# The effect of an oral photograph showing dental plaque on oral health behavior

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**Ethische beoordeling** Niet van toepassing

**Status** Werving nog niet gestart

Type aandoening -

Onderzoekstype Interventie onderzoek

# **Samenvatting**

#### ID

NL-OMON21340

**Bron** 

NTR

**Verkorte titel** 

Motivation with a QLF photo

#### **Aandoening**

oral hygiene

dental plaque

motivation

public health education program on oral health versus personalized oral health education Fluorescence photograph

Mond hygiene

tandplaque

motivatie

algemene groeps educatie mondgezondheid versus

individuele educatie mondgezondheid

fluorescentie foto's

# **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** ACTA

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Overige ondersteuning: STW, Ivoren Kruis

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### **Primaire uitkomstmaten**

plaque percentage as derived from the photograhs

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Background of the study:

Inadequate oral hygiene in children and adults is a common phenomenon. This may result in dental caries or periodontal disease, which are a major problem. The most important aspect in prevention is oral hygiene instruction where the importance of good oral health is emphasized. For this purpose the project "Hou je mond gezond" ('Keep your mouth healthy', Ivoren Kruis) was developped, which is an educational program on oral health/ tooth brushing for children attending primary school. In this study we want to investigate if this classroom approach to improve oral hygiene and motivation can benefit from the addition of a fluorescence photograph diplaying the current oral hygiene status of each child. These so-called quantitative light-induced fluorescence (QLF) photographs show old plaque or calculus on the dentitition as red fluorescence. We hypothesize that showing these QLF-photos adjunct to the "Hou je mond gezond" lesson has a positive effect on oral hygiene behaviour and oral hygiene motivation in comparisson to the 'Hou je mond gezond' lesson alone.

#### Objective of the study:

In this study we want to investigate whether displaying QLF-pictures can help to improve oral hygiene behavior and motivation. We want to investigate the motivational effect of QLF-photos in children from groups 7 and 8 of primary schools, where the brushing instruction of "Hou je mond gezond" project (Ivoren Kruis) is used as reference. The research question of this study is, 'Does displaying fluorescence images of ones own dentitition have a positive impact in motivating participants to improve their oral hygiene?'.

#### Study design:

The study will be carried out as a randomized controlled trial (RCT) linked to a 'Hou je mond

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gezond' lesson.

One half of the participating children will get to see the QLF photo of their dentition, which will be explained and linked to oral hygiene advice at both visits. The other half of children will get to see their QLF photo with eplanation and personal oral hygiene advice only at visit two, i.e the end of the study. All children are asked to fill out a brief questionaire on oral hygiene knowledge, behavior and motivation (1 A4) at the start and end of the oral hygiene lesson. The questionaire is repeated at the second visit.

Study population: Children with an age of about 10-12 years attending group 7 or 8 of primary schools.
Intervention (if applicable):

Primary study parameter: Plague percentage assessed on fluorescence photos.

Secundary study parameters/outcome of the study (if applicable): Motivation and knowledge measured through guestionnaires.

Primary study parameters/outcome of the study:

Nature and extent of the burden and risks associated with participation, benefit and group relatedness (if applicable):

Participation is only a very small burden on participating children: making and explaining the QLF photo takes up to one minute per child per visit (2 visits), next to the "Hou je mond gezond' lesson in the classroom wich is given to all children. Completing the questionnaire takes less than 5 minutes at a time. Given the nature of the study, we expect that all children benefit from the brushing lesson. There are no risks associated with participation.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

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receiving only the school oral health education lesson.

#### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Both primary and secondary oucome measures are assessed at baseline and 8 weeks thereafter.

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

All children receive a public health education program on oral health 'hou je mond gezond' as part of which they fill out a questionaire on knowledge, attitude and locus of controls at the start of the lesson and at the end. The front dentition of the children will be photographed using a fluorescence camera (QLF), after which the test-group will receive explanation about the photograph and the control group will receive a standard message.

The photograph and questionnaire will be repeated after 4-6 weeks, when all children will get personalized oral hygiene advice according to their photo.

# Contactpersonen

#### **Publiek**

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# Wetenschappelijk

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# **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

children attending group 7 of 8 of dutch elementary school

informed consent

# Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen (Exclusiecriteria)

no consent

unable to open mouth

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

### **Opzet**

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Parallel

Toewijzing: N.v.t. / één studie arm

Blindering: Enkelblind

Controle: Geneesmiddel

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving nog niet gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 02-01-2014

Aantal proefpersonen: 212

Type: Verwachte startdatum

# **Ethische beoordeling**

Niet van toepassing

Soort: Niet van toepassing

# **Registraties**

# Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

Geen registraties gevonden.

# Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register

Geen registraties gevonden.

## In overige registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL4041 NTR-old NTR4208

Ander register : ACTA 2013 Master CE-8

ISRCTN ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd.

# Resultaten

## Samenvatting resultaten

N/A