

# SurOL: Surgery for oral leukoplakia (a white patch in the mouth)

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

Leukoplakia is a white patch in the mouth. The WHO Collaborating Centres for Oral Precancerous conditions have clinically defined the term oral leukoplakia (OL) as “white mucosal lesions that have a risk of progressing to squamous carcinoma”. To date, the term OL should be used to recognize “predominantly white plaques of questionable risk having excluded (other) known diseases or disorders that carry no increased risk for cancer”. The vast majorities of OLs are localized lesions and follow a benign course. Small subsets of these lesions can become cancerous.

The aim of this study was to assess the effectiveness of surgery in the treatment of OL, in order to compare the “wait and see” approach in term of possible malignant transformation.

### Who can participate?

Caucasian patients aged 18 years or above, with OL without signs of cancer

### What does the study involve?

Participants will be randomly assigned to receive either surgical removal of the OL, or treatment as usual

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

None

### Where is the study run from?

CIR-Dental School, University of Turin, Italy

### When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

January 2012 to December 2014

### Who is funding the study?

Università degli Studi di Torino (University of Turin), Italy

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### EudraCT/CTIS number

Nil known

### IRAS number

### ClinicalTrials.gov number

Nil known

### Secondary identifying numbers

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## Study information

### Scientific Title

A randomized no intervention-controlled trial of surgery in oral leukoplakia with no dysplasia

### Acronym

SurOL

### Study objectives

The aim of this study is to evaluate the surgical outcome of patients diagnosed with an oral leukoplakia without dysplasia, compared to patients with the same diagnosis who did not undergo surgery

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Approved 07/01/2009, CIR-Dental School (Via Nizza 230, Turin, 10126, Italy; segr\_cirdental@unito.it), ref: AP-RB2009/1234

**Study design**

Two arm randomized controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Secondary study design**

Randomised controlled trial

**Study setting(s)**

Hospital

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**Participant information sheet**

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

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

Oral leukoplakia with no signs of dysplasia

**Interventions**

Consecutive Caucasian patients, attending the Oral Medicine Section of the Department of Surgical Sciences, Turin Hospital, Italy, from January 2012 and December 2013, are selected for the present study. Participants are randomly divided into two groups. Allocation to treatment arms is performed using sequentially numbered randomization table. RANCODE (version 3.6) is used to generate the randomization sequence.

The first group of patients undergo surgical excision of the lesion with a traditional scalpel, (GROUP A\_TS) whereas the second group of patients are followed up with no surgical session (GROUP B\_NS).

The period of follow up is 5 years.

**Intervention Type**

Procedure/Surgery

**Primary outcome measure**

Malignant transformation of the biopsied lesion measured using visual inspection by a physician every six months

**Secondary outcome measures**

Progression of the disease measured using visual inspection by a physician every six months

**Overall study start date**

01/01/2012

**Completion date**

01/01/2020

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Caucasian patients, attending the Oral Medicine Section of the Department of Surgical Sciences, Turin Hospital
2. Diagnosis of oral leukoplakia with no signs of dysplasia
3. Adults aged 18 and older

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

300

**Total final enrolment**

260

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Patients with a previous diagnosis of oral cancer.
2. Pregnant or lactating females; patients with incapacity to understand verbal and written instructions

**Date of first enrolment**

01/01/2012

**Date of final enrolment**

30/12/2014

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Italy

**Study participating centre**  
CIR-Dental School; University of Turin  
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University/education

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<http://www.dentalschool.unito.it>

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<https://ror.org/048tbm396>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
University/education

**Funder Name**  
Università degli Studi di Torino

**Alternative Name(s)**  
University of Turin in Italy, University of Turin, Italy, Università di Torino, , University of Turin, UNITO

**Funding Body Type**

Government organisation

### Funding Body Subtype

Universities (academic only)

### Location

Italy

## Results and Publications

### Publication and dissemination plan

Planned publication in a peer reviewed journal.

### Intention to publish date

01/06/2020

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request

### IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/09/2020	02/12/2020	Yes	No