# The Gout TrEatment STrategy Project (GO TEST) Overture trial

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitingHealth condition typeJoint disordersStudy typeInterventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON55282

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

**GO TEST OVERTURE** 

#### **Condition**

Joint disorders

#### **Synonym**

Gout; Gouty arthritis

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Viecuri Medisch Centrum voor Noord-Limburg

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: ZonMw programma: Evaluatieonderzoek

Zorg Evaluatie & Gepast Gebruik (ZE&GG) & ReumaNederland

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Gout, Treat-to-Avoid-Symptoms, Treat-to-Target, Urate lowering therapy

#### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

The primary endpoint is superiority of T2T vs T2S in terms of the difference in proportion of patients fulfilling an adapted version of the preliminary remission criteria for gout (no tophi, no flares, NRS pain due to gout < 2, NRS disease activity <2 over the last six months of 24 months follow up

#### **Secondary outcome**

Incremental net monetary benefit of T2T over T2S at cost-effectiveness ceilings ranging from x0 to x120.000 per Quality Adjusted Life year (QALY)

Proportion of patients achieving serum urate level at, or below, 0.3 mmol/l at 12 and 24 months

Proportion of patients achieving serum urate level at, or below, 0.36 mmol/l at 12 and 24 months

Proportion of patients developing clinically apparent tophi

Number of gout flares according to the Gaffo criteria from baseline to last follow up

Patient reported functional status by The Rapid-3 version of the Health

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Assessment Questionnaire-II from baseline over 24 months (3-monthly)

Pain by Numerical Rating Scale from baseline over 24 months (3-monthly)

Patient Global assessment of Disease Activity by Numerical rating scale from

baseline over 24 months (3-monthly)

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Urate Lowering Therapy (ULT) plays an important role in the management of gout, however it can be implemented through different strategies. In the absence of high-quality evidence, international guidelines disagree which management strategy is optimal. The GO TEST OVERTURE study aims to assess the relative effect and cost effectiveness of two frequently used treatment strategies regarding ULT. These two strategies are the Treat to Target strategy, aiming at a serum uric acid of at least below 0.36 mmol/l and no complaints of gout/patient acceptable symptom state, and the Treat tot Target strategy, aiming only at the latter.

#### Study objective

The GO TEST OVERTURE study aims to demonstrate the superiority of the Treat to Target management strategy over a Treat to Avoid Symptoms approach in terms of clinical remission of gout symptoms.

#### Study design

randomized, multicenter, pragmatic, superiority trial

#### Intervention

Treat to Target

Patients in this group will be treated in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Dutch association for rheumatology (NVR) and the \*European League against rheumatism\* (EULAR). All patients initiate ULT at the start of the study, with an initial low dose that is then titrated upward until the SUA target of <36  $\mu$ mol / I , or <30  $\mu$ mol / I is reached. During the first 6 months of the study, patients should be provided with prophylactic treatment against flares and SUA levels should be monitored regularly, in accordance with local procedures, until target SUA levels have been obtained. In the subsequent 18 months of the study, SUA levels will be measured at the 12 and 24 month study visits, and medication should be adjusted if the treatment target is not/no longer met. During the study period, rheumatoligsts may decide to schedule additional routine care visits for monitoring of SUA levels if this is deemed necessary.

#### Treat to avoid symptoms

Patients in this group will be treated in accordance with guidelines issued by the American college for Physicians. The treating rheumatologist and patient discuss the benefits and harms of initiating ULT including the option to not start ULT, start only low (safe) dose ULT, or simultaneously initiate anti-inflammatory prophylaxis, given the personal preferences and situation of the patient. When patient and rheumatologist decide to refrain from initiating ULT, recurrent flares can be treated if they occur with anti-inflammatory medication (NSAIDS, colchicine, glucocorticoids) without starting ULT. SUA levels will not be monitored, and no routine care visits are planned (12 and 24 months study visits are planned though), but patients will be instructed to report gout flares in the study E-CRF. Patients who report > 1 gout flare in the study CRF will be prompted to schedule a clinic visit. During these clinic visits patients and clinicians will revisit their decision regarding ULT.

#### Study burden and risks

#### Patient risk

This study is primarily aimed at comparing different forms of follow-up to uric acid lowering therapy. Various uric acid-lowering drugs and lifestyle advice play an important role in this. During the study, rheumatologists are free to prescribe uric acid-lowering drugs in consultation with the patients, with the aim to get the serum urate level to or below the target value in the Treat to Target group and with the aim to prevent recurrent symptoms in the Treat to Avoid symptoms. However, all drugs prescribed used in this study should be approved for use in gout in European countries and are to be used in accordance with the EULAR recommendations for the treatment of patients with gout, as well as the updated management guidelines for 2020 issued by American College for Rheumatology. Therefore, patients are not exposed to additional treatment-related risks compared to routine clinical care due to their participation in this study.

#### Patient burden

The study will not interfere with care provided for patients. Patients will

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visit the rheumatology clinic once per year. Clinical measures performed for this study are already part of routine care in The Netherlands. In addition to the burden imposed on patients by routine clinical care, patients will have to fill in questionnaires every three months, which might take approximately 20 minutes, each time

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## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

#### Inclusion criteria

- Patients with a Clinical diagnosis of gout and/or fulfilling the 2015 ACR-EULAR criteria
- Hyperuricemia
- No current use of ULT

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- A strong Contraindication for all allopurinol, benzbromarone AND febuxostat ULT
- Kidney failuree defined as GFR < 30ml/minute</li>
- Insufficient mastery of Dutch language to fill out questionnaires

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Health services research

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 04-03-2021

Enrollment: 310

Type: Actual

# Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: adenuric

Generic name: Febuxostat

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Desuric

Generic name: Benzbromaron

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Zyloric

Generic name: ALLOPURINOL

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 20-01-2021

Application type: First submission

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

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Application type: First submission

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

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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

ID: 26393 Source: NTR

Title:

## In other registers

Register ID

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