

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison the effects of Cooksey - Cawthorne and Frenkel exercises on balance and fatigue dimensions in patients with multiple sclerosis

Protocol summary

Summary

Objective: Comparison the effects of Cooksey - Cawthorne and Frenkel exercises on balance and fatigue dimensions in patients with multiple sclerosis. The study population: consist of multiple sclerosis patients who have had recorded accounts in Vice-Chancellor in treatment affairs of Yasuj University of Medical Sciences. Inclusion and exclusion criteria: Inclusion criteria include diagnosis of multiple sclerosis by a physician; receive mark 21-40 in berg balance scale and receive mark 54-106 in fatigue impact scale; having at least literacy and having at least conditions for participate to study. Exclusion criteria included relapses during the intervention. Sample size: 25 patients in Cooksey-Cawthorne exercise group (group 1), 25 patients in Frenkel exercise group (Group 2) and 25 patients in control groups (Group 3) were allocated. In Group 1 Cooksey-Cawthorne exercise program presented as a group to research units and they will be asked during an 3-months, three times a week and 45 minutes per session to do exercise that includes eye and head movements in sitting position which must be done at first slowly and then faster; movements of the head and trunk in sitting position and standing exercises. In Group 2, Frenkel exercise program presented as a group to research units and they will be asked during an 3-months, three times a week and 45 minutes per session to do exercise in a state of supine, sitting and standing. In Group 3, control group receive no specific intervention. Primary outcomes: body balance, fatigue dimensions and fatigue severity.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT2016031527063N1**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Vice chancellor for research, Yasuj University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2016-04-03, 1395/01/15

Expected recruitment end date

2016-06-04, 1395/03/15

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Comparison the effects of Cooksey - Cawthorne and Frenkel exercises on balance and fatigue dimensions in patients with multiple sclerosis

Public title

Effects of rehabilitation interventions on balance and fatigue in MS patients

Purpose

Supportive

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: diagnosis of multiple sclerosis by a physician, at least in the last 6 months; being patient in remission period; ability to stand without assistance for 30 seconds and walk without help an area of 6 m; receive mark 21-40 in berg balance scale; receive mark less than 5/5 in degree of disability and diagnosis by doctor; receive informed consent of patient and if necessary legal guardian; patient willingness to participate in the study; no participate in the same study; not doing sports activities in the last 6 months; no risk of acute or chronic disease other than multiple sclerosis and receive mark 54-106 in fatigue impact scale. Exclusion criteria: lack of patient motivation to continue working; relapses during the intervention; having tired too so that the patient is not able to do the exercises; migration and death.

Age

From **15 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

2-3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **75**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Seventy-five patients with multiple sclerosis by blocking will be divided into three groups.

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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Approval date

2016-03-14, 1394/12/24

Ethics committee reference number

IR.YUMS.REC.1394.180

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Multiple Sclerosis

ICD-10 code

G35

ICD-10 code description

Multiple Sclerosis

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Body balance

Timepoint

Before the intervention, a month and a half after the intervention and after intervention

Method of measurement

Berg balance scale

2

Description

Fatigue Dimensions

Timepoint

Before the intervention, a month and a half after the intervention and after intervention

Method of measurement

Fatigue Impact Scale

3

Description

Fatigue Severity

Timepoint

Before the intervention, a month and a half after the intervention and after intervention

Method of measurement

Exclusive Fatigue Severity Scale for multiple sclerosis patients

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

In Group 1 Cooksey-Cawthorne exercise program presented as a group to research units and they will be asked during an 3-months, three times a week and 45

minutes per session to do exercise that includes eye and head movements in sitting position which must be done at first slowly and then faster; movements of the head and trunk in sitting position and standing exercises.

Category

Rehabilitation

2

Description

In Group 2, Frenkel exercise program presented as a group to research units and they will be asked during an 3-months, three times a week and 45 minutes per session to do exercise in a state of supine, sitting and standing.

Category

Rehabilitation

3

Description

In Group 3, control group receive no specific intervention.

Category

N/A

Recruitment centers

1

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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

Vice chancellor for research, Yasuj 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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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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Data Dictionary

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