

# Acute achilles tendon rupture - minimally invasive surgery versus non-operative treatment, with immediate full weight bearing

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# Study information

## Scientific Title

Acute achilles tendon rupture - minimally invasive surgery versus non-operative treatment, with immediate full weight bearing: design of a randomised controlled trial

## Study objectives

The study is designed to evaluate the effectiveness of conservative treatment in reducing complications when treating acute Achilles tendon rupture.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the local medical ethics committee

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

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

Acute Achilles tendon rupture

## Interventions

Patients with acute Achilles tendon rupture will be randomised to minimally invasive surgical repair followed by functional rehabilitation using tape bandage or conservative treatment followed by functional rehabilitation with use of a functional bracing system.

Both treatment arms use a 7 weeks post-rupture rehabilitation protocol. Patient follow-up will be 12 month.

## Intervention Type

Other

## Phase

Not Specified

**Primary outcome measure**

Reduction in complications other than re-rupture.

**Secondary outcome measures**

1. Re-rupturing
2. Time off work
3. Sporting activity post rupture
4. Functional outcome by Leppilahti score
5. Patient satisfaction

**Overall study start date**

01/02/2004

**Completion date**

01/10/2006

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

1. Primary spontaneous Achilles tendon rupture
2. Treatment starts within 72 hours after rupture
3. Diagnoses by physical examination: palpable gap and calf muscle squeeze test positive for tendon rupture
4. Age 18 to 65 years
5. Informed consent

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

72

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Re-rupture/bilateral rupture/open rupture
2. Combination with fracture of foot or ankle
3. Former application (injection) of local corticosteroids in tendon area
4. Contra-indications for surgery
5. Physical or mental handicaps that do not allow functional treatment or otherwise interfere with the ability to follow-up on the study protocol

**Date of first enrolment**

01/02/2004

**Date of final enrolment**

01/10/2006

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Netherlands

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**Organisation**

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**Sponsor type**

University/education

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/0575yy874>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Research organisation

**Funder Name**

Research foundation of Heelkunde University Medical Center Utrecht (UMCU) (The Netherlands)

# 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="#">Protocol article</a>	protocol	06/11/2007		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/09/2008		Yes	No