# A randomized trial comparing longstanding indwelling pleural catheters with pleurodesis as a frontline treatment for malignant pleural effusion.

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To compare the palliative efficacy of talc pleurodesis with the indwelling catheter

**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Respiratory and mediastinal neoplasms malignant and unspecified

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

### ID

NL-OMON34219

## Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

### **Brief title**

IPC vs talc pleurodesis

### **Condition**

Respiratory and mediastinal neoplasms malignant and unspecified

#### **Synonym**

malignant pleural effusion

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Ziekenhuis

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## Intervention

**Keyword:** IPC, malignant pleural effusion, talc pleurodesis

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Primary endpoint

 Patient reported dyspnoea at 4 to 6 weeks after the intervention, assessed by the Modified Borg scale

## **Secondary outcome**

Secondary endpoints:

- The number of emergency presentations or presentations at the outdoor clinic for reasons of symptomatic MPE after completion of the treatment
- The number of interventions for MPE after completion of the MPE treatment
- The overall time of hospitalization because of MPE
- Patient reported dyspnoea and thoracic pain, directly following catheter
  placement, and 3 and 6 months after the randomization
- · Quality of Life
- The treatment outcome at 1, 3 and 6 months
- Overall treatment costs in relation to MPE
- Adverse events
- Overall survival
- Detection of prognostic markers for the outcome of the intervention
- Development of a clinical decision rule for treatment of MPE

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Patients with malignant pleural effusion (MPE) have a dismal prognosis. Pleural fluid drainage is often necessary because of the symptoms. Talc pleurodesis has become the method of choice to prevent recurrences. Recent intention-to-treat analysis showed that outcome of pleurodesis is poor. There are no reliable clinical factors that can be used to predict treatment outcome upfront. Indwelling catheters form an alternative palliative intervention and provide us with the opportunity to evacuate the pleural effusion on demand at home with a minimal of hospitalizations.

## Study objective

To compare the palliative efficacy of talc pleurodesis with the indwelling catheter

## Study design

Prospective multicenter randomized trial

#### Intervention

The first treatment for all patients is the therapeutic thoracentesis. Patients with recurrence of symptomatic MPE and fulfilling in- and exclusion criteria are candidates for the randomized trial. Patients can be randomized for the standaard arm (talc pleurodesis) or the experimental arm (indwelling pleural catheter).

Patient, randomized for the standaard arm, pleurodesis will be performed according to the Dutch consensus guideline [4] and all patients will be hospitalized for intercostal catheter placement.

Patients, randomized for the experimental arm, an IPC will be placed, preferably under ultrasound guidance. Hospitalization is not warranted.

## Study burden and risks

not applicable

## **Contacts**

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## **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

## Inclusion criteria

symptomatic pleural effusion any histologically or cytologically proven malignancy written informed consent recurrence of pleural effusion within 6 months after last therapeutic thoracentesis \* written informed consent (part 2)

## **Exclusion criteria**

other causes of pleural effusion than malignancy previous chemical or surgical pleurodesis impaired immunity: leucopenia <2.0 x 109/L, high dose corticosteriods (>=1mg/kg) thrombocytopenia (<  $50 \times 109$ /L)

# Study design

## **Design**

Study phase: 3

Study type: Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 31-01-2011

Enrollment: 120

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 18-08-2010

Application type: First submission

Review commission: PTC Stichting het Nederlands Kanker Instituut - Antoni van

Leeuwenhoekziekenhuis (Amsterdam)

# **Study registrations**

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

No registrations found.

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

ID: 21466

Source: Nationaal Trial Register

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