# Resect SAFE study: providing a reliable impression of the positive surgical margin in patients undergoing robot assisted radical prostatectomy for prostate cancer

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruiting

**Health condition type** Male genital tract therapeutic procedures

**Study type** Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON56573** 

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

Resect SAFE study

### Condition

• Male genital tract therapeutic procedures

## **Synonym**

Prostate cancer

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Ziekenhuis

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Prostaatkanker Netwerk Nederland

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Positive surgical margin, Prostate cancer, Robot assisted radical prostatectomy

### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

The count of positive surgical margins among patients undergoing RARP for prostate cancer, wherein exision of abundant tissue was conducted during the RARP procedure.

## **Secondary outcome**

- To evaluate the incidence of complications (rectal injury and postoperative bleeding) among patients who have undergone the Resect SAFE procedure.
- To determine the rate of biochemical recurrence (at 6 months and 1 year) within the cohort of patients subjected to the Resect SAFE procedure

# **Study description**

### **Background summary**

In Europe, prostate cancer is the most prevalent malignancy among males aged 50 and above. Robot-assisted radical prostatectomy (RARP) represents the favored therapeutic approach for patients with localized prostate cancer. The primary objective of this procedure is the complete excision of all prostate cancer tissue. When evaluating the outcomes of this surgical intervention, a persistent high positive surgical margin (PSM) rate becomes evident. Across various studies, approximately 30% of patients undergoing RARP exhibit a positive surgical margin in the pathology specimen. Furthermore, diverse investigations demonstrate that patients with a positive surgical margin experience inferior oncological outcomes, as indicated by postoperative biochemical recurrence.

Consequently, the imperative arises to mitigate the incidence of positive surgical margins. Our supposition is that achieving this objective is attainable through surgical refinement of the procedure, involving the excision of abundant tissue at locations where, based on the positioning of the prostatic tumor, a positive surgical margin is anticipated. The occurrence of a positive surgical margin is expected in regions characterized by a higher number of prostate biopsies yielding cancer diagnosis and/or at sites where the prostatic tumor is discernible on the diagnostic preoperative magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan. The resection of abundant tissue surrounding the prostate can potentially lead to the removal of a greater extent of prostate cancer tissue, consequently contributing to a reduced positive surgical margin rate.

## **Study objective**

The primary objective of this study is to reduce the incidence of positive surgical margins in patients undergoing RARP by conducting an intraoperative excision of abundant peri-prostatic tissue.

Secondary endpoints include the number of complications arising from the excision of abundant peri-prostatic tissue and the percentage of biochemical recurrence at 6 months and 1 year.

## Study design

It is a prospective monocenter observational cohort study, with the inclusion of patients undergoing RARP at the Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital. The study duration extends for a period of 12 months.

#### Intervention

During the prostatectomy, subsequent to the prostate removal and achieving satisfactory hemostasis, abundant tissue is excised on the non-nerve-sparing side(s) surrounding the area previously occupied by the prostate, as well as at the location of the neurovascular bundle.

## Study burden and risks

Very low risk (<<5%) of postoperative bleeding or injury to the rectum.

## **Contacts**

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## **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

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

## Inclusion criteria

Undergoing a non-nerve-sparing robot assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy (unilateral or bilateral non-nerve-sparing). Any value of prostate-specific antigen (PSA). Any grade from the International Society of Urological Pathology (ISUP). Any tumor (T) stage on the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan.

## **Exclusion criteria**

Molecular Imaging (MI), specifically on PSMA-PET, a lymph node (N) stage 1 Salvage prostatectomy NeuroSAFE procedure.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 22-04-2024

Enrollment: 160

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 08-02-2024

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC NedMec

# **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

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