

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Investigation of the Effect of Tele-nursing on Care Burden in Caregivers of Elderly Patients with Stroke

Protocol summary

Elderly, tele-nursing, caregiver burden, caregivers, stroke

Study aim

Due to the meaningful increase in the elderly population in Iran and the high spread of stroke in the elderly and its complications and incidence of care burden in caregivers on elderly with stroke, in this regard a study was designed to investigate the effect of tele-nursing on the care burden of caregivers of elderly stroke patient.

Design

The present study is a randomized clinical trial study on caregivers of stroke patients that will be conducted after getting permission.

Settings and conduct

First, elderly 60 years and older patients with a diagnosis of stroke that were hospitalized in the neurology department of Bu-Ali hospital during 1 to 6 past months were extracted and if they have inclusion criteria and fixed caregiver they will be contracted and will enter the study after obtaining the consent letter. Then, participants will be randomly divided into intervention and control groups using a 4-block randomized method.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Study entry for study: Having the consent having direct responsibility for the care of the elderly patient Having a family relationship with the patient Having a mobile phone Resident of Qazvin having a minimum primary education minimum age 18 years and older non payment for care Exclusion criteria for caregivers: enabling to communicate simultaneous care of both stroke and non-stroke patients. Unwillingness to cooperate or disconnect the phone connection the use of nursing service offices Mental illness diagnosed

Intervention groups

A training booklet will be provided to both intervention and control groups, then training will be provided during tele-nursing according to the patients problem to the intervention group during phone connection and through social networks. Questionnaires before and after will be filled out in both groups.

Main outcome variables

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20200222046585N1**

Registration date: **2020-07-29, 1399/05/08**

Registration timing: **registered_while_recruiting**

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Registration date

2020-07-29, 1399/05/08

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2020-06-21, 1399/04/01

Expected recruitment end date

2020-09-22, 1399/07/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Investigation of the Effect of Tele-nursing on Care Burden

Public title

Tele-nursing and Care Burden in Caregivers

Purpose

Education/Guidance

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Having the consent to participate in the study having direct responsibility for the care of the elderly patient at least 8 hours a day Having a family relationship with the patient, including the spouse, child, brother, sister that living with the patient. Having a mobile phone with the capability to install soroush app Resident of Qazvin having a minimum primary education minimum age 18 years and older non payment for care

Exclusion criteria:

enabling to communicate simultaneous care of both stroke and non-stroke patients Unwillingness to cooperate or disconnect the phone connection for two weeks in the first months of intervention(experiment) and for three weeks in the second and third months of intervention

Age

From **18 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **84**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Firstly, the sampling method will be purposeful and accessible. participants will be randomly divided into intervention and control groups using a 4-block randomized method.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Given that both groups have got primary education at discharge time, a training booklet will be provided for the intervention and control groups. Also, considering the patients problem, after the needs assessment, training in tele-nursing time will be done in the first contact with the caregiver, then in the intervention group the training will be provided during phone connection through social network.

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2020-05-27, 1399/03/07

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IR.QUMS.REC.1399.037

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

stroke

ICD-10 code

G46.3

ICD-10 code description

Brain stem stroke syndrome

Primary outcomes

1

Description

The care burden questionnaire was made by zarit etal. to measure care burden. the questionnaire includes 22 questions about personal,social,emotional and economic burdens that will be completed by the researcher through interviews with family caregivers. in this tool,based on the questions the care burden in caregivers is divided into two objective and mental groups.

Timepoint

Measurement of care burden before and 12 weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

Zarit Questionnaire

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

intervention group:caregivers of elderly stroke

patients(above 60 years old) are firstly selected with a diagnosis of stroke then if they have inclusion criteria and consrnt letter, they will participate in the study.An educational booklet will be given to intervention groups and questionnaire will be completed first. Then, training during tele- nursing due to the patients problem after the needs assessment, which will be done in the first contact with the care giver in the intervention group through 12 weeks phone connection and social network. The questionnaire will be filled out again after 12 weeks.

Category

Lifestyle

2

Description

Control group:caregivers of elderly stroke patients(above 60 years old) are firstly selected with a diagnosis of stroke then if they have inclusion criteria and consent letter, they will participate in the study.An educational booklet will be given to intervention groups and questionnaire will be completed first.The questionnaire will be filled out again after 12 weeks without any intervention.

Category

Lifestyle

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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

Qazvin 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

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

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