

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of Early communication on patients anxiety before surgery

Protocol summary

Summary

Objective: This study aimed to investigate the effect of early communication on patients' anxiety before surgery in Alzahra hospital of Isfahan city in 2014. Methods: This study is a clinical trial, with two groups and two phases. In this study, male and female patients undergoing general surgery and qualified for the study, were selected randomly, then based on odd or even numbers of records, they were assigned to two groups of experimental and control groups. Patients in the experimental group, after the first introduction to the researcher and informed of the main reason for their visit, will talk about medical history, family history, history of hospitalization and use of certain medications. Then the researcher will inform patients about anesthesia and surgery and they will be encouraged to express their concerns in relation to the surgery. Patients in the control group will just be present in the room for 10 minutes and then complete questionnaires. Both groups will answer an Amsterdam anxiety questionnaire in two stages: before and immediately after the intervention.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT2015073120833N2**
Registration date: **2015-09-20, 1394/06/29**
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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Research center of Isfahan University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2014-09-21, 1393/06/30

Expected recruitment end date

2014-11-21, 1393/08/30

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

The effect of Early communication on patients' anxiety before surgery

Public title

Investigation of the effect of early communication on patients' anxiety before surgery in Alzahra hospital of Isfahan city in 2014

Purpose

Prevention

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

inclusion criteria: willingness to participate in the study; absence of confronting severe mental anxiety in recent weeks; having elective surgery with general anesthesia; Aged between 18 to 60 years; Ability to read and write; exclusion criteria: emergent surgery; Visual impairment; any drug substance abuse or being in ASA 3 and above (a measure of anesthesia).

Age

From **18 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **86**

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**

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2014-09-23, 1393/07/01

Ethics committee reference number

293078

Health conditions studied**1****Description of health condition studied**

pre operation Anxiety

ICD-10 code

F41.9

ICD-10 code description

Anxiety disorder unspecified

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

Anxiety

Timepoint

before and immediately after the intervention

Method of measurement

Amsterdam Preoperative Anxiety questionnaire

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups**1****Description**

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Category

Other

2**Description**

in the control group, researcher will just present in the patients room for 10 minutes.

Category

N/A

Recruitment centers**1****Recruitment center****Name of recruitment center**

Alzahra hospital in Isfahan

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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 center of Isfahan University of Medical Sciences

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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