

# A double blind prospective randomised controlled study comparing absorbable versus non-absorbable suture techniques in Carpal Tunnel Release.

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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## Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers

# Study information

## Scientific Title

### Study objectives

Comparison of suturing techniques: the absorbable suturing technique of parpal tunnel release and the non-absorbable suturing technique, in terms of patient pain perception, scar tenderness and wound healing.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

### Study design

Double blind prospective randomised controlled study

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

Not specified

### Study type(s)

Not Specified

## Participant information sheet

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

Nervous System Diseases: Carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS)

### Interventions

After patients have agreed to participate, they will be randomised into one or other of the treatment arms:

1. Technique A = Using a continuous subcuticular absorbable 3.0 polyglactin 910 (vicryl) suture
2. Technique B = Using interrupted non-absorbable 3.0 monofilament polypropylene (prolene) suture

### Intervention Type

Other

### Phase

Not Specified

**Primary outcome measure**

1. Residual postoperative pain using Visual Analogue Scale
2. Scar tenderness
3. Preoperative and postoperative symptoms using CTS Symptom Severity Score
4. Preoperative and postoperative functional status using CTS Functional Status Scale
5. Extent of wound healing

**Secondary outcome measures**

Not provided at time of registration

**Overall study start date**

01/04/2003

**Completion date**

30/04/2004

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

40 patients, aged between 18 to 75 years are invited to participate in the study.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Target number of participants**

40

**Key exclusion criteria**

Not provided at time of registration

**Date of first enrolment**

01/04/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

30/04/2004

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

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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

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/02/2005		Yes	No