

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Evaluation of immediate effect of heel lift on mobility and functional balance in elderly with Leg-Length Discrepancy after total knee replacement

Protocol summary

Study aim

Evaluation of the immediate effect of heel lift on mobility and functional balance in the elderly with leg length discrepancy after knee arthroplasty

Design

The study will be before after (single group) with and without heel lift on 20 elderly people

Settings and conduct

Balance and mobility in this study were measured by Timed up and go test and berg balance scale. Then, based on the shortness of limbs of the people present in the study, a suitable heel lift was prepared and placed in the shoes of the people and the tests were repeated. This study was conducted in Ilam.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: age over 60 years; Structural shortness of the lower extremities, More than 20 mm. Non-inclusion criteria: history of fracture, orthopedic or neurological injury in the lower limb; Taking medications that have a significant effect on nervous system and balance.

Intervention groups

One intervention group: consists of people who use heel lifts for half an hour based on the shortness of their legs.

Main outcome variables

Functional balance; mobility

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20140219016643N9**

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Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2021-08-23, 1400/06/01

Expected recruitment end date

2021-09-06, 1400/06/15

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Evaluation of immediate effect of heel lift on mobility and functional balance in elderly with Leg-Length Discrepancy after total knee replacement

Public title

Effect of heel lift on balance in in elderly with Leg-Length Discrepancy

Purpose

Treatment

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Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

At least six months have passed since the joint replacement Knee arthroplasty in one side Structural shortening of the limb more than 20 mm Ability to walk without a cane or assistive devices

Exclusion criteria:

History of fracture, orthopedic or neurological injury in the lower limb professional athlete Existence of any deformity or disorder in the lower limb other than structural shortening History of damage to the vestibular system or brain damage, specific visual impairment that affects a person's daily activities Taking medications that have a significant effect on a person's nervous system and balance

Age

From **60 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **20**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

N/A

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Single

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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Name of ethics committee

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2021-06-29, 1400/04/08

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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Knee arthroplasty

ICD-10 code

Z96.65

ICD-10 code description

Presence of artificial knee joint

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Mobility based on Timed up and go test

Timepoint

Before and immediately after the intervention

Method of measurement

Timed up and go test

2

Description

Balance based on berg balance scale

Timepoint

Before and immediately after the intervention

Method of measurement

Berg balance scale

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Use a heel lift based on leg length discrepancy of each person for half an hour.

Category

Treatment - Devices

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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

Iran 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)

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Not applicable

Informed Consent Form

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

Not applicable

Data Dictionary

Not applicable

Title and more details about the data/document

Descriptive information as well as research variables including pre-test and post-test data can be shared.

When the data will become available and for how long

Six months after printing results

To whom data/document is available

Researchers working in academic and scientific institutions

Under which criteria data/document could be used

To write a systematic review and meta-analysis study.

From where data/document is obtainable

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

The complete information of the applicant should be sent by e-mail along with a letter indicating that the data is used to write a systematic review or meta-analysis.

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