

# PROTECT: on-line adaptive proton therapy for cervical cancer to reduce the impact on morbidity and the immune system

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<b>Status</b>	Werving nog niet gestart
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON23395

### Bron

NTR

### Verkorte titel

PROTECT

### Aandoening

Cervical cancer

### Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** LUMC

**Overige ondersteuning:** Varian consortium-confined call 2019

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

## Uitkomstmaten

### Primaire uitkomstmaten

- Detect a difference of 4.3 Gy in mean dose to pelvic bones (whole pelvic contour), and a difference of 364cc in the mean V15-bowelbag dose (according to EMBRACE bowel bag definition)

## Toelichting onderzoek

### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

#### Rationale:

The current standard treatment for locally advanced cervical cancer is external beam radiotherapy (EBRT) with concurrent chemotherapy followed by MRI-guided intracavitary/interstitial brachytherapy. This combination of treatment modalities is very effective for locoregional control. As most patients have the prospect of long-term survival, they will also have to live with treatment-related morbidity. This has substantial impact on many domains of their life (physical, sexual, emotional, social, economic). Since most patients are diagnosed in their early decades (peak incidence: 35-45 yrs), morbidity has a major societal impact as well.

Severe late morbidity (grade 3-4) which requires medical intervention (grade 3) and/or can be life-threatening (grade 4), occurs in 8-11% of patients and concerns most often the gastrointestinal and urogenital tract and, less frequently, insufficiency fractures of the pelvic bones in the irradiated area. Moreover, the number and functioning of circulating leukocytes (myeloid and lymphocytes) can be reduced by pelvic radiotherapy, which might reduce efficacy and feasibility of adjuvant chemo/immunotherapy.

Radiotherapy-related morbidity is a result of the dose to organs at risk (OAR) and is both dose and volume dependent. With proton therapy (PT), OAR dose can be further reduced by highly localized dose-deposition using its finite range. The biggest dose reductions are observed in low-dose regions, such as bowel and bone(marrow). For treatments that included both the pelvic and para-aortic regions the dosimetric advantage of PT is even bigger.

This clinical study will be the first prospective comparative trial to directly compare adaptive photon therapy (IMRT/VMAT) with adaptive PT (IMPT) on dosimetric parameters and clinical outcomes. All participating patients will undergo the current state-of-the-art treatment for LACC (primary chemoradiation with concurrent cisplatin followed by image-guided adaptive brachytherapy). With this study design we will create a homogenous population wherein only the type of EBRT (IMRT/VMAT or IMPT) is different. Such a study will yield a wealth of information on differences in the effects on dose-volume parameters and both short-term and long-term morbidities. Moreover, it creates a unique opportunity to study the effects of both types of EBRT on local and systemic immune response.

#### Hypothesis:

- I. Daily adaptive IMPT for locally advanced cervical cancer is clinically feasible and will be

able to spare the organs at risk to a significantly greater extent than photon-based IMRT/VMAT, while maintaining coverage of the target volume.

II. There are subgroups of patients with locally advanced cervical cancer that will have a clinically relevant reduction of acute and late bowel morbidity if treated with IMPT instead of IMRT/VMAT

III. With IMPT the suppression of the number of circulating leukocytes (myeloid and lymphocytes) will be lower compared to IMRT/VMAT

### **Doel van het onderzoek**

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### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Baseline

During treatment: week 1 and 4 of external beam radiotherapy, at time of brachytherapy

End of treatment

Follow up: 4 and 8 weeks, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months.

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

Multicentre, prospective, clinical, non-randomised phase 2 trial to compare photon and proton therapy in patients with locally advanced cervical cancer who are treated with pelvic and peri-aortic adaptive radiotherapy combined with concurrent chemotherapy with curative intent

## **Contactpersonen**

### **Publiek**

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## Deelname eisen

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

- Histologically confirmed diagnosis of cervical cancer (squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma or adenosquamous carcinoma, HPV positive or negative) with an indication for curative treatment with primary chemoradiation with concurrent cisplatin followed by 3D image-guided adaptive brachytherapy.
- Indication to include the common iliac region or the common iliac and para-aortic regions into the elective clinical target volume of the external beam radiotherapy.
- No distant metastasis beyond the para-aortic lymph node chain as determined by diagnostic imaging (PET-CT scan)
- Age > 18 years
- WHO 0-1
- Adequate systemic organ function:
  - o Creatinine clearance (> 50 cc/min)
  - o Adequate bone marrow function : white blood cells (WBCs)  $\geq 3.0 \times 10^9/l$ , neutrophils  $\geq 1.5 \times 10^9/l$ , platelets  $\geq 100 \times 10^9/l$
- Patients must be accessible for treatment and follow-up
- Written informed consent according to the local Ethics Committee requirements

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

- Small cell cancer, melanoma and other rare histological types of the cervix.
- History of another primary malignancy that could conceivably be active evaluated by the study physician. Examples of exception include, but are not limited to:
  - o Malignancy treated with curative intent and with no known active disease  $\geq 5$  years.
  - o Adequately treated non-melanoma skin cancer or lentigo maligna without evidence of disease.
- Other severe diseases such as recent myocardial infarction, clinical signs of cardiac failure or clinically significant arrhythmias
- Previous pelvic or abdominal radiotherapy
- History of active primary immunodeficiency

- Active or prior documented autoimmune or inflammatory disorders (including inflammatory bowel disease [e.g. colitis or Crohn's disease])
- The use of immunosuppressive drugs at baseline
- Contraindications for weekly Cisplatin (or Carboplatin)
- Contraindications for the use of MRI

## Onderzoeksopzet

### Opzet

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Anders
Toewijzing:	Niet-gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Open / niet geblindeerd
Controle:	N.v.t. / onbekend

### Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Werving nog niet gestart
(Verwachte) startdatum:	01-09-2021
Aantal proefpersonen:	30
Type:	Verwachte startdatum

### Voornemen beschikbaar stellen Individuele Patiënten Data (IPD)

**Wordt de data na het onderzoek gedeeld:** Nog niet bepaald

### Toelichting

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## 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
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NTR-new	NL9567
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Ander register METC Leiden – Den Haag – Delft : Holland PTC project code: 2019008

## Resultaten