

neuro **S**tatus SMART**C**ARE

Neurostatus-SMARTCARE in comparison to standard Neurostatus-EDSS®
- a prospective Swiss multicenter randomized cross-over study-

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Background

- The **barriers** to accessing Multiple Sclerosis (MS) healthcare are wide-ranging and complex and affect both clinical practice and clinical trials settings
- COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated limitations and acted as booster of changes and innovations
- Neurostatus-eEDSS is the standard assessment deployed in MS randomized clinical trials, typically serving as the primary endpoint.
- **Neurostatus-SMARTCARE** aims to reduce and smooth some of the disparities in accessing MS healthcare (clinical trial setting) by increasing the number of Non-Neurologist Health Care Professionals (HCPs) licensed to perform the Neurostatus-(e)EDSS
- Neurostatus-SMARTCARE is developed to be used in Home-setting



Objectives

NEUROSTATUS SCORING

Scoring Sheet for a standardised, quantified neurological examination and assessment of Kurtzke's Functional Systems and Expanded Disability Status Scale in Multiple Sclerosis

STUDY NAME		SYNOPSIS		Ambulation Score	
PERSONAL INFORMATION		1. Visual		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patient		2. Brainstem		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Date of Birth (04-Jun-1980)		3. Pyramidal		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Centre Nr/Country		4. Cerebellar		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Name of EDSS rater		5. Sensory		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Date of Examination		6. Bowel/Bladder		<input type="checkbox"/>	
		7. Cerebral		<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Signature		<input type="text"/>	
1. VISUAL (OPTIC) FUNCTIONS		Scotoma		<input type="checkbox"/>	
OPTIC FUNCTIONS		* Disc pallor		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Visual acuity <input type="checkbox"/> CC <input type="checkbox"/> SC		FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM SCORE		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Visual fields				<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. BRAINSTEM FUNCTIONS		Hearing loss		<input type="checkbox"/>	
CRANIAL NERVE EXAMINATION		Dysarthria		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extracocular movements (EDM) impairment		Dysphagia		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nystagmus		Other cranial nerve functions		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trigeminal damage		FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM SCORE		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Facial weakness				<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. PYRAMIDAL FUNCTIONS		Knee extensors		<input type="checkbox"/>	
REFLEXES		Plantar flexion (feet/toes)		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Biceps		Dorsiflexion (feet/toes)		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Triceps		* Position test UE, pronation		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brachioradialis		* Position test UE, downward drift		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Knee		* Position test LE, sinking		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ankle		* Able to lift only one leg at a time (grade in ?)		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Plantar response		* Walking on heels		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cutaneous reflexes		* Walking on toes		<input type="checkbox"/>	
* Palmonental reflex		* Hopping on one foot		<input type="checkbox"/>	
LIMB STRENGTH		SPASTICITY		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Deltoid		Arms		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Biceps		Legs		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Triceps		Gait		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wrist/finger flexors		OVERALL MOTOR PERFORMANCE		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wrist/finger extensors		FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM SCORE		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hip flexors				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Knee flexors				<input type="checkbox"/>	

CC = corrected * = optional part of the examination
SC = without correction † = converted FS Score

FIRST Objective

EDSS step concordance rate between the neurologist and HCP

Secondary Objective

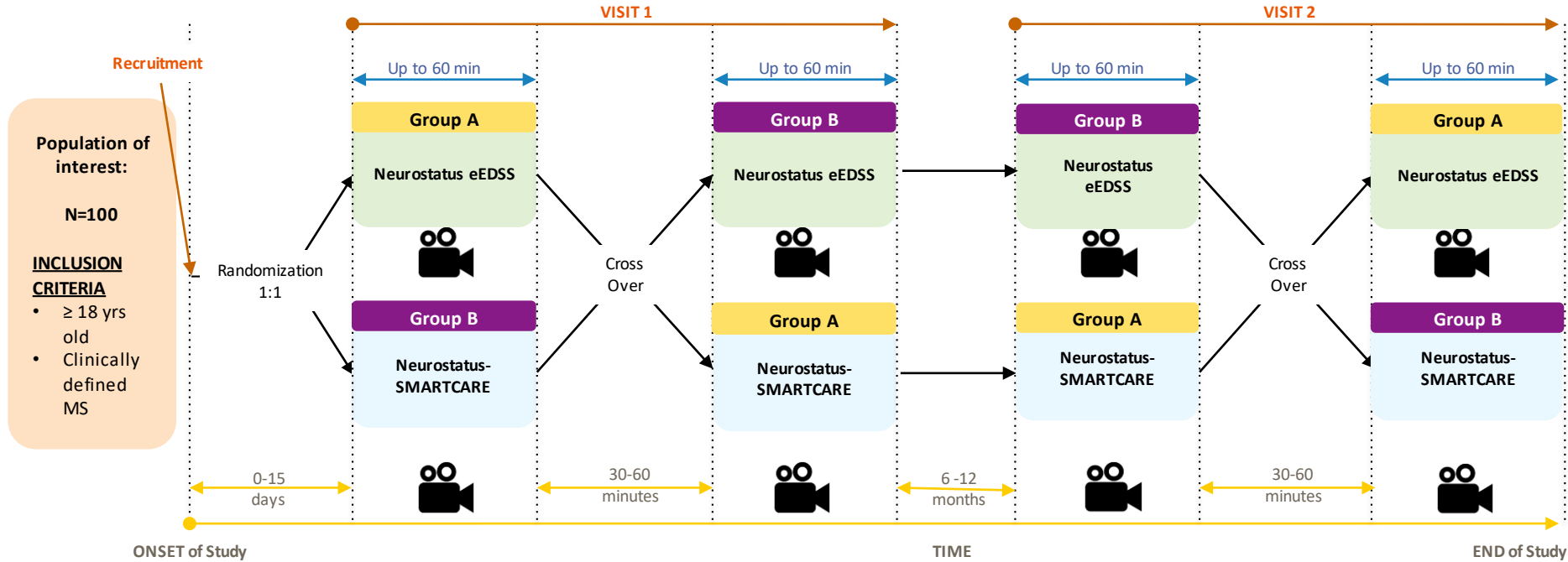
- Subscores concordance rate between the neurologist and HCP

- FSs concordance rate between the neurologist and HCP

- To test if a recorded video of the assessment enables independent EDSS experts to determine the reasons of discordance
- To detect errors typical for an individual rater to offer targeted re-training
- To determine concordance with regard to capturing adequately changes in EDSS step



Study Design



Both groups at both times are videorecorded



Swiss multicenter study: University Hospital Basel; Kantonspital Luzern; Reha Rheinfelden

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