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Awake prone positioning in non-intubated adults with respiratory failure

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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Every year, over 60,000 adults in the UK go on a ventilator on an intensive care unit. A common reason for going on a ventilator is breathing conditions, such as pneumonia. Going on a ventilator is life-saving. However, some people that go on a ventilator do unfortunately die and many patients that do survive report long-term effects on their quality of life. For this reason, avoiding the need to go on a ventilator, when safe to do so, is important to patients and the healthcare teams looking after them. We know that for patients with COVID-19, lying them on their tummy (awake prone positioning), when they require high amounts of oxygen reduces the likelihood that they will need a ventilator. We don't currently know whether this will work in patients without COVID-19. Some treatments work well in COVID-19, but not in patients requiring oxygen for conditions, such as pneumonia. We know from treating patients during the COVID-19 pandemic and feedback from patient partners that lying on your tummy can be uncomfortable. It is important that we undertake research to find out if awake prone positioning is effective in patients without COVID-19. For patients in hospital requiring high amounts of oxygen, we want to find out if lying them on their tummy, rather than lying on their back/ sitting up reduces the likelihood that they will need to go on a ventilator on an intensive care unit.

Who can participate?

Patients aged over 18 years in hospital with respiratory problems who are needing at least 40% oxygen

What does the study involve?

Participants will be randomly allocated to one of two groups. In the first group, the researchers will position patients on their front (awake prone positioning) for at least 8 hours per day for up to 5 days. In the second group, patients will receive standard care, where they will be positioned sat up in bed.

The researchers will follow up study participants for 6 months. They will record how many patients have survived and how well they have recovered using some brief questionnaires. They will also see how long people spend on intensive care units and in hospital.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many patients in hospital received awake prone positioning. The

key risks to awake prone positioning are discomfort and the possibility of dislodging medical devices (such as intravenous lines) when transferring to someone's front.

Where is the study run from?
University of Warwick Clinical Trials Unit (UK)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?
January 2024 to December 2027

Who is funding the study?
The National Institute for Health Research (UK) Health Technology Assessment Programme (UK)

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Study information

Scientific Title
CoReCCT: The Awake Prone Study: Awake prone positioning in patients with acute hypoxaemic respiratory failure not due to COVID-19: A randomised controlled trial

Acronym
CoReCCT

Study objectives
The primary objective of this trial is to evaluate the clinical effectiveness of awake prone positioning in non-intubated adults with acute hypoxaemic respiratory failure not due to COVID-19, measured by our primary outcome of tracheal intubation within 30 days.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Approved 08/07/2024, Wales REC 2 (Health and Care Research Wales, Castlebridge 5, 15-19 Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff, CF11 9AB, UK; +44 (0)2922941119, +44 (0)2922 940971, +44 (0) 2922 940959; Wales.REC2@wales.nhs.uk), ref: 24/WA/0128

Study design
Randomized; Interventional; Design type: Treatment, Complex Intervention, Management of Care

Primary study design
Interventional

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Acute hypoxaemic respiratory failure not due to COVID-19

Interventions
In the intervention arm, participants will receive awake prone positioning over a maximum of 5 days/120 hours from randomisation. The target daily duration for awake prone positioning is ≥8 hours per 24-hour period. This may be achieved through a single long period of awake prone positioning or several shorter periods. The researchers expect any shorter period to last at least 1 hour. Each day, they will record the amount of time that an individual has spent in the awake prone position (full-prone or 3/4 prone) in the preceding 24 hours.

Participants will lie in a prone position as long and frequently as feasible, as soon as possible after randomisation. The intervention will continue until one of the following criteria is met:
1. 120 hours from randomisation
2. Tracheal intubation
3. Participant recovery
4. Participant decision to stop intervention
5. Development of contraindication to awake prone positioning
6. Participant transferred to a care setting where intervention could not be delivered
7. Participant transferred to another hospital

In the control group, participants will receive standard care, which does not include awake prone positioning.

Intervention Type
Other

Primary outcome(s)
The incidence of tracheal intubation within 30 days of randomisation, measured using hospital records. This does not include tracheal intubation where it is used only to facilitate an operation or procedure.

Key secondary outcome(s))
All secondary outcomes are measured to hospital discharge using hospital records unless specified:
1. Length of critical care stay (days), from randomisation
2. Length of hospital stay (days), from randomisation
3. Time to tracheal intubation (days)
4. Time to admission to critical care (hours/days)
5. Duration of non-invasive respiratory support (days)
6. New requirement for non-invasive respiratory support (yes/no)
7. Duration of mechanical ventilation during hospital stay (previously invasive ventilation)
8. Mortality, measured at hospital discharge, 2 months, and 6 months
9. Health-related quality of life measured using the EQ-5D-5L at 2 and 6 months
10. Pre-specified complications that occur between randomisation and 5 days (pressure ulcer /skin breakdown, dislodgement of central venous catheter, dislodgement of arterial catheter, dislodgement of peripheral venous catheter, dislodgement of urinary catheter, dislodgement of any other medical device, nausea requiring new treatment with anti-emetics, vomiting)

Completion date
31/12/2027

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
Current inclusion criteria as of 28/07/2025:
1. Adult (age >18 years) hospitalised patient who is not intubated
2. Acute hypoxaemic respiratory failure which has required treatment with 40% oxygen or more for at least 1 hour
3. Deemed suitable for tracheal intubation in the event of physiological deterioration

Previous inclusion criteria:
1. Adult (age >18 years) hospitalised patient who is not intubated
2. Acute hypoxaemic respiratory failure, defined as sustained SpO2 ≤94% whilst receiving ≥40% supplemental oxygen
3. Deemed suitable for tracheal intubation in the event of physiological deterioration

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Mixed

Lower age limit
18 years

Upper age limit
100 years

Sex
All

Total final enrolment
0

Key exclusion criteria
1. Hypoxaemia fully explained by acute pulmonary oedema due to heart failure
2. Patient unwilling to attempt awake prone positioning
3. Contraindication to awake prone positioning
4. COVID-19 pneumonitis as primary cause of respiratory failure
5. Invasive mechanical ventilation during current hospital admission (except where provided only to facilitate a procedure or operation)

Date of first enrolment
03/02/2025

Date of final enrolment
28/02/2027

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

England

Northern Ireland

Wales

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Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Data sharing statement to be made available at a later date

Study outputs

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Participant information sheet	version 2.0	11/06/2024	20/08/2024	No	Yes
Participant information sheet	version 3.0	20/09/2024	14/03/2025	No	Yes
Participant information sheet	version 4.0	31/03/2025	23/05/2025	No	Yes
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Protocol file	version 4.0	07/04/2025	23/05/2025	No	No

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