The influence of personality, anxiety and surgical treatment on quality of life in early stage breast cancer.

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Ethische beoordeling Niet van toepassing **Status** Werving gestart

Type aandoening -

Onderzoekstype Interventie onderzoek

Samenvatting

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Bron

Nationaal Trial Register

Verkorte titel

N/A

Ondersteuning

Primaire sponsor: none

Overige ondersteuning: none

Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

Uitkomstmaten

Primaire uitkomstmaten

- 1. Quality of life over time in breast cancer patients;
- 2. The influence of surgical treatment and personality.

Toelichting onderzoek

Achtergrond van het onderzoek

PURPOSE: The aim of this trial is to examine the role of patients' personality on the relation between type of surgery and quality of life. It is hypothesized that breast cancer patients high on trait anxiety who get a breast conserving operation will subsequently have a lower QoL compared with high trait anxiety patients who receive a modified radical mastectomy, because they will worry about recurrence of cancer in the treated breast. The underlying goal is to provide women who may choose between a modified radical mastectomy and a breast conserving therapy an advise concerning their decision.

One in every nine women in the Netherlands will develop breast cancer during her life. For early stage breast cancer, ablative therapy (being either a modified radical mastectomy (MRM) or an ablation of the breast with a sentinel node procedure) and breast conserving therapy (BCT) (i.e., a lumpectomy with an axillary lymph node dissection or a sentinel node procedure followed by radiotherapy) are comparable concerning overall survival. Diseasefree survival is significantly shorter in patients with BCT, but recurrent cancer does not influence the overall survival. Due to early detection through screening programs and possibly by improved adjuvant treatment, for most patients breast cancer has become a chronic disease rather than a life threatening disease. Therefore, quality of life (QoL) is becoming increasingly important. Our prospective, longitudinal preliminary study has shown that trait anxiety rather than other personality characteristics (i.e., neuroticism, extraversion, opennes to experience, agreeableness, conscientiousness) determines the QoL of both breast cancer patients and benign patients, at least until six months after surgical treatment (see Preliminary results). Trait anxiety appears to have a devastating effect on QoL. To get further insight in the relationship between trait anxiety and QoL, we want to examine whether the interaction between trait anxiety and type of surgery, i.e. BCT or MRM, also plays a role in patients' QoL.

Patients with a first event of a palpable lesion in the breast or a suspect lesion on a screening mammography are elligible for inclusion. Prior to diagnosis and 1-3-6-12-24 months after diagnosis and possible treatment a set of questionnaires will be completed. Participation in the study is not known to the treating surgeon and will have no influence on the decisional proces concerning surgical treatment.

Doel van het onderzoek

Patients with high scores on anxiety and neuroticism will experience a lower Quality of Life after breast conserving therapy compared to modified radical mastectomy.

Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

There will be no interventions in surgical treatment. Patients will choose surgical treatment together with their treating surgeon. This choos is based on international guidelines for early stage breast cancer and on personal preferences of the patient.

Before diagnosis and 1-3-6-12-24 months after diagnosis and treatment patients will

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complete a set of questionnaires. These questionnaires will be the WHOQOL-100 (quality of life questionnaire), the STAI (state and trait anxiety questionnaire), the CES-D(questionnaire concerning depressive symptoms), the FAS (questionnaire concerning fatigue) and the NEO-FFI (a personality questionnaire; only completed before diagnosis).

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Deelname eisen

Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

All women with a first event of a palpable lesion in the breast or a abnormal screening mammography.

Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen (Exclusiecriteria)

- 1. Breast cancer in the medical history;
- 2. Dementia:
- 3. T3 or T4 tumours;
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4. Unable to read or write Dutch.

Onderzoeksopzet

Opzet

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Anders

Blindering: Open / niet geblindeerd

Controle: N.v.t. / onbekend

Deelname

Nederland

Status: Werving gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-09-2002

Aantal proefpersonen: 500

Type: Verwachte startdatum

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 NL424
NTR-old NTR464
Ander register : N/A

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Resultaten

Samenvatting resultaten

N/A