

# Continuous remote monitoring to detect critical early warning scores in patients after abdominal surgery

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

To evaluate patients in the postoperative period following abdominal surgery, especially the incidence of hypoxemia (low level of oxygen in the blood), changes in respiratory rate and incidence of critical early warning scores.

### Who can participate?

Adult patients who underwent major abdominal surgery with an increased preoperative risk for postoperative pulmonary complications can participate in the study

### What does the study involve?

Heart rate, respiratory rate, pulse oximetry data collected from the remote monitoring device. Available heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate, temperature, pulse oximetry data measured by the nurses will be retrieved from hospital records. Patient vital parameters, heart rate, pulse oximetry, the respiratory rate will be monitored by a remote wireless monitor, worn on an arm, the size of a small i-pod, that is connected to an adhesive sensor in the patients' neck and a probe on the index finger. Data is collected through WiFi or Bluetooth to a distant monitor

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

If an acute deterioration might occur the remote monitoring data will be made available for the medical team to support medical decision making.

There are no negative effects for patients volunteering in the study.

### Where is the study run from?

VU University Medical Center Amsterdam, Netherlands

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

February 2016 to December 2016

### Who is funding the study?

VU University Medical Center Amsterdam, Netherlands

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### EudraCT/CTIS number

Nil known

### IRAS number

### ClinicalTrials.gov number

Nil known

### Secondary identifying numbers

2015.496

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Continuous remote monitoring to detect critical early warning scores in patients after abdominal surgery: a prospective observational study

### Acronym

PulMONIC

### Study objectives

Critical modified early warning score (MEWS) is detected with continuously remote monitoring of vital signs in patients after abdominal surgery.

## **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

## **Ethics approval(s)**

Approved 06/01/2016, Human Subjects Committee of VUmc (Medisch Ethische Toetsingscommissie

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## **Study design**

Prospective explorative observational feasibility study

## **Primary study design**

Observational

## **Secondary study design**

Cohort study

## **Study setting(s)**

Hospital

## **Study type(s)**

Diagnostic

## **Participant information sheet**

No participant information sheet available

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

Postoperative care

## **Interventions**

Patients are asked to wear the remote monitoring device for clinical evaluation for the first 3 days after the operation. During the pilot, no alarms will be set on the device. Treatment and monitoring will be according to daily practice. Volunteering in the pilot study will not influence their treatment. There will be a short questionnaire (5 min) after 3 days of wearing the remote monitor. Patients can decide to discontinue wearing the monitor at all times.

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## **Intervention Type**

Procedure/Surgery

## **Primary outcome measure**

Critical early warning scores measured by continuous remote monitoring of the respiratory rate, SpO2 and pulse rate in four postoperative days.

**Secondary outcome measures**

Postoperative pulmonary complications retrospectively scored using patient records.

**Overall study start date**

01/05/2015

**Completion date**

31/01/2017

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Adult patients who underwent major abdominal surgery with an increased preoperative risk for postoperative pulmonary complications

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

100

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Withdrawal of informed consent
2. Cancelled surgery
3. Total monitoring time < 8 hours

**Date of first enrolment**

01/02/2016

**Date of final enrolment**

27/12/2016

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Netherlands

**Study participating centre**

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VUmc)

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University/education

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### ROR

<https://ror.org/008xxew50>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Not defined

### Funder Name

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

### Alternative Name(s)

VU University Amsterdam, VU University, VU

### Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

### Funding Body Subtype

Universities (academic only)

### Location

Netherlands

# Results and Publications

## Publication and dissemination plan

Planned publication in a high-impact peer-reviewed journal.

2019 results in thesis <https://research.vu.nl/ws/portalfiles/portal/82342764/cover.pdf>

## Intention to publish date

01/07/2019

## 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>		01/06/2021	07/09/2021	Yes	No
<a href="#">Thesis results</a>		04/07/2019	07/09/2021	No	No