

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Evaluation of the effectiveness of sugar-free chewing gum in reducing the snaking in patients with a history of sleeve gastrectomy and classic gastric bypass

Protocol summary

Study aim

Evaluation of the effect of chewing sugar-free gum on the snaking after gastrectomy sleeve and classic bypass

Design

Clinical trial with control group, with parallel groups, double-blind, randomized, on 100 patients. The randomization function of the Excel software was used for randomization.

Settings and conduct

In this clinical trial with a control group, which is performed on 116 patients complaining of snaking after obesity surgery, patients refer to Rasool-e Akram Obesity Center in Tehran and are divided into two groups: sugar-free gum and the control group. Statistical analyzer and outcome assessor are blind.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: History of Gastric Sleeve or classic bypass, Snaking after gastric sleeve or classic bypass, consent to participate in the study. Exclusion criteria: Age more than 60 years, history of dental problems resulting in disability to chew properly

Intervention groups

Intervention group: It is recommended to chew sugar-free gum regularly and four hours a day in the form of four one-hour intervals between meals to the patients for two months. Control group: Do not receive chewing gum.

Main outcome variables

Reducing the snaking; Weight loss after bariatric surgery

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2021-12-22, 1400/10/01

Expected recruitment end date

2022-12-23, 1401/10/02

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

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Scientific title

Evaluation of the effectiveness of sugar-free chewing gum in reducing the snaking in patients with a history of sleeve gastrectomy and classic gastric bypass

Public title

The effect of sugar-free chewing gum on reducing snaking after weight loss surgery

Purpose

Prevention

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:
History of Gastric Sleeve or classic bypass Snaking after gastric sleeve or classic bypass Consent to participate in the study

Exclusion criteria:
Age more than 60 years History of dental problems resulting in disability to chew properly

Age
From **18 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender
Both

Phase
N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Outcome assessor
- Data analyser

Sample size
Target sample size: **116**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description
Block randomization is used; Blocking should be used to balance the number of samples assigned to each of the study groups. In this way, because we have two intervention groups, equal blocks of 4 are used and we create all possible blocks of 4, and then we randomly select a number of blocks with Excel software. Because the number of sample sizes in this study is 116 people (58 people in each group), 15 blocks of 4 using Excel software are needed. Also, in order to observe the concealment of the randomization sequence, this sequence is given to a person outside the study who has no involvement in the study, who announces the sequence of patients in the study groups.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Single blinded

Blinding description
The outcome assessor is unaware of the allocation of patients in the two groups and the statistical analyst receives the groups as codes A and B.

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2021-03-17, 1399/12/27

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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Obesity

ICD-10 code

E66

ICD-10 code description

Overweight and obesity

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Snaking changes

Timepoint

Before intervention and 2 months after intervention

Method of measurement

Interview with patients

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Weight change

Timepoint

Before intervention and 2 months after intervention

Method of measurement

Scale

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Intervention group is recommended to chew sugar-free gum (Biodent company of Iran) regularly and four hours a day in the form of four one-hour intervals between meals to the patients for two months

Category

Prevention

2

Description

Control group: Do not receive chewing gum.

Category

N/A

Recruitment centers

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)

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be 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

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

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