# A randomized placebo controlled clinical trial of a rehabilitation programme for patients with a diagnosis of massive, irreparable rotator cuff tears of the shoulder

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] Prospectively registered

- Statistical analysis plan
- Individual participant data

#### **Plain English summary of protocol** Not provided at time of registration

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**Type(s)** Scientific

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# Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers N0620168697

### Study information

Scientific Title

#### **Study objectives**

To investigate the effect of a specific rehabilitation programme for patients with massive tears of the rotator cuff tendons in their shoulder.

**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)** 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 Musculoskeletal Diseases: Shoulder disorders

#### Interventions

Patients will be randomized to receive ultrasound or to receive ultrasound and a rehabilitation program. Patients randomized into the rehabilitation arm of the study will be following the rehabilitation program developed at Torbay hospital.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

#### Not Specified

#### Primary outcome measure

To use the information collected to improve the rehabilitation programme and to increase awareness of which patient will do well with the programme. Primary outcome measure: Oxford Shoulder Score.

#### Secondary outcome measures

Not provided at time of registration

Overall study start date 05/09/2005

#### **Completion date**

31/08/2008

# Eligibility

#### Key inclusion criteria

60 patients with a diagnosis of irreparable rotator cuff tears will be recruited from patients referred into the South Devon Physiotherapy Service by GPs, consultants or by self referral, 30 for the exercise group and 30 for the control group.

Inclusion criteria:

- 1. 18 years or over (no upper age limit)
- 2. Male or female

3. Clinical and ultrasonographic diagnosis of massive rotator cuff tear (full thickness tear of more than 5cm)

4. Diagnosis of massive, irreparable rotator cuff tear following shoulder surgery to try to repair the rotator cuff

5. Patient able to understand and co-operate with research and able to give informed consent

6. Fluent in written and spoken English

#### Participant type(s)

Patient

#### Age group

Adult

#### Lower age limit

18 Years

#### **Sex** Both

**Target number of participants** 60

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Diagnosed neurological abnormality affecting the shoulder joint complex
- 2. Patients involved in an industrial claim or litigation
- 3. Patients whose rotator cuff tear is considered to be operable

Date of first enrolment 05/09/2005

Date of final enrolment 31/08/2008

### Locations

**Countries of recruitment** England

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre Consultant Physiotherapist** Torquay United Kingdom TQ2 7AA

### Sponsor information

**Organisation** Record Provided by the NHSTCT Register - 2006 Update - Department of Health

#### Sponsor details

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**Sponsor type** Government

Website http://www.dh.gov.uk/Home/fs/en

### Funder(s)

**Funder type** Government

**Funder Name** Exeter Primary Care Trust (UK)

**Funder Name** NHS R&D Support Funding (UK)

### **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?
<u>Results article</u>	results	01/09/2006		Yes	No