

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison of foot and hand Reflexology on fatigue in patients undergoing hemodialysis

Protocol summary

Summary

Fatigue is the most common symptom reported by patients undergoing hemodialysis. This study aimed to investigate the effect of foot reflexology massage and hand fatigue patients on dialysis; and if approved foot and hand reflexology massage effect and compare the two methods in reducing fatigue in patients undergoing hemodialysis and if the results are equal foot reflexology massage hand, because of its convenience for patients and nurses, and also teach patients to use this method, you can place the palms reflexology massage foot reflexology massage can be used to reduce or eliminate fatigue in these patients. This study is a randomized clinical trial in men and women in the study population hemodialysis Hashemi Nejad Hospital Tehran, Iran. Random assignment in three foot reflexology massage, reflexology massage and hand control is performed. Reflexology massage for test procedures and duration of the program is described. In the intervention group for the 3-point massage, reflexology foot and hand reflexology, including the pituitary gland, solar plexus and the kidney is performed. On each of these points reflexology are a total of 3 minutes on both feet and both hands for about 20 minutes takes. Foot and hand reflexology massage 2 times a week, each session lasting 20 minutes and 5 weeks is done by a trained researcher. After the end of the third week and the fifth week fatigue set the scale to be completed by both groups. After completing this scale, according to the scores obtained, tired in the classification of patients: fatigue, mild (39-10), moderate fatigue (54-40) and fatigue (70-55) placed.

General information

Acronym

Reflexology

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment complete

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2014-03-21, 1393/01/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Comparison of foot and hand Reflexology on fatigue in patients undergoing hemodialysis

Public title

Comparison of foot and hand Reflexology on fatigue in patients undergoing hemodialysis

Purpose

Supportive

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: age at least 18 years old and at least 6 months of dialysis; willingness to participate in this study; being on the list and do the weekly dialysis three times a week, each time for 3 or 4 hours of hemodialysis; having full awareness, listening and speaking ability acceptable to answer questions; to develop a degree of fatigue on the Fatigue Severity Scale; lack of fever and bleeding and thrombosis, numbness or paralysis of the limbs. Exclusion criteria: in case of the any of these conditions during the study, the unit of study will be excluded: patients died during the study; transplantation during the study; any condition in which the patient's foot or hand reflexology massage; did not cooperate with the investigator during study and hemodynamic instability during hemodialysis.

Age

From **18 years** old to **90 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **90**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description**Blinding (investigator's opinion)**

Single blinded

Blinding description**Placebo**

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

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

Fatigue in Hemodialysis Patients

ICD-10 code

Z49

ICD-10 code description

Care involving dialysis

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

Fatigue reduces the hand and foot reflexology massage

Timepoint

Before the intervention, the end of the third week, the fifth week

Method of measurement

Fatigue Questionnaire (Fss)

Secondary outcomes

empty

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

Foot reflexology massage 2 times a week, each session lasting 20 minutes and 5 weeks is done by a trained researcher. In the Beginning and After the end of the third week and the fifth week fatigue set the scale to be completed by intervention group1.

Category

Other

2**Description**

The control group received no intervention. In the Beginning and After the end of the third week and the fifth week fatigue set the scale to be completed by control group .

Category

Other

3**Description**

Hand reflexology massage 2 times a week, each session lasting 20 minutes and 5 weeks is done by a trained researcher. In the Beginning and After the end of the third week and the fifth week fatigue set the scale to be

completed by intervention group2.

Category

Other

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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

Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

empty

Domestic or foreign origin

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Country of origin**Type of organization providing the funding**

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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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