

# Differences in walking biomechanics and energetics between self-paced and fixed speed treadmill walking

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| <b>Ethische beoordeling</b> | Niet van toepassing                                 |
| <b>Status</b>               | Werving gestart                                     |
| <b>Type aandoening</b>      | -   |
| <b>Onderzoekstype</b>       | Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen |

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON21622

### Bron

NTR

### Verkorte titel

SF

### Aandoening

Healthy young adults

### Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** Maastricht University

**Overige ondersteuning:** Maastricht University

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

### Uitkomstmaten

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Energetic cost of walking (mlO<sub>2</sub>/kg/m)

# Toelichting onderzoek

## Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Walking is often named in patient populations as one of the most important motor functions for maintaining a good quality of life. The increased use of treadmill walking in movement laboratories allows for continuous recording of walking characteristics and it is less exhausting for the patient by eliminating repeated back and forth walking as in an overground movement laboratory. Thanks to a self-regulating speed on the treadmill, the natural walking speed variation as seen in daily life is maintained. Previous research has shown that an oscillating position on a fixed-speed treadmill increases energy costs. However, it is not yet known whether the self-regulating speed, at which the person controls the speed of the treadmill, also increases the energy cost of walking compared to a fixed speed. By walking at different speeds, the parabolic relationship between the energy cost and the speed of walking can be simulated in both conditions. The lowest energy cost per distance travelled corresponds to the optimal (comfortable) walking speed. In addition to the energy cost measured via respiratory gas analysis, muscle power efficiency also contributes to the energy cost. In combination with joint angles, forces and moments (clustered as walking biomechanics), differences between the self-regulating and fixed speed can be explained. By validating the energy cost of walking and certain walking characteristics with the measured values by means of accelerometry, a translation can be made to the energy consumption of walking in daily life.

## Doel van het onderzoek

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## Onderzoeksopzet

Non-WMO approved

# Contactpersonen

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## **Deelname eisen**

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

- Healthy persons aged 18-35 years
- Able to walk for 40 minutes in a row
- Body Mass Index (BMI) < 30

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

- Not comfortable with walking on a treadmill.
- Presence of cardiovascular or musculoskeletal diseases or injuries affecting gait

## **Onderzoeksopzet**

### **Opzet**

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

## **Deelname**

Nederland  
Status: Werving gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-05-2019  
Aantal proefpersonen: 18  
Type: Verwachte startdatum

## Voornemen beschikbaar stellen Individuele Patiënten Data (IPD)

Wordt de data na het onderzoek gedeeld: Nog niet bepaald

## 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        | NL8160                  |
| Ander register | METC azM/UM : 2019-1128 |

## Resultaten