# Effectiveness exercise therapy in beginning nonspecific Work-Related Upper Limb Disorders (WRULD)

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23/08/2007	Completed	[X] Results	
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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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### Type(s)

Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS** number

**IRAS** number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers

## Study information

#### Scientific Title

Postural exercise therapy according to Cesar/Mensendieck and physiotherapy are equally effective on beginning non-specific work-related upper limb disorders in VDU-workers: a controlled, randomised trial with follow-up of one year

#### Acronym

**WRULD** 

#### **Study objectives**

Is postural exercise therapy according to Cesar/Mensendieck more effective in reducing pain, improving functional level and health related quality of life in Visual Display Unit (VDU)-workers with beginning non-specific Work-Related Upper Limb Disorders (WRULD) when compared to usual physiotherapy?

#### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

#### Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the local medical ethics committee

#### Study design

Randomised, active controlled, parallel group 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

Non-specific Work-Related Upper Limb Disorders (WRULD)

#### **Interventions**

Postural exercise therapy according to Cesar/Mensendieck (experimental group) and usual physiotherapy (control group), both during 10 weeks.

#### **Intervention Type**

Other

#### Phase

**Not Specified** 

#### Primary outcome measure

- 1. Horizontal numerical Visual Analogue 10 cm Scale (VAS) according to Jensen
- 2. Dichotomous question: do you still suffer from WRULD? Yes/no

#### Secondary outcome measures

- 1. On disability level Disabilities of Arm, Shoulder, Hand (DASH)
- 2. Health related quality of life by the 36-item Short Form health survey (SF-36)

#### Overall study start date

01/05/2003

#### Completion date

28/02/2006

## Eligibility

#### Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Being VDU-worker (at least four hours Personal Computer [PC] per day) at the time of first complaints and being employed in present job for at least three months
- 2. Non-specific WRULD symptoms exist greater than two weeks and less than three months and are purely related to PC work
- 3. Aged between 20 and 45 years

## Participant type(s)

Patient

#### Age group

Adult

#### Sex

**Not Specified** 

#### Target number of participants

88

#### Key exclusion criteria

- 1. WRULD symptoms during other daily activities
- 2. Specific WRULD
- 3. Patients with other diseases of loco motor apparatus
- 4. Pregnant patients
- 5. Patients on partly or fully sick leave
- 6. Patients who received already therapy or postural exercise therapy last five years

#### Date of first enrolment

01/05/2003

#### Date of final enrolment

## Locations

#### Countries of recruitment

Netherlands

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## Sponsor information

#### Organisation

University Hospital Maastricht (AZM) (Netherlands)

#### Sponsor details

Department of Rehabilitation Medicine Maastricht Netherlands 6200 MD

#### Sponsor type

Hospital/treatment centre

#### Website

http://www.unimaas.nl/

#### **ROR**

https://ror.org/02d9ce178

## Funder(s)

## Funder type

Research organisation

#### **Funder Name**

Institute for Rehabilitation Research (Netherlands)

### Funder Name

University Hospital Maastricht (AZM) (Netherlands)

## **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?
Results article	results	01/08/2008		Yes	No
Results article	results	17/11/2009		Yes	No