

# Prehabilitation for patients undergoing major abdominal surgery

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

When people have surgery, it is common practice for them to undergo postoperative rehabilitation to help them recover from the procedure and improve clinical outcome. However, it is possible that prehabilitation, a training programme to improve physical fitness before the surgery takes place, may be of more benefit. We want to see how possible it is to run a study from a number of different hospitals that compares the effects of a comprehensive prehabilitation programme with standard care (postoperative rehabilitation). We will look at how a prehabilitation programme helps patients recover from major abdominal surgery and whether it results in a better health-related quality of life, better physical fitness level, less pain and a shorter stay in hospital than patients that receive standard care.

### Who can participate?

Adults scheduled for major abdominal surgery.

### What does the study involve?

Participants are randomly allocated to attend a prehabilitation programme before their surgery or a standard rehabilitation programme after surgery.

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

We believe that patients would benefit from the prehabilitation intervention. No risk for any patient involved in the study is expected.

### Where is the study run from?

1. University Hospital "Lozano Blesa" (Hospital Clinico Universitario de Zaragoza) (Spain)
2. University Hospital de Elche (Hospital Univeritario de Elche) (Spain)
3. University Hospital Infanta Leonor (Hospital Infanta Leonor) (Spain)
4. University Hospital Fundación Jiménez Díaz (Fundacion Jimenez Diaz) (Spain)
5. Hospital de la Ribera (Spain)
6. Hospital La Mancha Centro (Spain)

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

March 2013 to July 2020

Who is funding the study?  
Investigator initiated and funded (Spain)

Who is the main contact?  
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## Contact information

**Type(s)**  
Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
N/A

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
Prehabilitation for patients undergoing major abdominal surgery with an enhanced recovery surgical protocol compared to traditional rehabilitation

**Study objectives**  
Prehabilitation (the process of enhancing an individual's functional capacity before scheduled surgery, aimed at improving the patient's tolerance to surgical stress) increases functional capacity compared to traditional postoperative rehabilitation. This preoperative improvement will lead to earlier recovery and less morbidity

**Ethics approval required**  
Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**  
Ethical committee of Clinical Research, 01/01/ 2014. ref: CP.-CI. PI13/0167

**Study design**  
Randomised controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Patient scheduled for major abdominal surgery for benign or malignant conditions

**Interventions**

Prehabilitation program initiated before surgery against a rehabilitation program (traditional care) initiated after surgery.

**Intervention Type**

Procedure/Surgery

**Primary outcome(s)**

Functional capacity as measured by the 6 minutes walking test (6MWT)

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. Post-operative morbidity
2. Hospital Stay
3. Quality of life

**Completion date**

01/07/2020

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

Patient scheduled for major abdominal surgery

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Patient classified as ASA IV with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life

**Date of first enrolment**

01/06/2013

**Date of final enrolment**

01/07/2019

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Spain

**Study participating centre**

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# Sponsor information

## Organisation

Department of Surgery, University Hospital of Zaragoza

## Organisation

Biomedical Research Centre of Aragon (Grupo Español de Rehabilitación Multimodal (GERM))

## Organisation

University of Zaragoza

## ROR

<https://ror.org/012a91z28>

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## Funder type

Other

## Funder Name

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# Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

## IPD sharing plan summary

Stored in repository