approximately one year for the scaffold to be fully replaced by autologous bone.

In the control group: An autologous bone graft, harvested from the patients chin region is used.

### **Study burden and risks**

not applicable

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Age**

Adolescents (12-15 years)  
Children (2-11 years)

## Inclusion criteria

Cleft lip and palate patients with a unilateral alveolar cleft that are eligible for early secondary alveolar closure. Timing of surgery and therefore inclusion is based on the moment of eruption of teeth into the alveolar cleft and usually correlates with a calendar age of 8 to 12 years

## Exclusion criteria

Patients for which the time frame of early secondary alveolar closure has passed  
Patients with a (craniofacial) syndrome  
Patients with bilateral alveolar clefts  
Patients with intellectual disability

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Observational non invasive
Intervention model:	Other
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Treatment

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruiting
Start date (anticipated):	29-05-2022
Enrollment:	60
Type:	Actual

### Medical products/devices used

Generic name:	MagnetOs Putty
Registration:	Yes - CE intended use

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

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Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC NedMec

Approved WMO

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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	NL75562.041.21