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Inguinal hernia management: operation or observation? A randomised controlled multicentre trial

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Registration date 20/12/2005	**Overall study status** Completed	
Last Edited 18/11/2008	**Condition category** Digestive System	

Plain English summary of protocol
Not provided at time of registration

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Type(s)
Scientific

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Protocol serial number
NTR221

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives
Non-inferiority hypothesis: observation is not inferior to operation with respect to the mean of pain and discomfort during 3 years follow-up.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Received from the local medical ethics committee

Primary study design
Interventional

Study design
Multicentre, randomised, active controlled, parallel group trial

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Hernia Inguinal

Interventions
1. Operation
2. No intervention, observational management of the inguinal hernia

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)
The mean of 4 pain/discomfort scores during a follow-up period of 3 years.

Key secondary outcome(s)
Quality adjusted life years (QALY) with quality weights measured with the EuroQol and in a sensitivity analysis with a transformed 36-item short form (SF-36) utility weight, medical and non-medical costs and event-free survival at 2 years.

Completion date
01/01/2011

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Unilateral inguinal hernia
2. Males

3. Medial or lateral inguinal hernia
4. Aged greater than or equal to 50 years
5. Description I or II of pain or discomfort interfering with daily activity
6. Primary or recurrent inguinal hernia
7. Informed consent (addendum V)

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Sex
Male

Key exclusion criteria
1. Gender: female
2. Bilateral inguinal hernia
3. Femoral hernia
4. Description III or IV of pain or discomfort interfering with daily activity
5. Acute hernia complication (bowel obstruction, incarceration, strangulation, peritonitis or perforation)
6. Patient classified as American Society of Anaesthesiologist Class 4
7. Scrotal hernia (cannot be corrected laparoscopically)
8. Patient is unable to speak Dutch
9. Physical activity: patient travels regularly during which professional medical help is not always accessible
10. Inguinal hernia not apparent during ultrasonography

Date of first enrolment
01/01/2006

Date of final enrolment
01/01/2011

Locations

Countries of recruitment
Netherlands

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Sponsor information

Organisation
Erasmus Medical Centre (Netherlands)

ROR
https://ror.org/018906e22

Funder(s)

Funder type
Research organisation

Funder Name
The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw) (The Netherlands)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration