

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of Modified Buerger Allen exercise on peripheral lower extremities edema during late pregnancy

Protocol summary

Study aim

The effect of modified Alan Burger exercises on peripheral inflammation of the lower extremities in late pregnancy

Design

Clinical trial with control group, on 10 pregnant women 30 to 40 weeks. In the first stage, screening is non-probability and easy based on inclusion and exclusion criteria. will be randomly assigned to research groups

Settings and conduct

will be referred to the health centers of Zahedan. Burger Allen training exercises are given in person, then complete demographic and midwifery information questionnaire from the sample. the size of the heel, ankle, the joint between the metatarsals and the thumb will be measured using a tape measure and the foot volume with a volumetric and pain scale with a visual evaluation scale on days 1, 5 and 10 of the study.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: age 18 to 35, normal singleton pregnancy between 30 to 40 weeks, edema in the legs in the range of two plus, pain score 3 and more, body mass index in the normal range, normal condition of amniotic fluid and fetus, no history of infertility, Did not have any systemic disease, thrombophlebitis and hypertension, lack of absolute rest, no psychological problems, no drug addiction, limited pain in the sole of the foot and ankle, and pain from other organs are not. Exclusion: Performing other exercises or other specific treatment to eliminate foot swelling during the study, unwillingness to perform exercises, premature delivery or any termination of pregnancy during the intervention, standing for a long time or having working conditions, sitting and standing for a long time, occur Problems such as fractures in the lower extremities, receiving medication or special diet to relieve pain and edema during the study

Intervention groups

Do Allen Burger exercises for 5 and 10 days

Main outcome variables

ankle, instep and joint between the toes and the metatarsal circumference
Foot volume
pain

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20200713048096N1**

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Registration timing: **registered_while_recruiting**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2020-08-21, 1399/05/31

Expected recruitment end date

2021-08-22, 1400/05/31

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

The effect of Modified Buerger Allen exercise on peripheral lower extremities edema during late pregnancy

Public title

The effect of Buerger Allen exercise on lower extremities edema during late pregnancy

Purpose

Health service research

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

First and singleton pregnancies Age between 18 and 35 Normal pregnancy between 30 and 40 weeks Edema in the legs and feet up to 2 plus BMI in the normal range (Body mass index before pregnancy or in the first 6 weeks of pregnancy, can be adapted from the case of pregnant women and normal BMI 19.8 to 24 kg / m²) Normal weight gain during pregnancy according to the weight growth chart in the file Normal state of Amniotic Fluid and fetus No history of infertility Not suffering from any systemic disease such as heart, lung, diabetes, Thrombophlebitis and hypertension, skin diseases such as severe eczema Lack of absolute rest Absence of Preeclampsia and Eclampsia (according to the case) No psychological problems (according to the case) Not taking medication except pregnancy supplements (according to the case) No drug addiction (according to the case) The pain should be limited to the sole of the foot and ankle and not spread to other organs (according to the person)

Exclusion criteria:

Perform other exercises or other specific treatment to relieve foot edema during the study Reluctance to do exercises Premature delivery or any termination of pregnancy during the intervention Standing for a long time or having working conditions Sitting and standing for a long time Problems such as lower limb fractures Receive medication or a special diet to relieve pain and edema while studying Suffering from Preeclampsia in the intervention process Receive other methods of complementary medicine Reluctance to continue participating in the study

Age

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

Gender

Female

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **20**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

ple in the community from 1. This numbering will be

done without observing any special order. Step 2: We will randomly select a number as the sampling source in the table of random numbers. Step 3: From the origin of nuns, we will consider rows with the number of nuns digits. Step 4: We will read the numbers of the selected rows in order. We will count each repeated number only once. The first selected number will be in the intervention group and the next number will be in the control group. Sampling will continue until the sample size is completed.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description**Placebo**

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

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IR.MODARES.REC.1399.105

Health conditions studied**1****Description of health condition studied**

Physiological edema of the lower extremities in late pregnancy

ICD-10 code

O12.0

ICD-10 code description

Gestational edema

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

Percentage of pregnant women with lower extremity physiological edema

Timepoint

Measurement of leg edema at the beginning of the study and 5 and 10 days after the start of the intervention

Method of measurement

Measurement of ankle circumference, heel circumference and joint circumference between toes and metatarsal bone by tape measure and foot volume with volumeter

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Description

Pain in the lower leg

Timepoint

Measurement of lower limb pain at the beginning of the study and 5 and 10 days after the start of the intervention

Method of measurement

Using a ten-point numerical scale(visual Analogue Scale) of pain and asking questions from the research unit

Secondary outcomes

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Description

diet

Timepoint

Before and 5 and 10 days after the intervention

Method of measurement

Use of food frequency questionnaire

Intervention groups

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Description

Intervention group: Intervention groups include a group that will perform Burger Allen exercises at home for 10 days after training. How to do the exercises is as follows: 1- In the flat position, lean to the left (LLT) with an angle of 30-45 degrees so that it is supported by protection and raise the legs at an angle of 45 to 90 degrees, Raise your legs on a chair or board for 1.5 to 3 minutes.2. Then sit down and hang your legs for 3 to 5 minutes to restore their color. Care will be taken not to put pressure on the knees. In fact, each leg should be bent and stretched and then placed in this position for 3 minutes. The legs should be completely pink. If the legs are blue or painful, lift them up and rest if necessary. 3. Then for 3 minutes horizontally at a 180 degree angle and quietly in a relaxed position in a flat to the left. Lie down (LLT) at an angle of 30-45 degrees and keep your feet warm with a blanket

Category

Treatment - Other

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Description

Control group: The control group will receive routine prenatal care

Category

Treatment - Other

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Grant code / Reference number
Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
Yes
Title of funding source
The University of Tarbiat modare
Proportion provided by this source
100
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Public
Domestic or foreign origin
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Sharing plan**Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)**

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Justification/reason for indecision/not sharing IPD

no more information

Study Protocol

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Title and more details about the data/document

Part of the data on the primary and secondary outcomes will be shared.

When the data will become available and for how long

year of 1400

To whom data/document is available

researchers

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Carrying out research work through a written request from the responsible author

From where data/document is obtainable

Corresponding Author, Tarbiat Modares University, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Department of Midwifery and Reproductive Health

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

After sending a written request to the responsible author, the request will be sent to the research unit of Tarbiat Modares University and in case of non-compliance with the rules, the analysis data will be provided to the researcher.

Comments