

# The use of cervical collars following anterior cervical discectomy for radiculopathy or myelopathy

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

**Secondary identifying numbers**

## Study information

### Scientific Title

### Study objectives

Aim of the study was to determine the effect, if any, of wearing a hard collar following Anterior Cervical Discectomy (+/- Grafting) on pain, range of movement and function. No statistically or clinically significant differences were found between collar and no collar wearing groups on any outcomes, although patient compliance was a problem due to the inconvenience of wearing a collar. The need for providing patients with information and reassurance to mitigate the need for collars is highlighted.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

### Study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

Not specified

### Study type(s)

Other

### Participant information sheet

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

Cervical spondylosis

### Interventions

Randomised pre-operatively to either collar-wearing or no collar-wearing group (collars to be worn continuously for 6 weeks following surgery)

### Intervention Type

Procedure/Surgery

### Phase

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome measure**

Neck pain and Disability Scale (NPAD)

**Secondary outcome measures**

Range of Active Cervical Flexion/Extension Movement (degrees) and Function (SF-36)

**Overall study start date**

01/06/2001

**Completion date**

31/10/2003

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Patients undergoing single-level anterior cervical discectomy, with or without inter-body grafting, for either radiculopathy or myelopathy, or a combination of both, caused by predominately single-level degenerative disease. This had been confirmed by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Female

**Target number of participants**

51

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Under 16 years of age
  2. Acute whiplash or other acute traumatic injury
  3. Malignant disease or tumour
  4. Concomitant disease (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis) which could influence their recovery
  5. Posterior or instrumented surgery
- unable to consent to the trial for any reason

**Date of first enrolment**

01/06/2001

**Date of final enrolment**

31/10/2003

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

England

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Charity

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# 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

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