

PLUS STUDY

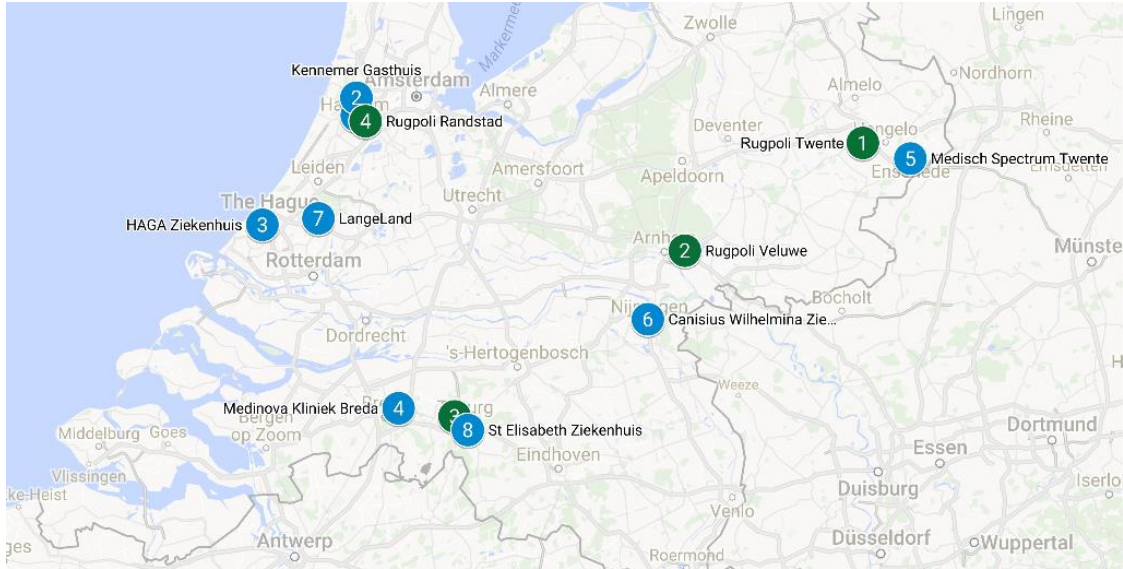
The intention of this newsletter is to inform participants over the progress of the Preventing Lumbar Disc Surgery (PLUS) study.

Update participating hospitals

To date the following hospitals have confirmed their participation;

- Medinova Kliniek Breda
- Medische Spectrum Twente
- Spaarne Ziekenhuis Hoofddorp
- Kennemer gasthuis
- Haga Ziekenhuis and their 3 partner hospitals

St Elisabeth Ziekenhuis expressed positive interest in the study. They are going to look into the logistics involved and will give their definitive confirmation. The PTED study which is part of our department has a similar study being carried out at the same hospital and it is important that they will be no conflict of interest from all sides. We had a meeting with Dr. Menno Germans from Canisius Wilhelmina Ziekenhuis, Nijmegen. He expressed interest in the study but unfortunately he will be leaving the hospital and taking up a new offer in Switzerland. Dr. Menno Germans will however work on the logistics of the study before he leaves and connect us to another neurosurgeon within the same hospital.



Participating rugpoli's



- Rugpoli Twente, Delden
- Rugpoli Veluwe, Velp
- Rugpoli Brabant, Tilburg
- Rugpoli Randstad, Hoofddorp

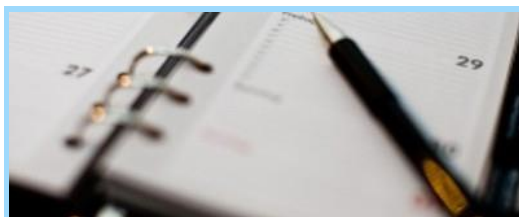
Back and neck centrum Den Hague will unfortunately not be participating in the study. The consequence of this is that participants recruited at Haga ziekenhuis and their partner hospitals will have to go to Hoofddorp, which is the closest rugpoli for them.

METC application

Currently we are busy working on the METC application. We are working on the proposal and gathering the necessary documentation. So if you still need to send in some documentation to us please do as soon as possible. We are aiming to submit our METC application mid-January 2017.



Further I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation during the past two months and wish you a Merry Christmas and a fruitful New Year!



Coming up Events

- Project meeting 5 January 2017 at the VU
- Submit questionnaires to the Rugpoli so they can be embedded in the research database
- Submit METC application mid-January 2017
- Final preparations with the hospitals before the study commences on 1 April
- Beginning of study 1 April 2017

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