General Practitioner recruits participants with non-specific neck pain. An information brochure is presented.

Participants who meet the inclusion criteria

Participants willing to take part in the trial

Appointment with the local research assistant (LRA). The LRA conducts a diagnostic examination according to protocol. Will discuss the aspect that treatment allocation based on the randomisation is binding for subsequent research.

Inclusion of participant

Participant will sign informed consent

Block randomization online by central computer. Pre-stratification on age (< 40 or ≥ 40) and level score of main complaint. Baseline measure

Manual therapy (experimental) treatment during six weeks

Physical therapy (comparator) treatment during six weeks

Outcome measures 3, 7, 13, 26, 39 and 52 weeks. Primary outcomes: Global Perceived Effect and Neck Disability Index. Secondary outcomes: Numeric Rating Scale for pain, EuroQol and SF36.

Drop outs will be documented