

# The effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of arthroscopic lavage in the treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee

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**Recruitment status**  
No longer recruiting

☐ Prospectively registered

☐ Protocol

**Registration date**  
09/06/2006

**Overall study status**  
Completed

☐ Statistical analysis plan

☒ Results

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11/07/2011

**Condition category**  
Musculoskeletal Diseases

☐ Individual participant data

## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

## Study website

<http://www.charttrials.abdn.ac.uk/>

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Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

**Secondary identifying numbers**

HTA 03/48/01

## **Study information**

**Scientific Title**

**Acronym**

KORAL

**Study objectives**

This is a pilot study, the design of which has been informed by extensive qualitative feasibility work, to assess in two UK centres (Aberdeen and North Staffordshire) the feasibility of mounting a multicentre, placebo-controlled trial to evaluate the effectiveness of arthroscopic lavage for osteoarthritis of the knee.

Please note that, as of 11/05/2009, the anticipated end date has been updated from 30/06/2010 to 31/10/2008.

Protocol V2 dated July 2006 is available on <http://www.hta.ac.uk/protocols/200300480001.pdf>

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Application submitted to MREC, Scotland as of 09/06/06

**Study design**

Pilot, randomised controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Secondary study design**

Randomised controlled trial

**Study setting(s)**

Not specified

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**Participant information sheet**

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

Osteoarthritis of the knee

**Interventions**

1. Arthroscopic lavage (+/- debridement as deemed clinically necessary)
2. Placebo arthroscopic lavage
3. Non-operative management with specialist re-assessment

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome measure**

1. To examine whether the trial processes as currently planned are appropriate, feasible and acceptable to patients, clinicians and the trial office staff
2. To quantify the throughput of eligible patients
3. To quantify the number of patients approached and the proportion of patients who would accept randomisation to the trial
4. To examine the acceptability of the trial information material to patients

**Secondary outcome measures**

The secondary research outcomes of the main trial (in which we anticipate the pilot patients' data being included) are:

1. General quality of life as measured by 12-item short form questionnaire (SF-12)
2. Patient utility as measured by EQ5D
3. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) or analgesic use
4. Use of other treatments outside the trial interventions
5. Use and cost of health services
6. Cost-effectiveness - incremental cost per quality adjusted life year gained

**Overall study start date**

01/07/2005

**Completion date**

31/10/2008

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

1. Adults (18 years or older) with radiological evidence of osteoarthritis (OA) of the knee who might routinely be considered for arthroscopic lavage
2. Fit for general anaesthetic (American Society of Anesthesiologists [ASA] grade 1 and 2)
3. Able to give informed consent

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

Approximately 70

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Patients for whom the orthopaedic surgeon judges that arthroscopic lavage is clearly indicated
2. Patients for whom arthroplasty is clearly indicated
3. Clear contraindication to general anaesthesia
4. Inability to fill in follow-up questionnaires

**Date of first enrolment**

01/07/2005

**Date of final enrolment**

31/10/2008

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Scotland

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre**

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**Sponsor type**

Government

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<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/index.htm>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/03sbpja79>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Government

**Funder Name**

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme - HTA (UK)

## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****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?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	21/02/2011		Yes	No