

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparative study of the effects of acupressure at the hugo point(LI4) and auriculotherapy on the pain after cesarean section

Protocol summary

Study aim

Determinating the effect of acupressure at the hugo point(LI4) and auriculotherapy on the pain after cesarean section

Design

Clinical practice with control group, double blind, randomized

Settings and conduct

The place of study is the womens' ward of Ali ibn Abitaleb Hospital and Niknaf clinic in Rafsanjan

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: single pregnancy; low-risk pregnancy; not having special disease history; lack of starting labor pain ;having a transverse incision cesarean section surgery;belonging to the first class of anesthesia risk.
Exclusion criteria: complications during and after cesarean section

Intervention groups

Samples in all of the three groups are studied from 6 hours after the cesarean section to 24 hours later. In hugo point group, intervention takes place for 20 minutes in both 6 hours and 30 hours after the cesarean section. The pain is measured before and 20 minutes after each intervention. In auriculotherapy group, the auricular seed are attached for 24 hours. The pain is measured just before and 20 minutes after attaching the earrings; the same is done for dispatching them. In control group, the researcher is present at the mother's bedside for 20 minutes doing nothing twice: 6 hours and 30 hours after the cesarean section. The pain is measured by VAS just before and 20 minutes after the researcher's physical presence.

Main outcome variables

Caesarean section pain; drug consumption amount

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20131228015965N17**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2020-03-19, 1398/12/29

Expected recruitment end date

2020-08-21, 1399/05/31

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

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Scientific title

Comparative study of the effects of acupressure at the hugo point(LI4) and auriculotherapy on the pain after cesarean section

Public title

Comparing the effects of acupressure at the hugo point(LI4) and auriculotherapy on the pain after cesarean section

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Age: 18-35 years old Elective surgery Ear's health for auriculotherapy and hand's health for acupressure at the hugo point (LI4)

Exclusion criteria:

Foreigners Unpleasant sensation of the hand massage at the hugo point (LI4)

Age

From **18 years** old to **35 years** old

Gender

Female

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Outcome assessor

Sample size

Target sample size: **168**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

By simple randomization method and through lottery, it is determined which intervention should be used in each session.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Both the participants in the study and the person evaluating the pain are blind to the intervention.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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2019-05-14, 1398/02/24

Ethics committee reference number

IR.RUMS.REC.1398.028

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Pain of cesarean section

ICD-10 code

ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Pain

Timepoint

Six hours and thirty hours after cesarean section, just before and after intervention

Method of measurement

Based on numerical scale VAS

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group 1: the acupressure at the hugo point(LI4) is done for 20 minutes twice ; six hours and thirty hours after cesarean section. the pain scale is measured by VAS immediately befor and after Reflexology

Category

Treatment - Other

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Description

Intervention group 2: earrings are attached to the ears 6 hours after cesarean section for 24 hours. just befor the attachment and 20 minutes after that , the pain is measured by VAS. and also , befor and 20 minutes after dispatching the earrings , the pain is measured by VAS.

Category

Treatment - Other

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Description

In conrol group, researcher is present at the mother,s bed doing nothing for 20 minutes, twice: 6 hours and 30

hours after cesarean section. just before and 20 minutes after, the researcher's physical presence, the pain is measured by VAS.

Category

Other

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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

Rafsanjan 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)

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

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