

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of massage with or without aromatic substance on the incidence of delirium in patient undergoing heart surgery in Afshar Hospital, Yazd, in 2017

Protocol summary

Study aim

Applied Research Objectives: Considering the relatively high prevalence of delirium after cardiac surgery, as well as its negative effects on the quality of life of patients, as well as increasing the length of hospitalization and mortality of patients from the disease, the findings of this study may be able to reduce the amount of Delirium treatment after open heart surgery. In addition, given the limited nursing research in this area, this study could clarify the dimensions of the use of complementary medicine and provide a basis for further research in this area.

Design

The study consisted of three groups: one control group and two intervention groups that referred to the patients referred to Afshar Hospital in Yazd for the purpose of open heart surgery, ranging in age from 18 to 75 years, and for the first time Heart surgery. Sampling method is a random allocation.

Settings and conduct

Interventional study - Afshar Hospital in Yazd

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Patients entering the study should undergo cardiac surgery for the first time and be between 18 and 75 years of age. Do not mention dermatological sensitivities and their negative sensitivity tests and positive olfactory tests without a history of mental illness or psychiatric use

Intervention groups

Massage with aromatic substance (In this group, 13 brown massage techniques are performed using Rose Essential Oil on the base of sweet almond oil. Then, using a neecham questionnaire, the amount of delirium is measured) Massage without aromatic substance (In this group, 13 brown massage techniques are performed solely by sweet almond oil, then using the neecham questionnaire, the amount of delirium is measured) Control(In this group, Delirium is measured with the

neecham questionnaire without massaging.

Main outcome variables

Decreasing the amount of delirium after open heart surgery

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

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Actual recruitment start date

empty
Actual recruitment end date
empty
Trial completion date
empty

Scientific title
The effect of massage with or without aromatic substance on the incidence of delirium in patient undergoing heart surgery in Afshar Hospital, Yazd, in 2017

Public title
The effect of massage with or without aromatic substance on the incidence of delirium in patient undergoing heart surgery

Purpose
Prevention

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Patients undergoing cardiac surgery for the first time Age between 18 and 75 years Patients who have a positive olfactory test Patients who have tested negative for their sensitivity Patients who do not mention any history of skin sensitivity Patients who do not mention any history of mental illness or psychiatric use, with the exception of chlordiaspoxide and oxazepam

Exclusion criteria:

If the patient undergoes surgical complications, he or she will be transferred to the operating room. If the patient does not remove the mechanical ventilation until the day after surgery (do not extube) In the event of unwanted and unpredictable effects

Age
From **18 years** old to **75 years** old

Gender
Both

Phase
N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Participant

Sample size
Target sample size: **150**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description
Patients who have inclusion criteria are included in the study using available sampling method and then divided into two intervention and control groups using stratified random allocation method. The samples will be placed in two groups according to gender, age ($2 \pm$), and type of disease. In other words, the first one randomly (using a lottery) is placed in one of the two groups of intervention or control group and the subsequent samples are allocated to each of the groups according to the matching variables and observing random conditions.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Single blinded

Blinding description
The therapeutic effect of the intervention has been obscured by participants

Placebo
Not used
Assignment
Other
Other design features

Secondary Ids
empty

Ethics committees

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Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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Ethics committee reference number

IR.KMU.REC.1396.2227

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Delirium after heart surgery

ICD-10 code

ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

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Description

Delirium: In Delirium DSM-5, Delirium is defined as a distraction of attention and concentration, which usually has a sudden onset, accompanied by disturbance in navigation, short-term memory impairment, change in sensory perception (illusion), abnormal thinking process, and turbulent behavior.

Timepoint

Before the intervention, at the end of each day, until the patient is admitted to the ICU

Method of measurement

NEECHAM delirium measurement questionnaire

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

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Description

Intervention group: Massage group with aromatic substance: In this group, samples are received in addition to receiving routine care, massage with scented face and face twice a day (morning and night) until the patient is admitted to the intensive care unit. (Patients are often admitted to the heart care unit for 3 to 4 days). The first massage is the day after the heart surgery, provided that the patient is extubated. The essence of the scent is the Rose Essence. In this study, the essential oil of Rose (produced by Barij Essen, Kashan) is used in the base of sweet almond oil at a concentration of 4%. For each massage, 2 cc of scented oil is used. Prior to initiating the first massage and after massage by another trained person, the incidence and severity of delirium by using the NeeCham questionnaire at the end of each day until the patient is admitted to the intensive care unit and assessed prior to discharge from the caregiver department.

Category

Prevention

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Description

Intervention group: Massage without aromatic substance: In this group, in addition to receiving routine care, massage with 2 cc sweet peas and almond oil for 15 minutes on the day after the procedure twice a day (morning and night) As long as they are admitted to the intensive care unit. Prior to initiating the first massage and after massage by another trained person, the incidence and severity of delirium by using the NeeCham questionnaire at the end of each day until the patient is admitted to the intensive care unit and assessed prior to discharge from the caregiver department.

Category

Prevention

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Description

Control group: In the control group only routine care is provided in the heart care unit. In this section, if the illness affects delirium, a psychiatric consultation is requested by the surgeon of the heart and after the visit by the psychiatrist, the medication orders are administered, and the patient's family is asked to come to the patient's appointment in each shift. Connect with him. At the end of each day, until the patient is admitted to the intensive care unit, she is evaluated prior to discharge from the caregiver department

Category

Prevention

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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

Kerman University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

Public

Domestic or foreign origin

Domestic

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

Academic

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Not applicable

Informed Consent Form

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Not applicable

Analytic Code

Not applicable

Data Dictionary

Not applicable

Title and more details about the data/document

Potential data can be shared after unidentifiable
individuals

When the data will become available and for how long

Start the month access period after printing the results

To whom data/document is available

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Under which criteria data/document could be used

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What processes are involved for a request to access data/document

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Comments