

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison of the effects of two different methods of epidural steroid injection after recurrent lumbar disc herniation

Protocol summary

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Summary

The purpose of this study is to evaluate different methods of epidural steroid injection in recurrent lumbar discopathy. The inclusion criteria are pain, recurrent disc herniation after operation and no response after 2 weeks conservative treatment and exclusion criteria are severe disc extrusion and neurologic deficit. A total of 30 patients will be selected from patients who come back to the clinic of hospital due to recurrent pain after operation and accept the informed consent. The injection of 40mg Prednisolone will be done in two different methods (transforamial and caudal) in two group (15 patients in each group) and severity of pain, walking and standing tolerance will be measured as outcome measures.

Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Kerman Neuroscience Center

Expected recruitment start date

2010-05-22, 1389/03/01

Expected recruitment end date

2011-03-20, 1389/12/29

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT138903084047N1**

Registration date: **2010-11-12, 1389/08/21**

Registration timing: **registered_while_recruiting**

Last update:

Update count: **0**

Registration date

2010-11-12, 1389/08/21

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Comparison of the effects of two different methods of epidural steroid injection after recurrent lumbar disc herniation

Public title

The effects of epidural steroid injection

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: recurrent disc herniation who do not respond to conventional treatment, radicular pain is greater than lumbar pain, 6 weeks past from pain onset
Exclusion criteria: severe extruded intervertebral disc, progressive neurological deficit, history of steroid injection for lumbar or radicular pain, financial or complaint gain, history of coagulopathy or allergy to anesthetic agent or corticosteroid, pregnancy

Age

From **18 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

2

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: 30

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

Ethic committee of Neuroscience Research Center

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Tahmasbabad cross-road, Jahad street,

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Approval date

2010-05-04, 1389/02/14

Ethics committee reference number

89-3/ع-ك

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

recurrent lumbar discopathy

ICD-10 code

G55.1

ICD-10 code description

nerve root and plexus

Primary outcomes

1

Description

severity of pain

Timepoint

1, 2 & 6 months after the intervention

Method of measurement

numerical pain score

2

Description

walking tolerance

Timepoint

1, 2 & 6 months after the intervention

Method of measurement

meter

3

Description

standing tolerance

Timepoint

1, 2 & 6 months after the intervention

Method of measurement

minute

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Injection of 40 mg methylprednisolone in epidural space of spinal column via caudal method

Category

Treatment - Other

2

Description

Injection of 40 mg methylprednisolone in epidural space of spinal column via transforaminal method

Category

Treatment - Other

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

Name of recruitment center

Bahonar hospital

Full name of responsible person

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Sponsors / Funding sources

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

Kerman Neuroscience Research Center

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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