

# FES: FESS Effectiveness Study: a multi-centre randomised controlled trial studying the effectiveness of functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS) in adult patients with chronic rhinosinusitis/nasal polyps unresponsive to medical therapy

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

## Study website

<http://www.fess.nl>

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Scientific

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NTR558

## Study information

Scientific Title

Acronym

FES

**Study objectives**

FESS is effective: giving significant reduction of symptoms.

The indication for FESS must be based on the symptoms of the patient and its duration, computed tomography (CT) scan abnormalities and/or nasal endoscopic abnormalities, and a history of adequate conservative treatment.

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Received from local medical ethics committee

**Study design**

Multicentre randomised open label active controlled parallel group 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**

Chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS), nasal polyps (NP)

## Interventions

The intervention to be investigated is Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS). One treatment arm will receive FESS plus a standardised form of medical treatment. The control group will receive standardised medical treatment. The standardised medical treatment is topical steroids for mild CRS (without NP). In moderate/severe disease a long-term antibiotic is added. The therapy for NP will be corticosteroids. For mild NP therapy is a spray, for moderate disease therapy is a spray and drops, and for severe disease therapy is oral steroids with drops. Specific details are in the protocol.

## Intervention Type

Other

## Phase

Not Specified

## Primary outcome measure

The primary outcome measure is a validated disease-specific quality of life questionnaire: SNOT-20.

## Secondary outcome measures

The secondary endpoint is re-evaluation of the indication for FESS. Another secondary endpoint will be the standardised evaluation of the nasendoscopy and the CT-scan. For the efficiency assessment 2 secondary endpoints will be evaluated: days of sick-leave and a work-productivity questionnaire.

## Overall study start date

01/01/2006

## Completion date

01/01/2008

## Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

1. Males or females aged 18 years old can participate
2. Diagnosis CRS with/without NP (definition according to the European Position Paper on Rhinosinusitis and Nasal Polyposis [EPOS])
3. Prior treatment as defined in the treatment scheme of the protocol for at least 12 weeks
4. No prior sinus surgery
5. Indication for FESS, both criteria must be met:
  - 5.1. RSOM-31 (add score of magnitude of questions 1, 2, 4, 22 result >9)
  - 5.2. CT score >3 on 1 side at least, judged on a CT-scan made prior to visit 1 and made less than 4 months ago; Lund/Mackay scoring
6. Written informed consent

## Participant type(s)

Patient

## Age group

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

160

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Cystic fibrosis
2. Gross immunodeficiency (congenital or acquired)
3. Congenital mucociliary problems e.g. primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD)
4. Non-invasive fungal balls and invasive fungal disease
5. Systemic vasculitis and granulomatous diseases
6. Patients who have any serious or unstable concurrent disease
7. Any structural nasal abnormalities (other than polyps or chronic sinusitis) e.g. severe nasal septum deviation
8. Rhinosurgery during the past 6 weeks
9. Systemic steroids 4 weeks before the study
10. Medication affecting nasal mucosa (cyclosporin,  $\beta$ -blocker, ACE inhibitors, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs [NSAIDs], reserpine, guanethidine, phenolamine, methyldopa,  $\alpha$ -adrenoceptor antagonist and chlorpromazine)
11. Medication other than trial medication
12. Females who are pregnant or lactating
13. Inability to follow the instructions within this protocol or known inability to attend ALL clinical visits within the intervals stated

**Date of first enrolment**

01/01/2006

**Date of final enrolment**

01/01/2008

**Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Netherlands

**Study participating centre**

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# Sponsor information

## Organisation

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## ROR

<https://ror.org/03t4gr691>

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Hospital/treatment centre

## Funder Name

Academic Medical Centre (AMC) (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

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