
RESULTS SUMMARY:

Satisfaction using below-knee Merino Encircle Compression Stockings in patients requiring compression stockings

Trial Number: ACTRN12614000577617

The date of first participant enrolment was 8/9/14. By 18/9/14, all 7 enrolled participants had given feedback on their new Merino stockings.

5/7 participants reported one or more holes having developed in their Merino stockings. In addition, 2 participants noted problems with the zip coming down on their stockings. Both factors have the potential to impact on the compression delivered by the Merino stockings.

The study Data Safety Monitoring Board was informed about the holes on the 17/9/14 (investigators were aware of holes in 4/7 participant's stockings at this stage). The advice was to 1. Stop recruitment of new patients and 2. Inform enrolled participants to return to their usual stocking use during business hours the next day. This was completed on 18/9/14.

As such the study was closed without further participant recruitment. The New Zealand Health and Disability Ethics Committee was informed.

Encircle originally offered funding but did not meet their contract obligations to provide it.