

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of knee joint distraction on the pain and function of patients with severe knee osteoarthritis

Protocol summary

Summary

In this clinical trial 40 patients with severe knee osteoarthritis (grade 3&4 in Kalgren Lawrence scale) with age 45-75 will be recruited. The patients would assign randomly into two groups. In control group the treatment includes routine physiotherapy procedure and in the case group the treatment includes the routine physiotherapy procedure and knee joint distraction. the sustain distraction would be applied for 20 minutes to the level of perception of the patients. The treatments in both groups will be applied for 10 sessions, 5 sessions in each week. The assessments in both groups includes: ROM measurements, the edema measurement and VAS in each session and the KOOS questionnaire and 6 minute walking test before and after 10 treatment sessions and also 1 month after the end of treatment program.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT201111214738N2**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2011-07-11, 1390/04/20

Expected recruitment end date

2012-02-18, 1390/11/29

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

The effect of knee joint distraction on the pain and function of patients with severe knee osteoarthritis

Public title

the effect of distraction in the treatment of knee arthrosis

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Female patients with severe knee OA (grade 3&4 Kalgren Lawrence scale) with the age range between 45 and 75. Exclusion criteria : malignancy in knee joint, infection around the knee joint, metabolic disease, endocrine disorders, vascular disease, injection of corticosteroid in the last 30 days, recent start of use of anti-inflammatory medicine (in the last 30 days), open injuries in the knee, secondary osteoarthritis, history of knee fractures, surgery in the knee joint in the last 6 months, pain duration less than 1 year, knee joint hypermobility and ligamentous laxity, severe edema

around the knee joint and psychological disorders. - Feel of pain in the chest, breathlessness, leg cramps, tumbling, sever perspiration and pale appearance and inability for finishing the 6 minute walking test. -Absence in two successive treatment sessions.

Age

From **45 years** old to **75 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

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

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2011-10-30, 1390/08/08

Ethics committee reference number

108

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

knee osteoarthritis

ICD-10 code

M19.0

ICD-10 code description

Primary arthrosis NOS

Primary outcomes

1

Description

functional ability

Timepoint

in the 1st session, 10th session and 1 month after treatment ends

Method of measurement

by 6 minute walking test

2

Description

amount of pain

Timepoint

in 1st to 10th session and 1 month after treatment ends

Method of measurement

by VAS measurement

3

Description

amount of joint effusion

Timepoint

in 1st to 10th session and 1 month after treatment ends

Method of measurement

by measurement tape over and 10 cm above and bellow knee joint line

4

Description

knee joint mobility

Timepoint

in 1st to 10th session and 1 month after treatment ends

Method of measurement

by goniometer

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

quality of life

Timepoint

in 1st and 10th session and 1 month after treatment ends

Method of measurement

questionnaire

Intervention groups

1

Description

Control group : US, TENS, HOTPACK and EXERCISEUS is applied for 5 minutes to anterior, posterior knee in each session for ten sessions Conventional TENS is applies for 20 minutes in each session for 10 sessions2 hot packs are applied to anterior and posterior knee for 20 minutes

in each session and for 10 sessions.2 exercises are trained to patients in 1st session

Category

Rehabilitation

2**Description**

case group interventions: US, TENS, HOTPACK and EXERCISE + distractionUS is applied for 5 minutes to anterior, posterior knee in each session for ten sessionsConventional TENS is applies for 20 minutes in each session for 10 sessions2 hot packs are applied to anterior and posterior knee for 20 minutes in each session and for 10 sessions.2 exercises are trained to patients in 1st sessionSustain joint distraction is applied for 20 minutes in each session for 10 sessions

Category

Rehabilitation

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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

Shahid Bbeheshti University of Medical Sciences, Vice Chancellor for Research

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

empty

Clinical Study Report

empty

Analytic Code

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Data Dictionary

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