# SCreening adults with Obesity to Reduce Heart Failure Events

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitingHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

### **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON56190

Source

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**Brief title** SCOR(hf)E

#### Condition

- Other condition
- Heart failures

#### **Synonym**

heaviness, severe overweight

#### **Health condition**

obesitas

#### **Research involving**

Human

### **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: Cardiologie

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Biotronik, Boehringer Ingelheim, Sanofi

BV, Subsidie van Stichting BOF (Bevordering Onderzoek Franciscus)

#### Intervention

Keyword: Heart failure, Obesity, Screening

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The main study endpoint is a combined endpoint of left ventricular dysfunction and/or HF admission.

#### **Secondary outcome**

- Prevalence at baseline of not yet diagnosed HF as identified by active screening
- Prevalence at baseline of undiscovered risk factors for HF (e.g. hypertension, diabetes) as identified by active screening
- Risk factors for having HF in subjects with a HF diagnosis at baseline by active screening (e.g. age, sex, BMI, waist circumference, hypertension, diabetes)
- Quality of life (EQ-5D-5L questionnaire) at 1 year follow-up in all subjects
- Effect of HF treatment on dyspnea (NYHA classification) at 1 year follow-up in screened patients with HF at the time of screening

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Obesity prevalence in Dutch adults increased to 14.2% in 2020. Obesity is strongly associated with cardiovascular disease, especially heart failure (HF). HF is a serious condition with significant morbidity and mortality. HF in people with obesity often remains undetected for a relatively long time, because symptoms are attributed to the obesity and not to possible HF. As a result, individuals seek help late for already advanced HF. Screening may reveal HF risk factors or a HF diagnosis. Early treatment initiation will improve prognosis, both in terms of quality of life and morbidity and mortality.

#### Study objective

To investigate whether active screening for early signs of HF and its risk factors in adults with obesity without known heart disease improves clinical outcome.

#### Study design

Investigator driven, not blinded, randomized controlled superiority trial.

#### Intervention

Participants will be randomized to either an active screening on HF and its risk factors (the intervention group) or standard care. The intervention group will be screened using anamnesis, physical examination, an electrocardiogram, blood tests and an echocardiogram. In a subset of patients in the intervention group, screening will reveal HF or additional HF risk factors, such as hypertension or diabetes, that will be treated and followed according to guidelines. Participants randomized to standard care will not undergo any tests at baseline.

#### Study burden and risks

The burden for participants is relatively low. Nevertheless, participants in the intervention group do have to undergo some extra tests at baseline and follow-up, and participants in the usual care group at follow-up. However, the diagnostic procedures of the study protocol are widely accepted and well-known to be free of any risk of serious adverse events. As obesity is one of the most important public health problems in the Western world and the prevalence of HF is increasing, the risk to and burden for the participants will be in proportion to the potential value of the research.

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### **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

## **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

#### Inclusion criteria

Age >=45 year, BMI >=30 kg/m2, and written informed consent.

### **Exclusion criteria**

Known cardiac disease (determined by assessment of the available patient files and by asking the patient).

# Study design

### **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 04-03-2024

Enrollment: 420

Type: Actual

### **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 20-12-2023

Application type: First submission

Review commission: MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United

(Nieuwegein)

Approved WMO

Date: 22-02-2024
Application type: Amendment

Review commission: MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United

(Nieuwegein)

# **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 NL84213.100.23