

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Evaluation of the effect of desensitization with eye movements and reprocessing on anxiety, hemodynamic parameters and duration of hospitalization in patients with COVID-19

Protocol summary

Study aim

Determining the effect of desensitization with eye movements and reprocessing on anxiety, hemodynamic indices and duration of hospitalization of patients with COVID 19 in Shahid Dr. Jalil Yasuj Medical Center in 2021

Design

Clinical trial with control group, simple randomized, on 90 patients

Settings and conduct

90 eligible patients with COVID-19 will be admitted to Shahid Jalil Hospital in Yasuj. Patients will be randomly divided into intervention and control groups. The amount of hemodynamic indicators will be recorded at the beginning of the study with a cardiopulmonary monitoring device. Before the intervention, both groups will be tested with the above questionnaires. Then, the desensitization group will be performed with eye movements and reprocessing according to the protocol in 3 sessions daily for 45-90 minutes in the patient's room in the company hospital. Both intervention and control groups will prescribe drugs prescribed by the doctor in accordance with standard protocols. They will receive Covid-19 treatment. However, no psychotherapy intervention will be performed on the control group during the research. The level of anxiety and hemodynamic indicators will be recorded at the end of each session.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Age between 18 to 65 years old; patients with COVID-19 who are PCR positive; having several clinical signs; does not have a specific disease

Intervention groups

The intervention group will perform desensitization with eye movements and reprocessing according to the protocol in 3 sessions daily for 45-90 minutes in the patient's room in the hospital. No psychotherapy intervention will be performed on the control group

during the study.

Main outcome variables

Anxiety; blood pressure; respiratory rate; Oxygen saturation level; duration of hospitalization; eye movements and reprocessing

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

EMDR

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2021-06-05, 1400/03/15

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2023-03-21, 1402/01/01
Actual recruitment start date
empty
Actual recruitment end date
empty
Trial completion date
empty

Scientific title
Evaluation of the effect of desensitization with eye movements and reprocessing on anxiety, hemodynamic parameters and duration of hospitalization in patients with COVID-19

Public title
The effectiveness of desensitization with eye movements and reprocessing on the recovery of patients with COVID-19

Purpose
Supportive

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
Age between 18 to 65 years old Patients with COVID-19 who are PCR positive Has one or more clinical symptoms including fever less than or more than 38, sore throat with or without dry cough, chills, headache, loss of taste and smell, nausea and vomiting, anorexia, diarrhea, body aches, weakness and extreme tiredness Which has no other definite justification, and spo2 = 80-93, shortness of breath, feeling of pain or pressure in the chest No visual impairment and strabismus No cognitive impairment such as dementia or Alzheimer's Has no history of seizures Has no history of known mental disorder Not to be addicted to drugs Patients' anxiety level should be moderate to high according to Hamilton Anxiety Questionnaire
Exclusion criteria:
The patient did not cooperate with the therapist The patient has entered a severe phase due to pulmonary involvement and needs a niv mask or intubation

Age
From **18 years** old to **65 years** old

Gender
Both

Phase
N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Investigator

Sample size
Target sample size: **90**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description
For select the determined sample size of the study, a simple randomization method is used, in this way, a list of patients referred to Shahid Jalil Yasouj Hospital who meet the criteria for entering the study was prepared and with the help of a table of numbers The samples are randomly selected so that first a row or column is randomly selected and the direction of movement in the

table is from left to right and then the numbers in each row or column equal to the previous one are assigned to one of the intervention or control groups and the number The pair equivalent to the intervention group and the odd number equivalent to the control group will be selected and in this way 45 samples will be selected for the intervention group and 45 samples will be selected for the control group.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

This study will be double-blind, in such a way that the patients and researchers will be blinded. In this way, the patients and the researcher who measures the desired outcome do not know at first which people are the intervention group and which are the control group.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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Ethics committee reference number

IR.YUMS.REC.1400.043

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

COVID-19

ICD-10 code

U08.9

ICD-10 code description

Personal history of COVID-19

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Anxiety score in Hamilton questionnaire

Timepoint

Before intervention and after intervention

Method of measurement

Hamilton anxiety questionnaire

2

Description

Hemodynamic status (blood pressure, respiration, oxygen saturation level) with patient monitoring

Timepoint

Before intervention and after intervention

Method of measurement

Monitoring device

3

Description

Duration of hospitalization

Timepoint

Before intervention and after intervention

Method of measurement

Date of admission and discharge included in the file

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Sleep Quality Scale

Timepoint

At the beginning of the study and one and three months after the intervention

Method of measurement

Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Questionnaire

Intervention groups

1

Description

The desensitization method with eye movements in the intervention group will be performed individually for each patient in three sessions and one session of 45 to 90 minutes each day. This is an eight-step method that emphasizes the physiological information processing system in the origin and treatment of mental health problems. The steps of this method in order and summary are history, explanation and preparation, investigation, target desensitization, creating positive cognition, processing the body, creating positive recognition, ending the meeting and re-evaluating previously processed goals.

Category

N/A

2

Description

The control group will receive the drugs prescribed by the doctor for the treatment of COVID-19 according to the standard protocols. However, no psychotherapeutic intervention will be performed on this group during the research

Category

N/A

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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

Yasouj 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**

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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

Yes - There is 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

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

Part of the data in the excel or spss file

When the data will become available and for how long

6 months after the publication of the article

To whom data/document is available

Academic researchers

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Using data for analysis using statistical models

From where data/document is obtainable

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

Official request from the university or research institute

Comments