

# Onderzoek naar gedrag en hersenfuncties bij kinderen met een craniofaciale aandoening.

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| <b>Ethische beoordeling</b> | Positief advies                                     |
| <b>Status</b>               | Werving nog niet gestart                            |
| <b>Type aandoening</b>      | -                                                   |
| <b>Onderzoekstype</b>       | Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen |

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON21615

### Bron

Nationaal Trial Register

### Aandoening

Craniosynostosis is a congenital malformation characterized by premature closure of cranial sutures. The premature closure of the cranial sutures hinders the growth of the skull, brains and face. Craniosynostosis is 1 in 2500 newborns and is for approximately 40% of patients a part of a syndrome such as Apert syndrome, Crouzon / Pfeiffer, Saethre-Chotzen and Muenke. The treatment of syndromic or complex craniosynostosis craniofacial comprises a correction within the first year of life. Depending on the syndrome, multiple corrections of the skull, face hands and feet occur. Besides the appearance, the skull abnormality, hand and foot abnormalities, and brain abnormalities may occur. These brain abnormalities can be congenital, such as abnormalities of the corpus callosum or acquired, such as hydrocephalus. Craniosynostose is een congenitale afwijking gekarakteriseerd door premature sluiting van de schedelnaden. De premature sluiting van de schedelnaden belemmert de groei van de schedel, hersenen en gezicht. Craniosynostose komt bij 1 op de 2500 neonaten voor en is bij ongeveer 40% van de patiënten een deel van een syndroom, zoals het syndroom van Apert, Crouzon/Pfeiffer, Muenke en Saethre-Chotzen. De behandeling van syndromale of complexe craniosynostose bestaat uit een craniofaciale correctie voor het eerste levensjaar. Afhankelijk van het syndroom kunnen meerder correcties aan schedel, gezicht handen en voeten plaatsvinden. Naast de uiterlijke kenmerken, de schedelafwijking, hand- en voetafwijkingen, kunnen afwijkingen in de hersenen voorkomen. Deze hersenafwijkingen kunnen aangeboren,

bijvoorbeeld afwijkingen van het corpus callosum of verworven zijn, bijvoorbeeld hydrocephalus.

## Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** Erasmus MC

Rotterdam

the Netherlands

**Overige ondersteuning:** Nuts-OHRA

the Netherlands

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

## Uitkomstmaten

### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Neuropsychological functioning as mentioned in the intervention box. Results on the questionnaires completed by the parents/cargivers.

## Toelichting onderzoek

### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

“The neurocognitive functioning and behaviour of children aged six to twelve years with a syndromic or complex craniosynostosis”.

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The neurocognitive functioning and behaviour of patients with syndromic or complex craniosynostosis remains still unclear. The number of studies of the neurocognitive functioning and behaviour of children with syndromic or complex craniosynostosis is small. Most of these studies exhibit methodological limitations, such as small research using non-

validated and standardized instruments are not. Despite methodological limitations, all studies seem to indicate that children with syndromic or complex craniosynostosis an increased risk of learning disabilities and behavioural problems.

The objective of this research project focuses on the cognitive functioning of children with syndromic or complex craniosynostosis, we will investigate the frequency of behavioural problems in these children. Clinical findings presume that the executive functioning, attention and memory are less developed in comparison with the general population, with standardised questionnaires and instruments we will figure out if this assumption is true.

Furthermore we are interested in the medical and child factors, namely brain anomalies, obstructive sleep apnea, genotype, diagnosis and their prediction on the neurocognitive outcome.

The psychological assessment of children takes place in the outpatient department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Erasmus MC-Sophia Rotterdam the Netherlands. The study is divided into two sessions conducted. All tests are conducted according to a standard. The tests are possible in the same order will be used

The questionnaires are sent to the parents beforehand. The questionnaires are completed and then returned home for research. The TRF is the teacher handed to the parents. This completes the questionnaire and send it in an enclosed return envelope.

Statistical analysis: Data is entered into a database (windows office excel 2007) and using a statistical program worked (SPSS 15.0 for Windows 2000 and GraphPad Prism 4).

The average IQ of the group will be compared with that of the standard group by an independent t-test.

Internalizing, externalizing and total behavior will be compared with the control group using an independent t-test.

The (neuro) cognitive functioning in children with syndromic or complex craniosynostosis will be compared with the control group using an independent t-test.

The correlation between the dependent variables (intelligence, behavior and neurocognitive function) and independent (hypoplasia of the corpus callosum, septum pellucidum, hippocampus, cerebral cortex, white matter lesions and brain volume, ventriculomegaly, chronic tonsillar herniation, increased intracranial pressure, impressiones digitatae , hydrocephalus, OSAS, genotype, diagnosis, age at first craniofacial correction and type of correction) will be analyzed with a Spearman correlation procedure as a dichotomous variable is concerned with a Pearson correlation for the variables that a linear relationship

assumption and a ratio or interval measurement scale.

### **Doel van het onderzoek**

Clinically, children with syndromic craniosynostosis seem to have an increased risk of learning disabilities and behavioral problems in comparison with the general population.

### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Children undergo the diagnostic procedure only once.

### **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

1. WISC-III-NL;
2. ANT 2.1;
3. FLANKER;
4. n-BACK;
5. TIME-TEST;
6. SSRT;
7. CBCL;
8. DBD;
9. i-DISC-IV;
10. CCC-2.

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## Deelname eisen

### Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

All children receiving treatment at the Cranio-Facial Center ErasmusMC-Sophia with syndromic craniosynostosis (such as Apert syndrome, Crouzon/Pfeiffer syndrome, Muenke syndrome, Saethre-Chotzen syndrome) or a complex craniosynostosis and aged between 6 and 13 years.

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

1. Children with syndromic craniosynostosis, whose parents master the Dutch language insufficiently to independently complete questionnaires;
2. Children familiar with one another syndromic abnormality.

## Onderzoeksopzet

### Opzet

|                  |                                                     |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Type:            | Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen |
| Onderzoeksmodel: | Parallel                                            |
| Toewijzing:      | N.v.t. / één studie arm                             |
| Blinding:        | Open / niet geblindeerd                             |
| Controle:        | N.v.t. / onbekend                                   |

## Deelname

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Nederland               |                          |
| Status:                 | Werving nog niet gestart |
| (Verwachte) startdatum: | 01-01-2008               |
| Aantal proefpersonen:   | 85                       |
| Type:                   | Verwachte startdatum     |

## Ethische beoordeling

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Positief advies |                  |
| Datum:          | 27-05-2011       |
| Soort:          | Eerste indiening |

## 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        | NL2779                              |
| NTR-old        | NTR2919                             |
| Ander register | METC ErasmusMC Rotterdam : 2005-273 |
| ISRCTN         | ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd. |

## Resultaten

### Samenvatting resultaten

Obstructive sleep apnea-specific quality of life and behavioral problems in children with syndromic craniosynostosis.

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J Dev Behav Pediatr. 2011 Apr;32(3):233-8.

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