

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Investigating the effect of using an automatic masking device on the contamination rate of masks.

Protocol summary

Study aim

Determining and comparing the effect of using an automatic masking device by removing the mask from the basket on the contamination rate of the masks.

Design

The present study is a clinical trial with a control group, with parallel groups, one-way blind. 120 people will be selected with easy access and will be divided into two equal groups by stratified random block allocation method.

Settings and conduct

The intervention site is the operating room of Ayatollah Kashani Hospital in Isfahan. The research is one-way blind and the statistical analyst does not know the study groups.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Operating room personnel with associate degree, bachelor's and master's degree in operating room, anesthesia, nursing, residents and orthopedic surgery and neurosurgery, insensitivity of the sample to fluorescent powder and participation in surgery for at least one hour.

Intervention groups

Personnel are divided into two groups, A and B. After washing the hands in the standard way, the personnel first take 3 grams of fluorescent powder from a third person who also wears sterile gloves, and with both hands (palm and back of the hand and Between the fingers) they clap from the fingertips to the wrists, and then staff A removes the mask from the basket, and staff B receives the mask.

Main outcome variables

Area of glitterbug powder on surgical masks

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20150715023216N11**

Registration date: **2022-01-16, 1400/10/26**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2021-12-19, 1400/09/28

Expected recruitment end date

2022-01-09, 1400/10/19

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Investigating the effect of using an automatic masking device on the contamination rate of masks.

Public title

Comparison of contamination between two methods of distributing surgical masks among personnel.

Purpose

Prevention

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Operating room staff with associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in operating room, anesthesia and nursing. Residents and surgeons in surgery, orthopedics and neurology. Insensitivity of the sample to fluorescent powder. Participate in surgery for at least one hour.

Exclusion criteria:

People are not satisfied to participate in the study.

Age

No age limit

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **120**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

First, using the available sampling method, the operating room and anesthesia and nursing staff of the operating room and the operating room, neurology and orthopedics are selected and their inclusion criteria are reviewed. The selection of personnel according to the inclusion criteria and random allocation in a layered block method are placed in two groups A and B. Group A removes the mask from the basket, group B receives the mask from the device. Sampling continues until the required sample size in each group.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Single blinded

Blinding description

The statistical analyst does not know what group each sample belongs to.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

Ethics committee of Esfahan University of Medical Sciences

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Approval date

2021-12-18, 1400/09/27

Ethics committee reference number

IR.MUI.NUREMA.REC.1400.186

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Self-contamination of personnel

ICD-10 code

ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Areas containing glitterbug powder on surgical Mask that indicate contamination will be measured.

Timepoint

before the intervention and one hour after intervention

Method of measurement

by using image j app

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Control group: Group A personnel are considered as control group. After washing the hands in the standard way, the personnel first take 3 grams of fluorescent powder from a third person who also wears sterile gloves and apply it to both hands (palm and back of the hand and between the fingers) from the fingertips to the wrists. And then personnel A remove the mask from the basket.

Category

Prevention

2

Description

Intervention group: Group B personnel are considered as intervention group. After washing the hands in the standard way, the personnel first take 3 grams of fluorescent powder from a third person who also wears sterile gloves and take it in both hands (foam and zinc. Behind the hand and between the fingers) from the fingertips to the wrists, then B personnel receive the surgical mask from the automatic masking machine

Category
Prevention

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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

Esfahan 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

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

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

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

Data Dictionary

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

Title and more details about the data/document

Individual participant data collected for the primary outcome measures

When the data will become available and for how long

After publication for one year

To whom data/document is available

For all people who request for data

Under which criteria data/document could be used

It is allowed to perform any analysis on the data, but use of data for publication is not allowed.

From where data/document is obtainable

Corresponding author of article

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

After requesting the data by email to corresponding author, the data will be sent after a maximum period of one week

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