# The NeoLifes MICKEY MOUSE trial: MICrobiota, KEY between Mother and Offspring USsing SEquencing techniques.

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**Ethische beoordeling** Positief advies

**Status** Werving nog niet gestart

Type aandoening -

Onderzoekstype Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen

# Samenvatting

#### ID

NL-OMON28522

**Bron** 

NTR

Verkorte titel

**NeoLifes Mickey Mouse** 

**Aandoening** 

necrotizing enterocolitis

#### **Ondersteuning**

Primaire sponsor: n.a.

Overige ondersteuning: n.a. From the funding of the ministry to universities.

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### **Primaire uitkomstmaten**

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Necrotising enterocolitis (NEC) is the most prevalent acute gastro-enterological disease in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Its incidence varies from 1-5 per 1000 live born children and is associated with prematurity and low birthweight. NEC occurs in 6% of premature children born with a gestational age of 28-32 weeks but increases to 15% in children born < 28 weeks. Diagnosis is often difficult, just as predicting which child will develop the disease. Signs and symptoms are often non-specific, such as abdominal distension, gastric retention or feeding intolerance. Laboratory and radiological tests also have limited diagnostic accuracy. The disease often progresses rapidly, with potentially life-threatening complications such as bowel perforation necessitating urgent laparotomy in around 50% of cases. Morbidity and mortality are therefore high, in some series up to 40%.

NEC is a multifactorial disease. Several predisposing factors have been identified from which aberrant bacterial colonization of the gut, formula feeding, mode of delivery, an immature immune system, aberrant bile salts and changes in intestinal perfusion and oxygenation are major predisposing factors. Despite all research, this complex interplay of both maternal and neonatal factors has not been unravelled yet. Furthermore, no study has ever combined analyses of all these predisposing factors in the development of NEC in one cohort. Doing so will give us the chance to investigate the relation and interaction between the different aspects of the development of NEC and to predict or diagnose NEC at an earlier stage.

In the present study we aim to address several relevant clinical and pathophysiological questions. Data from the present study will be used to identify a bundle of interventions we can subsequently test to decrease the incidence of NEC.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

- Identify the origin of the gut microbiota in neonates at a high risk for NEC by investigating the maternal microbiota in amniotic fluid, placenta, vagina, rectum and in mother's milk as well as in formula feeding and correlate this with the developing gut microbiota of the infant.
- Investigate the neonatal innate immune response in umbilical cord blood and correlate this immune response with microbiota colonization and markers for gut wall integrity and gut wall inflammation and oxygenation.
- Identify quantitative differences in DNA methylation of marker genes in enterocyte DNA isolated from stool samples.
- Investigate the role of specific faecal bile salts in NEC development and investigate whether bile salts are related to certain microbiota, gut wall integrity, breastfeeding and/or antibiotics.
- Generate the faecal SCFA profile in neonates with imminent NEC.
- Generate the metabolic profiles in neonates with imminent NEC using metabolomics

technology.

- Relate intestinal perfusion and oxygenation levels and variability to neonatal gut microbiome, and metabolic profiles.
- Relate tissue perfusion and oxygenation levels and variability to levels of ischemia modified albumin (IMA).
- Investigate whether any of the parameters mentioned above can be used to predict NEC early, properly diagnose NEC, either alone or in combination.

#### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Infants are enrolled for 8 weeks or until transfer to a different hospital. During their participation in this study, stool and urine samples are collected two times per week. In addition, blood samples and mother (or formula) milk are collected every week. Blood is only collected when a blood drawing for clinical purposes is planned, then 5 extra drops are collected. During admission, near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) will be used to determine intestinal perfusion and oxygenation levels and variability. This will be done continuously in the first 7 days, daily from day 8 to day 14, and two times per week afterwards. In addition, echo dopplers will be performed as standard part of clinical care. In case of definitive NEC (confirmed by pneumatosis or portal gas on abdominal X-ray) stool, urine and blood samples are collected every day (if possible). In case of surgical treatment for NEC, surgical resection material of the intestine will be saved.

From the mother, placenta and cord blood are collected at birth, as well as amniotic fluid in case of a cesarian section. Furthermore, the mother will collect a feces sample after birth and she will fill out a questionnaire on het diet after birth, at 4 weeks and at 8 weeks.

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

n.a.

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## **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

All children admitted to the neonatology department, which are

- born at a gestational age of ≤ 30 weeks
- and/or born with a birth weight of  $\leq$  1000 gram, and parent consent in participating in the study.

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

Abdominal disease such as abdominal wall defects, congenital intestinal atresia, as well as major congenital heart defects (e.g. Tetrology of Fallot).

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

#### **Opzet**

Type: Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen

Onderzoeksmodel: Anders

Toewijzing: N.v.t. / één studie arm

Blindering: Open / niet geblindeerd

Controle: N.v.t. / onbekend

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving nog niet gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 03-05-2021

Aantal proefpersonen: 150

Type: Verwachte startdatum

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

Wordt de data na het onderzoek gedeeld: Nog niet bepaald

# **Ethische beoordeling**

Positief advies

Datum: 19-04-2021

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 NL9434

Ander register METC UMCG : METc 2019/235

# Resultaten