

Dutch Frozen Shoulder Study

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- SECONDARY IDS	
- PUBLIC TITLE	Dutch Frozen Shoulder Study
- SCIENTIFIC TITLE	Less pain and more function with physiotherapy treatment of frozen shoulders? The 'Cold Facts': A randomized controlled trial
- ACRONYM	D-FROST
- HYPOTHESIS	A beneficial effect of physiotherapy in the treatment of a frozen shoulder
- HEALT CONDITION(S) OR PROBLEM(S) STUDIED	Shoulder disorders
- INCLUSION CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 25 years • Clinical signs of frozen shoulder being: Symptoms of pain and stiffness, predominantly in one shoulder, persisting ≥ 3 months, without preliminary trauma. • Restriction of passive motion in the glenohumeral joint with scapular stabilisation of $\geq 30^\circ$ in external rotation and a second plane of movement, measured to onset of pain. • Unsuccessful conservative therapy within the previous 3 months • VAS ≥ 6
- EXCLUSION CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous corticosteroid injection in the shoulder region within 6 weeks • Evidence of a complete rotator cuff tear on physical examination, ultrasound images or MRI • Acute subacromial/subdeltoid bursitis • Osteoarthritis of the glenohumeral or acromioclavicular joint, Kellgren-Lawrence osteoarthritis grading scale ≥ 2 • Previous surgery to the shoulder • Systemic inflammatory joint disease • Neurological disorders upper limb • Therapeutic anticoagulation (INR ≥ 1.7) • Other known shoulder pathology such as infection or tumor • Contra-indication to corticosteroid injection, allergy to contrast or local anaesthetic • Inability to give informed consent and fill out questionnaires
- MEC APPROVAL RECEIVED	yes
- MULTICENTER TRIAL	yes
- RANDOMISED	yes

- MASKING/BLINDING None

- CONTROL [default]

- GROUP [default]

- TYPE 2 or more arms, randomized

- STUDYTYPE intervention

- PLANNED STARTDATE 13-feb-2014

- PLANNED CLOSINGDATE 1-jul-2015

- TARGET NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS 82

- INTERVENTIONS Physiotherapy

- PRIMARY OUTCOME SPADI

- SECONDARY OUTCOME Pain: Numeric Pain Rating Scale (NPRS).
Patient perceived satisfactory improvement (PPSI) (Klooster 2006)
Health related quality of life: RAND-36 (Dutch validated SF-36)
Passive Range of Motion (ROM)

- TIMEPOINTS 6 weeks, 3 months, 6 months

- TRIAL WEB SITE

- STATUS open: patient inclusion

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- SPONSOR/INITIATOR **Slotervaart Hospital**

- FUNDING (SOURCE(S) OF MONETARY OR MATERIAL SUPPORT)

- PUBLICATIONS not yet

SUMMARY

- BRIEF SUMMARY

Rationale: Adhesive capsulitis (frozen shoulder) is a common cause of shoulder pain and affects approximately 2-4% of the general population. Corticosteroid injections and physiotherapy are among the most widely used treatment modalities in adhesive capsulitis, in both primary and secondary healthcare settings. According to the current literature, there is no consensus on the role of physiotherapy in the treatment of frozen shoulder. In other words, it is uncertain whether physiotherapy is of clinical relevant additional value above an intra-articular corticosteroid injection alone.

Objective: To evaluate the difference in functional outcome, measured by a patient self-reported outcome measure, the SPADI, after treatment of adhesive capsulitis with or without physiotherapy.

Study design: (multicenter) Prospective randomised trial

Study population: Adult patients with clinical signs and symptoms of a frozen shoulder presenting to the outpatient clinic of the department of orthopaedic surgery of the participating hospitals. Conservative treatment has failed in the previous three months. As part of the standard current practice, all patients with a frozen shoulder in both groups receive an ultrasound guided corticosteroid injection in the glenohumeral joint.

Intervention: A standardised physiotherapy program.

Main study parameters/endpoints: Primary outcome: Function, measured by the SPADI

Secondary outcomes: Pain (Numeric Pain Rating Scale). General health (RAND 36), ROM, patient perceived satisfaction (PPSI)

Nature and extent of the burden and risks associated with participation, benefit and group

relatedness: Subjective scores to fill out, and an increased number of (non-invasive) measurements of the function of the shoulder. Follow up consists of three moments at 6 weeks, 3 months and 6 months. Participating physiotherapists will be provided with a written treatment protocol containing detailed guidelines for these frozen shoulder patients. The benefit of the study is to provide an answer to the question if we have to treat a patient with a frozen shoulder with a physiotherapy program after a corticosteroid injection. This trial can also aid in the development of a guideline for physiotherapist in the treatment of frozen shoulders. If physiotherapy appears to be of no additional value, this can save a lot of time, effort and money for patients and the healthcare system

- MAIN CHANGES
(AUDIT TRAIL)

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