# Reducing radiation exposure during InterStim lead placement

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# Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

When people have an overactive bladder or bowel incontinence they have problems with their bladder-storage function or with an inability to control bowel movements. This happens because there is muscle and nerve damage that is associated with things like aging or giving birth. An overactive bladder or bowel incontinence is usually treated with various behavioral techniques, such as exercises to train bladder or bowel training, and medication. If these treatments failed, then a treatment called nerve stimulation is often used. This procedure uses a thin wire placed close to the sacrum (tailbone) where it passes near the sacral nerves which carry signals to the bladder and muscles in the bowel. This procedure is often done with a trial of a temporary wire or as an advanced procedure in which the permanent electrode (conductor) is implanted. When the doctors perform the placement, they use an imaging tool called fluoroscopy that guides them while the stimulator wire is being placed. This is a type of medical imaging that shows an Xray image on a monitor. During a fluoroscopy procedure, an X-ray beam is passed through the body. The image is transmitted to a monitor so the movement of an instrument through the body can be seen in detail. The use of x-rays carries a minor risk as it uses radiator. Ultrasound imaging (sonography) uses high-frequency sound waves. Because ultrasound images are captured in real-time, they can also show movement of the body's internal organs as well as blood flowing through the blood vessels. Unlike X-ray imaging, there is no ionizing radiation exposure associated with ultrasound imaging. The aim of this study is to look at the effectiveness of ultrasound imaging to implant the InterStim® neurostimulator (a nerve stimulation device).

## Who can participate?

Adults with overactive bladder or bowel incontinence for whom standard treatments using exercises or medication have not worked.

# What does the study involve?

Participants are randomly allocated to one of two groups. Participants in both groups have the InterStim® neurostimulator device implanted in the sacral (tailbone) region using standard surgical techniques. Those in the first group have the device placed using fluoroscopy to guide placement of needles. This involves using a special x-ray machine to continually take pictures to show where the device should be placed. Those in the second group have the device placed

under ultrasound guidance. This involves using an ultrasound probe to show the area of interest on a monitor so the device can be correctly placed. The time taken to perform the procedures is recorded in both groups. At the start of the study, two weeks after surgery and two years later, participants in both groups complete questionnaires to assess their quality of life.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

Participants in the ultrasound group may benefit from not being exposed to radiation from x-rays. There are no notable risks involved with participating.

Where is the study run from? Metro Health Hospital (USA)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for? January 2015 to March 2018

Who is funding the study? Metro Health Hospital (USA)

Who is the main contact? Dr Jaschar Shakuri-Rad

# **Contact information**

**Type(s)** Scientific

**Contact name** Dr Jaschar Shakuri-Rad

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# Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

**IRAS number** 

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers 2015-005

# Study information

Scientific Title

Prospective randomized blinded study evaluating ultrasound versus fluoroscopy guided sacral InterStim® lead placement

#### Study objectives

Study aim:

The aim of the study is to compare outcomes of ultrasound versus fluoroscopically guided placement of sacral neuromodulation foramen needles.

Hypothesis:

Ultrasound guided placement will significantly reduce fluoroscopy time and produce equivalent patient symptom control.

**Ethics approval required** Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)** Metro Health Institutional Review Board, 03/03/2015, ref: 2015-005

**Study design** Single-center blinded prospective 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

Overactive bladder, fecal incontinence

## Interventions

Eligible participants are randomly assigned into either the fluoroscopy or ultrasound group. Randomization is performed using a computer generated randomization number which assigns each patient to either the fluoroscopy or ultrasound arm. The surgeon is blinded to randomization until just prior to the start of the procedure. Patients are blinded to randomization for the duration of the study.

Group 1: Participants undergo placement of InterStim neurostimulator foramen needles under fluoroscopic guidance. This involves placing the patient prone on the operating room table. After induction of anesthesia, a foramen needle is placed in the S3 foramen under live fluoroscopy (continuous x-ray). Once adequate position of the needle is confirmed, the

remainder of the procedure is performed per manufacturers recommendations (Please see www. medtronic.com for details).

Group 2: Participants undergo placement of InterStim neurostimulator foramen needles under ultrasound guidance. This involves placing the patient prone on the operating room table. After induction of anesthesia, a foramen needle is advanced into the S3 foramen under live ultrasound guidance. Once adequate position of the needle is confirmed, the remainder of the procedure is performed per manufacturers recommendations (please see www.medtronic.com for details).

Patients in both groups are then followed for two years under the current study protocol to determine long term outcomes.

## Intervention Type

Device

## Primary outcome measure

Overall surgery time is measured in seconds until the end of surgery

## Secondary outcome measures

1. Number of skin punctures made during the surgical procedure

2. Quality of life is assessed using the following questionnaires at baseline, 4 weeks and 2 years: 2.1. The International Consultation on Incontinence Modular Questionnaire Overactive Bladder Symptoms Quality of Life (ICIQ-OABgol) for urinary symptoms

2.2. The Overactive Bladder Symptom Score (OABSS) for urinary symptoms

2.3. The Fecal Incontinence Quality of Life Scale (FIQL) for fecal incontinence

## Overall study start date

20/01/2015

# **Completion date**

03/03/2018

# Eligibility

# Key inclusion criteria

1. Diagnosis of overactive bladder, non-obstructive urinary retention, or fecal incontinence

2. Aged 18 years or older

3. Failure of previous conservative measures (i.e. behavior modification, biofeedback, pelvic floor training, at least one antimuscarinic or beta-agonist medication)

4. Medically fit to undergo proposed surgery

5. Patient able to consent

Participant type(s) Patient

**Age group** Adult

**Lower age limit** 18 Years **Sex** Both

#### Target number of participants

Forty in total. Twenty in each arm.

#### Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant
- 2. Severe or uncontrolled diabetes with peripheral nerve involvement

3. Knowledge of planned MRI or other procedures precluding implantation of device or need for removal

4. Severe BPH, prostate cancer, urethral stricture, or other mechanical obstruction

5. Active urinary tract, skin, or soft tissue infection

**Date of first enrolment** 04/03/2015

Date of final enrolment 03/03/2016

# Locations

**Countries of recruitment** United States of America

#### Study participating centre Metro Health Hospital

5900 Byron Center Ave Wyoming United States of America 49519

# Sponsor information

**Organisation** Metro Health Hospital

**Sponsor details** 5900 Byron Center Ave Wyoming United States of America 49519

**Sponsor type** Hospital/treatment centre Website https://metrohealth.net/

ROR https://ror.org/05515v279

# Funder(s)

Funder type Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name Metro Health Hospital

# **Results and Publications**

## Publication and dissemination plan

Plans to share and/or publish the results of this study through means of medical journals, posters, and scientific seminars.

#### Intention to publish date

31/03/2017

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

Planned publication of participant level data in a peer reviewed journal. Any additional information or data may be obtained after a formal request, which may have to be approved by our IRB department to ensure patient data protection as outlined in local, state, and national guidelines (HIPPA).

# IPD sharing plan summary

Other