

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of low-pressure suction drainage on prevention of pharyngocutaneous fistula after total laryngectomy.

Protocol summary

Summary

Pharyngocutaneous fistula (PCF) is a serious complication after total laryngectomy. It causes morbidity and prolonged admission in hospital. We want to find out the efficacy of this method to prevent fistula. Forty patients who will be candidate for total laryngectomy attending to Rasool akram and Firuzgar hospital, will be included in this study. We will allocate them in two intervention and control groups through block balanced randomization. In intervention group, after total laryngectomy, neopharynx will be repaired in a T shape. After that, we put a drain on the neopharynx, which takes out from submentum area. We will connect the drain to continuous low negative pressure vacuum (80-120 mmhg) in the third day after surgery until 10 days. If the PCF occurs we will continue suction drainage until discharge less than 25 cc during 24 hours in which suction drainage will be brought out. We do not put drain in 20 patients in the control group. The surgeon will be blind to the allocation. Inclusion criteria: Total laryngectomy. Main outcome: pharyngocutaneous fistula rate. Second outcome: time of recovery.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Vice chancellor for research, Iran University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2017-04-21, 1396/02/01

Expected recruitment end date

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Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

The effect of low-pressure suction drainage on prevention of pharyngocutaneous fistula after total laryngectomy.

Public title

The effect of low-pressure suction drainage on pharyngocutaneous fistula.

Purpose

Prevention

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Total laryngectomy Exclusion criteria:-

Age

No age limit

Gender

Both

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: 40

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

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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Approval date

2015-09-23, 1394/07/01

Ethics committee reference number

105/1102/IR.IUMS.REC.94

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

pharyngocutaneous fistula

ICD-10 code

z92

ICD-10 code description

Personal history of medical treatment

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Pharyngocutaneous fistula

Timepoint

daily from the third day after surgery

Method of measurement

Physical examination

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

time of recovery

Timepoint

after occurrence

Method of measurement

amount of fistula discharge with examination

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: In intervention group, after total laryngectomy, neopharynx will be repaired in a T shape. After that, we put a drain on the neopharynx, which takes out from submentum area. We will connect the drain to continuous low negative pressure vacuum (80-120 mmhg) in the third day after surgery until 10 days. If the PCF occurs we will continue suction drainage until discharge less than 25 cc during 24 hours in which suction drainage will be brought out.

Category

Prevention

2

Description

control: without drain

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 of Iran University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

empty

Domestic or foreign origin

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Category of foreign source of 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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