

# **Effectiveness of saline-infused sonography and hysteroscopy in the work-up for postmenopausal bleeding.**

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Uterine cavity evaluation and subsequent resection of endometrial polyps in women with postmenopausal bleeding and endometrial thickness of more than 4 mm will lead to less recurrent bleeding compared to women in whom such is not performed.

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

## **Samenvatting**

### **ID**

NL-OMON24422

### **Bron**

NTR

### **Verkorte titel**

POMPOEN

### **Aandoening**

Endometrial polyps, Postmenopausal bleeding.

In Dutch: Endometrium Poliepen, Postmenopauzaal bloedverlies.

### **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** Academic Medical Center

**Overige ondersteuning:** Academic Medical Center

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

### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### **Primaire uitkomstmaten**

## Toelichting onderzoek

### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Introduction:

Postmenopausal bleeding occurs in approximately 15,000 women per year, and may signal serious underlying medical problems. The Dutch guideline on the work-up for postmenopausal bleeding emphasizes diagnosing malignant pathology of the endometrium. Transvaginal sonography is used to measure endometrial thickness, if the endometrial thickness measures more than 4 mm, endometrium aspiration (using a Pipelle) is advocated to rule out or diagnose endometrial carcinoma. When malignancy has been ruled out, it is uncertain whether the work-up should be continued with SIS and/or hysteroscopy (and subsequent polypectomy when an abnormality is detected), if at all. The present proposal will study the effects of these strategies. The proposal will consider medical effectiveness.

Objective:

SIS and hysteroscopy in the work-up for postmenopausal bleeding will be studied. Medical effectiveness in terms of treatment of the postmenopausal bleeding will be evaluated. To assess which women need saline-infused sonography and/or hysteroscopy, if at all, we will answer the following questions:

What are the effects of the following strategies:

1. No further testing after carcinoma has been ruled out;
2. SIS for all patients, and hysteroscopy after abnormal SIS;
3. Immediate hysteroscopy for all patients;
4. Targeted selection of patients at increased risk for polyps.

Intervention:

Patients will be randomised for a subsequent diagnostic work-up with SIS and hysteroscopy or no further diagnostic work-up.

Primary Study parameter:

Recurrence of postmenopausal bleeding.

## **Doel van het onderzoek**

Uterine cavity evaluation and subsequent resection of endometrial polyps in women with postmenopausal bleeding and endometrial thickness of more than 4 mm will lead to less recurrent bleeding compared to women in whom such is not performed.

## **Onderzoeksopzet**

An interim analysis is not planned.

## **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

Eligible patients will be randomly allocated to undergo saline infused sonography (SIS) and outpatient hysteroscopy. All patients will undergo SIS and hysteroscopy independent of the findings during SIS. In case a polyp is seen at hysteroscopy, immediate resection will be performed.

The control group will receive no further diagnostic work-up.

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## **Deelname eisen**

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

Women with postmenopausal bleeding and an endometrial thickness of more than 4 mm in whom a malignancy is ruled out by office endometrial sampling.

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

1. Women with postmenopausal bleeding during tamoxifen or arimidex treatment;
2. Women with an endometrial sample containing insufficient material for a reliable diagnosis;
3. Women with suspected malignancy after endometrial sampling or cervical cytology.

## **Onderzoeksopzet**

### **Opzet**

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Parallel
Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Open / niet geblindeerd
Controle:	Geneesmiddel

### **Deelname**

Nederland	
Status:	Werving gestopt
(Verwachte) startdatum:	01-01-2010
Aantal proefpersonen:	200
Type:	Werkelijke startdatum

## **Ethische beoordeling**

Positief advies  
Datum: 03-12-2009  
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	NL2013
NTR-old	NTR2130
Ander register	MEC AMC : 08/177
ISRCTN	ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd.

## Resultaten

### Samenvatting resultaten

N/A