

# Clinical Trial Protocol

## Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

19 Jun 2026

### 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**

Registration date: **2011-12-28, 1390/10/07**

Registration timing: **registered\_while\_recruiting**

Last update:

Update count: **0**

##### Registration date

2011-12-28, 1390/10/07

##### Registrant information

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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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###### **Postal code**

##### **Approval date**

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

**Recruitment centers**

**1**

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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**

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**

*empty*

**Statistical Analysis Plan**

*empty*

**Informed Consent Form**

*empty*

**Clinical Study Report**

*empty*

**Analytic Code**

*empty*

**Data Dictionary**

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