# Cost-effectiveness of biological mesh closure of the pelvic floor after rectal cancer surgery.

# De kosten-effectiviteit van een biologische mat voor het sluiten van de bekkenbodem na operatie voor laag gelegen endeldarm kanker.

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

Type aandoening -

Onderzoekstype Interventie onderzoek

# Samenvatting

#### ID

NL-OMON26577

#### **Bron**

Nationaal Trial Register

#### Verkorte titel

**BIOPEX-study** 

#### **Aandoening**

Wound healing, Extralevator abdominoperineal resection, Biological mesh, Rectal cancer, Perineal hernia

extralevatoire abdominoperineale resectie, rectumcarcinoom, biologische mat, wondgenezing, perineale hernia

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#### **Ondersteuning**

Primaire sponsor: dr. P.J. Tanis, Surgeon, Academic Medical Center, University of

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

**Overige ondersteuning:** Investigator initiated study.

Grant application ZonMw currently under review.

Financial support by LifeCell.

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Primary endpoint is the percentage of uncomplicated perineal wound healing defined as a Southampton wound score less than II at 30 days postoperatively.

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Approximately 800 abdominoperineal resections (APR) are performed for rectal cancer each year in the Netherlands. The extralevator approach (eAPR) reduces the rate of positive margins and improve oncological outcome in distal rectal cancer.

However, wider excisions increase wound healing problems and development of perineal hernia. This has resulted in a

progressive increase of the use of musculocutaneous flaps and biological meshes associated with a substantial increase of costs, which is not supported by proper data.

The aim of this study is to determine the cost-effectiveness of pelvic floor reconstruction using a biological mesh after

standardized eAPR with neo-adjuvant (chemo)radiotherapy.

#### **HYPOTHESIS:**

It is hypothesized that the use of a biological mesh will improve primary perineal wound healing and prevent secondary perineal

hernia formation compared to primary closure of the perineum.

#### STUDY DESIGN:

This is a multicenter study in which patients undergoing an eAPR are randomized between standard care using primary closure of the perineum and the experimental arm with assisted closure using a biological mesh.

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#### STUDY POPULATION:

Patients with a clinical diagnosis of primary rectal cancer who are scheduled for eAPR after neo-adjuvant (chemo)radiotherapy.

#### INTERVENTION:

The intervention in the experimental arm consists of suturing an acellular biological mesh derived from porcine dermis in the pelvic floor defect, followed by perineal closure similar to the control arm.

#### **OUTCOME MEASURES:**

The primary endpoint is the percentage of uncomplicated perineal wound healing (Souphampton wound score less than II on day 30). Secondary endpoints are hospital stay, incidence of perineal hernia, quality of life, and costs.

#### SAMPLE SIZE CALCULATION/DATA ANALYSIS:

A total number of 104 patients (52 per group) is needed in order to be able to detect an absolute 25% improvement in perineal wound healing (from 60% to 85%).

#### COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS/ BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS:

Costs per uncomplicated wound healing and the costs per quality adjusted life-year will be determined. The budget impact will

be determined by balancing the additional costs of a biological mesh against decreased costs related to in hospital and home nursing wound care and less treatment of perineal hernia.

#### TIME SCHEDULE:

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Patient inclusion untill 22 months, followed by 12 month of follow-up and 2 month of data analysis and reporting.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

It is hypothesized that the use of a biological mesh will improve primary perineal wound healing and prevent secondary perineal hernia formation compared to primary closure of the perineum.

#### **Onderzoeksopzet**

At 7 and 30 days, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months.

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

The perineal phase of the APR will be performed according to the principles of an extralevator APR. Preferably, an omental plasty is positioned in the pelvic cavity following resection.

The intervention in the experimental arm consists of suturing an acellular biological mesh derived from porcine dermis in the pelvic floor defect (Strattice $^{\text{TM}}$ , 6x10 cm). The mesh will be sutured at each side of the coccyx or distal sacrum with Prolene or PDS to the discretion of the surgeon. Laterally, the mesh is attached to the remainings of the levator complex and, anteriorly, to the transverse perineal muscle or posterior vaginal wall. A suction drain will be inserted and positioned on top of the mesh. The perineal subcutaneous fat and skin will be subsequently closed in layers similar to primary simple closure as performed in the standard arm.

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## **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

- 1. Primary rectal cancer scheduled for eAPR after neo-adjuvant (chemo)radiotherapy;
- 2. Age of 18 years or higher;
- 3. Life expectancy of more than 2 years;
- 4. Ability to return for all scheduled and required study visits;
- 5. Written informed consent for study participation.

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

- 1. Previous pelvic irradiation for other cancers (i.e. prostate cancer);
- 2. Total exenteration or sacral resection above level S4/S5;
- 3. Sensitivity to porcine derived products or polysorbate;
- 4. Severe systemic diseases affecting wound healing (i.e. renal failure requiring dialysis, liver cirrhosis, immune compromised status like HIV);
- 5. Collagen disorders (i.e. Marfan);
- 6. Enrollment in trials with overlapping primary endpoint or otherwise expected influence on wound healing (i.e. biological therapy like antiangiogenic agents).

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

## **Opzet**

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Parallel

Toewijzing: Gerandomiseerd

Blindering: Enkelblind

Controle: N.v.t. / onbekend

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving gestopt

(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-03-2013

Aantal proefpersonen: 104

Type: Werkelijke startdatum

# **Ethische beoordeling**

Niet van toepassing

Soort: Niet van toepassing

# Registraties

## Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

ID: 45096

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

# Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register

Geen registraties gevonden.

# In overige registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL3560 NTR-old NTR3717

CCMO NL42094.018.12

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# Resultaten

### Samenvatting resultaten

N/A