

# Effects of FASTING the brain

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<b>Ethische beoordeling</b>	Positief advies
<b>Status</b>	Werving gestart
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON21776

### Bron

Nationaal Trial Register

### Verkorte titel

FASTING

### Aandoening

Fasting

Obesity

### Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** Academic Medical Center (AMC), Amsterdam

**Overige ondersteuning:** Academic Medical Center (AMC), Amsterdam

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

### Uitkomstmaten

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Serotonin and dopamine transporter availability: [123I]FP-CIT SPECT scan

# Toelichting onderzoek

## Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Rationale: Feeding behaviour is regulated by a complex interplay of the homeostatic and hedonic systems, and is influenced by peripheral inputs. The neurotransmitters serotonin and dopamine have major roles in the cerebral regulation of feeding behaviour by mediating anorexigenic and rewarding signals, respectively. Extracellular levels of serotonin and dopamine are regulated by serotonin and dopamine transporters (SERT and DAT) respectively and they can be visualized using SPECT.

In obesity, control of food intake is disturbed, resulting in overconsumption of high-calorie nutrients. Therefore, the role of the central nervous system, and serotonin and dopamine in particular, in the current obesity epidemic is an active interest of ongoing research worldwide.

Fasting influences neural signals and hormones that provide input to the central regulation of food intake. Studying the effects of fasting on brain areas involved in overeating/obesity, as well as differences in the response to fasting between lean and obese individuals, may unravel novel therapeutic targets for (the prevention of) obesity. In addition, since it is currently unknown how fasting affects central SERT and DAT, interpretation of previous studies that investigate effects of lifestyle, diet and/or metabolic challenges on cerebral serotonin and dopamine in humans is troublesome because these studies vary in fasting duration prior to the measurement of cerebral SERT and DAT availability.

## Doeleind van het onderzoek

We hypothesize that 1) fasting duration may affect the central serotonin and dopamine systems, either centrally or indirectly through effects on peripheral input to the central nervous system, and 2) the effect of fasting may be changed in obesity.

## Onderzoeksopzet

2 SPECT scan study days: one preceded by 12 hours of fasting, the other by 24 hours of fasting

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

Fasting intervention: participants will undergo [<sup>123</sup>I]FP-CIT SPECT scans on two study days, prior to one study day participants will fast for 12 hours, prior to the other study day participants will fast for 24 hours.

Diet intervention: prior to each fasting intervention, participants will consume an eucaloric diet for 72 hours. Eucaloric energy requirements are based on resting energy expenditure measured with indirect calorimetry.

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## Deelname eisen

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

- Male
- BMI<25kg/m<sup>2</sup> (lean subjects) or BMI ≥ 30kg/m<sup>2</sup> (obese subjects)
- Age 50-75 years
- Stable weight three months prior to study inclusion

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

- Use of any medication except for those related to treatment of components of the metabolic syndrome
- Use of exogenous insulin, oral glucose lowering drugs, beta-blockers
- Any actual medical condition except for treated hypothyroidism and the metabolic syndrome

- History of any psychiatric disorder
- Shift work
- Irregular sleep pattern
- Intensive sports (>3 h/week)
- Restrained eaters
- History of eating disorders (anorexia, binge eating, bulimia)
- Smoking, XTC, amphetamine or cocaine abuse
- Alcohol abuse (>3 units/day)
- Lactose intolerance
- Estimated glomerular filtration rate <60 ml/min
- Contraindication to MRI scanning (claustrophobia, metal foreign objects)

## Onderzoeksopzet

### Opzet

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Cross-over
Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Dubbelblind
Controle:	N.v.t. / onbekend

### Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Werving gestart
(Verwachte) startdatum:	13-03-2017
Aantal proefpersonen:	20
Type:	Verwachte startdatum

## Ethische beoordeling

Positief advies

Datum: 20-07-2017

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	NL6267
NTR-old	NTR6609
Ander register	METC AMC : METC2016_315

## Resultaten