

# A randomised controlled trial to assess the efficacy of Laparoscopic Uterosacral Nerve Ablation (LUNA) in the treatment of chronic pelvic pain

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

**Acronym**

LUNA

**Study objectives**

1. To test the hypothesis that in women with chronic pelvic pain in whom diagnostic laparoscopy reveals either no pathology or mild endometriosis (American Fertility Society [AFS] score less than or equal to 5) LUNA alleviates pain and improves life quality at 12 months (principal objective)
2. To test the hypothesis that response to LUNA differs according to the site and cause of the pain by two secondary analyses:
  - 2.1. Women with central pain
  - 2.2. Women with no visible pathology
3. To explore the variation in LUNA's effectiveness and side effects at different periods of follow-up (3 and 6 months and 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 years)

**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

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Chronic pelvic pain in women

**Interventions**

1. Diagnostic laparoscopy plus uterosacral nerve ablation (experimental group)
2. Laparoscopy without pelvic denervation (control group)

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

**Completion date**

01/09/2005

## Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

New patients presenting to the gynaecology outpatient clinic with pelvic pain (cyclical or non-cyclical) and/or dyspareunia, and requiring diagnostic laparoscopy for evaluation of these conditions, will be invited to participate.

Inclusion criteria:

1. Pelvic pain of longer than 6 month duration
2. Pain located within the true pelvis or between and below the anterior iliac crests
3. Associated functional disability
4. Lack of response to medical treatment
5. Diagnostic laparoscopy planned

### Participant type(s)

Patient

### Healthy volunteers allowed

No

### Age group

Adult

### Sex

Female

### Key exclusion criteria

Does not match inclusion criteria

### Date of first enrolment

01/09/2004

### Date of final enrolment

01/09/2005

## Locations

### Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

### Study participating centre

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

University of Birmingham (UK)

### ROR

<https://ror.org/03angcq70>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Charity

### Funder Name

Wellbeing (UK) (ref: CF/371)

## Results and Publications

### 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="#">Results article</a>	results	02/09/2009		Yes	No
<a href="#">Protocol article</a>	protocol	08/12/2003		Yes	No