

# Does venous surgery improve healing and minimise recurrence of venous ulcers?

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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EudraCT/CTIS number

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ClinicalTrials.gov number

**Secondary identifying numbers**  
G0000328

## Study information

## **Scientific Title**

### **Acronym**

USABLE

### **Study objectives**

To investigate whether simple venous surgery improves the clinical and cost-effectiveness of four layer bandaging for venous ulcers in terms both healing and recurrence.

### **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**

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

Venous ulcers

### **Interventions**

1. Compression bandaging plus venous surgery
2. Compression bandaging alone

Trial closed early on 15/01/03 on feasibility grounds.

### **Intervention Type**

Other

### **Phase**

Not Specified

### **Primary outcome measure**

1. Proportion of ulcers completely healed
2. Proportion of ulcers recurring
3. Ulcer healing rate
4. Quality of life
5. Costs

**Secondary outcome measures**

Not provided at time of registration

**Overall study start date**

01/06/2001

**Completion date**

28/02/2006

**Reason abandoned (if study stopped)**

Feasibility grounds

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Venous ulcers associated with venous abnormality (superficial vein incompetence, with or without incompetent perforators, with or without deep vein incompetence, suitable for simple surgical correction, with or without perforating vein surgery [as shown by colour duplex scanning])

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

1000

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Ankle Brachial Pressure Index (ABPI) less than 0.8
2. Intolerant to compression bandaging
3. Less than six months to live
4. Deep vein occlusion surgery and compression versus compression only

**Date of first enrolment**

01/06/2001

**Date of final enrolment**

28/02/2006

# Locations

## Countries of recruitment

England

United Kingdom

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# Sponsor information

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Medical Research Council (MRC) (UK)

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Research council

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# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Research council

## Funder Name

Medical Research Council (MRC) (UK)

## Alternative Name(s)

Medical Research Council (United Kingdom), UK Medical Research Council, MRC

**Funding Body Type**

Government organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

National government

**Location**

United Kingdom

## **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