# Effect of an exercise programme on the prevalence and the risk factors of anterior knee pain in volleyball players

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## Plain English summary of protocol

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## Contact information

## Type(s)

Scientific

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**Protocol serial number** N/A

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Effect of a preventive exercise programme on the prevalence and intrinsic risk factors of anterior knee pain in volleyball players

## Study objectives

Has a preventive exercise programme, designed as a result of systematic literature reviews, an effect on the prevalence and intrinsic risk factors of anterior knee pain in volleyball players?

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the Commissie Medische Ethiek (O.G. 016), Reflectiegroep Biomedische Ethiek (Belgium) on the 25th May 2007 (ref: B.U.N. B14320071963).

## Study design

Cluster randomised clinical trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Anterior knee pain disorders

#### **Interventions**

Control group:

Normal training routine

## Intervention group:

Normal training routine and exercise programme based on systematic literature reviews. The programme lasts four months and involves the following exercises:

- 1. Closed kinetic chain exercise for isometric strength
- 2. Open kinetic chain exercise for isometric strength
- 3. Eccentric exercise and plyometrics with emphasis on technique

The intervention lasts four months, each month another accent:

- 1. 1st month: emphasis on closed kinetic chain exercise for isometric strength
- 2. 2nd month: emphasis on closed kinetic chain exercise for isometric strength
- 3. 3rd month: also eccentric exercise were included
- 4. 4th month: also plyometrics with attention of landing technique is added

It is a progressive programme and includes strength exercises for vastus medialis (quadriceps), hamstrings, gluteus medius and adductors. It also includes stretching exercises of those muscle groups.

## Intervention Type

Other

## **Phase**

**Not Specified** 

## Primary outcome(s)

Prevalence of anterior knee pain. All measures will be performed prior to and immediately after the intervention period for both the control and intervention groups.

## Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Intrinsic risk factors:
- 1.1. Static and countermovement jump
- 1.2. Hip rotation asymmetry
- 1.3. Ankle dorsal flexion
- 1.4. Patellar mobility
- 2. Quadriceps flexibility
- 3. Hamstring flexibility

All measures will be performed prior to and immediately after the intervention period for both the control and intervention groups.

## Completion date

01/05/2006

# **Eligibility**

## Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Senior volleyball teams of the Vlaamse Volleybal Vereniging (VVB) playing in the following divisions: 1st National, 1st and 2nd Regional
- 2. Players should be Dutch speaking
- 3. Male and female adults
- 4. The teams practice hosting are located withing a one hour-driving distance from Brussels

## Participant type(s)

Patient

## Healthy volunteers allowed

No

#### Age group

Adult

#### Sex

All

## Key exclusion criteria

Playing in other divisions than those mentioned in the inclusion criteria and located farther than one hour-driving distance from Brussels.

## Date of first enrolment

01/08/2005

# Date of final enrolment

# 01/05/2006

## Locations

Countries of recruitment

Belgium

Study participating centre Vrije Universiteit Brussel Brussels Belgium 1050

# Sponsor information

## Organisation

Policy Research Center Sports, Physical Activity and Health (Belgium)

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Government

## Funder Name

Policy Research Center Sports, Physical Activity and Health (Belgium) - financially supported by the Flemish Government

## **Results and Publications**

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

## IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

## **Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	05/06/2008		Yes	No