

# Refraining from closed reduction of dislocated distal radius fractures in the emergency department

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	Bone and joint therapeutic procedures
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON53461

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

RECORDED

### Condition

- Bone and joint therapeutic procedures

### Synonym

broken wrist, upper extremity injury

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Maastricht University

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Het onderzoek wordt gefinanciëerd vanuit het verrichtend centrum

## Intervention

**Keyword:** closed reduction, distal radius, Emergency department, wrist fracture

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The primary outcome is the average of the pre-operative Visual Analogue Scale for pain (VAS) score, reported on daily basis from the ED visit until operation.

### Secondary outcome

Secondary outcomes are length of surgery, wrist function measured with the Patient Rated Wrist Evaluation (PRWE) score after six weeks and three, six and twelve months, length of stay in the ED, type and quantity of used pain medication, patient satisfaction and complications. Furthermore, a cost-effectiveness analysis will be performed.

## Study description

### Background summary

Each year, almost 26.000 adults are treated for a displaced distal radius fracture (DRF) in the Netherlands. The majority of all displaced DRFs are treated with osteosynthesis. This surgery is semi-acute planned operative care, mostly within the first week after trauma. The Dutch DRF guidelines advise to perform closed reduction (CR) of displaced DRF\*s awaiting surgery at the emergency department (ED), but acknowledge that evidence supporting this advice is lacking. Meanwhile, CR is a painful, costly, time consuming procedure, often requiring anaesthesia. Most surgeons experience a substantial re-dislocation at surgery

### Study objective

The aim of this trial is to determine if CR in patients with a displaced DRF can be safely abandoned before the plaster cast, as a bridge to surgery, is

applied. This could prevent a painful and traumatizing experience and therefore benefit the patient.

## **Study design**

This study will be a multicentre cluster randomized trial. All patients will be included at the emergency department of one of the participating hospitals. Randomization at patient level will be challenging because of the 24/7 run-up of new patients at the ED at all the participating hospitals and the short time in which patients have to be included and randomized. To overcome potential protocol violations and to save precious time in the ED, randomization will take place on hospital level with a crossover point when half the aimed inclusions are reached (i.e. after 40 inclusions).

## **Intervention**

No reduction.

## **Study burden and risks**

The burden will consist of filling in questionnaires, for which the duration will vary between 110-145 minutes for each patient.

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## **Trial sites**

## Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

patients aged 18-75

dislocated distal radius fracture requiring plate fixation

### Exclusion criteria

age <18 or >75

limb threatening injury (ischemia, compound fracture, nerve damage)

multiple trauma patients

previous injury impairing wrist function or previous fracture of ipsilateral

wrist <3 months

insufficient comprehension of the dutch language or inability to complete study

period (e.g. patients from abroad who will have further treatment outside

participating hospitals)

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Treatment

## Recruitment

NL  
Recruitment status: Recruiting  
Start date (anticipated): 08-05-2023  
Enrollment: 134  
Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
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Application type: First submission  
Review commission: MEC-U: Medical Research Ethics Committees United (Nieuwegein)

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## 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	NL81890.100.22