

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison the effect of aroma Inhalation and essence massage on fatigue and quality of life in hemodialysis patients

Protocol summary

Summary

This study was carried out to determine the effects of aroma inhaling and essence massage on fatigue and quality of life in patients undergoing hemodialysis. This research is a parallel type clinical trial and was performed after obtaining permission and written presentation of the ethics committee of the University. The study population consisted of hemodialysis patients in dialysis centers in Tehran hospitals from whom 96 men and women were selected according to inclusion and exclusion criteria. They were willingness to participate in the research, having a healthy sense of smell, lack of allergic rhinitis or respiratory problems, lack of skin sensitivity to aromatic herbs, no drug abuse, no chronic physical disorders such as debilitating cardiovascular, respiratory, hepatic or mental diseases, death of the patient during the study, and kidney transplant. Sampling was performed based on odd and even days of the week at two work shifts of morning and evening. The samples were then randomly assigned in three groups of aroma inhalation, essence massage, and control. Aroma inhalation (lavender and orange) and essence massage was done 3 times weekly for 8 weeks. The patients were also taken the routine care of the ward. The control group only received the routine care. The data were collected using the Rhoten Fatigue Scale and the Kidney Disease Quality of Life instrument; they were completed by the researcher before the intervention and one and two months after it. The data were analyzed with SPSS and statistical tests.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT2014101819564N1**

Registration date: **2014-12-07, 1393/09/16**

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Last update:

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Registrant information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

A research project has presented in thesis form at the Tehran of Medical Science University

Expected recruitment start date

2014-05-22, 1393/03/01

Expected recruitment end date

2014-09-23, 1393/07/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Comparison the effect of aroma Inhalation and essence massage on fatigue and quality of life in hemodialysis patients

Public title

Effect aromatherapy on fatigue and quality of life in

hemodialysis patients

Purpose
Health service research

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
The main conditions for inclusion were age over 18 years;. at least 1 year of hemodialysis;. dialysis three times a week;. a willingness to participate in the research;. having a healthy sense of smell and no history of aromatherapy and massage therapy during the last 9 months;. having a healthy sense of smell;. lack of allergic rhinitis or respiratory problems;. lack of skin sensitivity to aromatic herbs;. no drug abuse;. no chronic physical disorders such as debilitating cardiovascular, respiratory, hepatic or mental diseases;. The main conditions for exclusion were death of the patient during the study;. and kidney transplant.

Age
From **18 years** old

Gender
Both

Phase
2

Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
Target sample size: **96**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

Ethics committee of Tehran of Medical Science
University

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Approval date

2014-09-28, 1393/07/06

Ethics committee reference number

1638/130/93/5

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

End Stage Renal Disease

ICD-10 code

N18.5 Chro

ICD-10 code description

Chronic uraemia End stage kidney disease

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Fatigue

Timepoint

Before and one month and two months after
intervention.

Method of measurement

Rhoten Fatigue Scale

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Quality of Life

Timepoint

Before and one month and two months after intervention

Method of measurement

KDQOL - SF™ 1/3 questionnaire

Intervention groups

1

Description

In group I, two drops of lavender essence with sweet orange at a ratio of 1:1 were dropped on a gas. The gas was pinned to the patient's collar and the patient was asked to breathe normally for 15-20 minutes. This was done three times a week for 8 weeks.

Category

Other

2

Description

All subjects in the second group were undergone skin testing before massage with aromatic oil to ensure the absence of sensitivity; in case of redness, itching, swelling, and a positive test, the patient was excluded. The subjects in this group were massaged with 5 mL combination of lavender essence with sweet orange at a ratio of 1:1 which was diluted with sweet almond oil to 3%. The massage was performed on toes, feet and ankles as fondling, without hitting and pressure for 10 minutes during dialysis. This was done three times a week for 8 weeks. The patients were also received

routine care of the ward

Category
Other

3

Description
The third group (control) received only the standard care.

Category
Other

Recruitment centers

1

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Dialysis Unit of Imam Khomeini Hospital

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1

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Grant name

Grant code / Reference number

Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
Yes

Title of funding source
research of Deputy, Tehran of Medical Sciences University

Proportion provided by this source
100

Public or private sector
empty

Domestic or foreign origin
empty

Category of foreign source of funding
empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding
empty

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

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Study Protocol

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Statistical Analysis Plan

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Informed Consent Form

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Clinical Study Report

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Analytic Code

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Data Dictionary

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