# Different trajectories for people with acute neck pain: associations with biological, psychosocial and treatment-related factors.

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Ethical review Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Joint disorders

**Study type** Observational invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON49410

#### **Source**

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

TAP: trajectories acute neck pain

## **Condition**

Joint disorders

#### Synonym

acute pain, Neck pain

## **Research involving**

Human

# **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit

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Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Ministerie van OC&W

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Immune system, Neck pain, Psychosocial, Recovery

#### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Latent trajectories of the course of acute neck pain for pain intensity and disability.

## **Secondary outcome**

The participants will be checked for differences between and associations with trajectories in inflammatory markers, psychosocial factors, clinical characteristics and treatment related factors. Questionnaires will be filled in using paper questionnaires.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Preventing persistence of non-specific neck pain will help to reduce the total burden of neck pain. Acute neck pain can be considered as a complex condition and several biological- and psychosocial factors interact bi-directionally and affect recovery. Currently, we are unable to predict who will recover and detailed information about the clinical course of people with acute neck pain is lacking. Recent insights show that the level of systemic inflammation and various psychosocial factors differ between recovered and non-recovered patients. Since the clinical course of people with acute neck pain is heterogeneous, it is important to identify different trajectories, and explore which biological-, psychosocial and treatment related factors are associated with recovery, and are different compared to non-recovery.

## Study objective

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2) Assess which biological-, psychosocial factors and treatments characteristics, differ between, and are most associated with the different trajectories.

## Study design

Prospective longitudinal cohort study with 6-months follow-up.

## Study burden and risks

The participants undergo in total 6 venipunctures of 5 ml each over a period of 6 months. Participants undergo physical tests, filling in questionnaires and venipunctures at baseline, week 2, week 4, week 6, month 3, and month 6. In total 30 ml whole blood will be taken. The process of venipuncture can be accompanied with small discomfort and small haemorrhage. All venipunctures will be performed by qualified personal with experience in blood taking. In the morning prior the venipunctures the salivary cortisol awakening response will be determined. Directly after awakening, 4 times salivary fluid will be extracted in a time period of one hour. Patients will be followed for a period of six months and it is allowed to receive treatment as usual during the time of the study.

Insight in different trajectories in the clinical course of acute neck pain and the complex interaction with biological-, psychosocial-, and treatment factors will lead to patient stratification and early insight into those who will recover poorly. Thanks to the acquired knowledge from this study, healthcare providers can be educated to deal with such complexity and increase recovery in the normally non-recovery group. This will reduce the burden of neck pain for the patient and society. To encounter the participant for any inconvenience 100 euro will be reimbursed after completion of the study. Travel and parking expenses will be reimbursed. The patients have a minimal of four days to consider if they want to participate in this study. By shortening the time to consider participation, it is possible to provide insight into different trajectories, even in the acute phase of acute pain.

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

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

## Inclusion criteria

People with non-specific neck pain will be eligible for participation if they are: 1) at least 18 years old, 2) within 2 weeks of onset of an acute neck pain episode, 3) lasting for >24h, and 4) having sufficient knowledge of the Dutch language.

## **Exclusion criteria**

- \* Pregnancy or postpartum for not more than 9 months or those who give breastfeeding;
- \* Contra-indications for venipuncture;
- \* Taking one of the following medications during the last 6 weeks: corticosteroids (e.g. prednisone), immunomodulatory medication (e.g. methotrexate, infliximab) and the use of botox for the last 3 months;
- \* Current participation in another clinical trial;
- \* Having a medical disease with immune system involvement (e.g. MS, Spondylitis Ankylpoetica).

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Basic science

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 01-02-2021

Enrollment: 50

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 21-12-2020

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Brabant (Tilburg)

# **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

Register ID

CCMO NL75140.028.20

Register ID

Other NL8892

# **Study results**

Date completed: 06-06-2022

Actual enrolment: 50

# **Summary results**

Trial is onging in other countries