# Heart rate variability as a measure of pain intensity in patients with cancer-related pain.

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion

**Status** Recruiting

Health condition type -

Study type Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON20253

**Source** 

NTR

**Brief title** 

N/A

#### **Health condition**

Patients with malignancy visiting our outpatient clinic who have a pain intensity of at least 5 on a visual analogue scale (ranging from 0-10) can be included.

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor: UMCG** 

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: UMCG

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Correlation between the pain intensity as measured by the visual analogue scale and as measured by heart rate variability.

#### **Secondary outcome**

- 1. Correlation between the response to pain medication using the visual analogue scale and the EORTC QLQ-C30 questionnairel;
- 2. correlation between the response to pain medication using heart rate variability measures and the EORTC QLQ-C30 questionnaire.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

N/A

#### Study objective

Heart rate variability measures correlate with pain intensity in patients with advanced cancer.

#### Study design

N/A

#### Intervention

Heart rate variability measurements will be performed on day 0 (before start of pain medication), day 2 and day 7.

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# **Eligibility criteria**

## **Inclusion criteria**

- 1. Patients with known metastatic malignancy;
- 2. Patients with a pain intensity of at least 5 on a visual analogue pain scale;
- 3. Patients able to have heart rate measures taken;
- 4. Patients able to fill in the EORTC QLQ-C30;
- 5. Patients should have sinus rhythm;
- 6. Performance score 0, 1 or 2;
- 7. Informed consent should be given.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1. Patients with neuropathic pain;
- 2. Patients using medication that interferes with HRV;
- 3. Patients who have hemodynamically significant cardiac valvular abnormalities, severe chronic heart failure (NYHA III-IV), a history of vagotomy or sympathectomy;
- 4. Patients with other conditions / illnesses that can influence autonomic function;
- 5. Patients with brain metastases;
- 6. Patients who are treated with chemotherapy;
- 7. Patients who will start with chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy within the week of the study.

# Study design

# **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Control: N/A, unknown

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 01-05-2006

Enrollment: 30

Type: Anticipated

## **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 08-03-2006

Application type: First submission

# **Study registrations**

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

RegisterIDNTR-newNL600NTR-oldNTR656

Register ID

Other : N/A

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# **Study results**

**Summary results** 

N/A