

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of spiritual group therapy on perceived stress, mental rumination and sleep quality of the elderly referring to comprehensive health service centers in Rafsanjan in 2023

Protocol summary

Study aim

Determining the effect of spiritual group therapy on perceived stress, mental rumination and sleep quality of the elderly

Design

44 eligible elderly people will be divided into two equal groups by simple randomization method and the intervention will be done on one of the groups based on random selection.

Settings and conduct

The intervention on the elderly with sleep disorder referring to Rafsanjan health centers is done in the form of spiritual group therapy at the nursing school.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Entry conditions: age 60 years or older; absence of acute physical and mental illness; ability to participate in research; not having cognitive problems such as Alzheimer's disease; willingness to participate in the study; minimal reading and writing literacy and absence of hearing impairment according to the individual's own statement. Exit conditions: including the individual's refusal to participate in spiritual care programs and not participating in four sessions of the programs and the death of the elderly

Intervention groups

For the intervention group, spiritual care sessions will be held twice a week for 45 to 60 minutes in 8 sessions by the researcher, and for the control group, no special intervention was done, and only before and after the implementation of the intervention and one month later in the questionnaire test group by them. will also be completed.

Main outcome variables

Perceived stress; sleep quality; rumination

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20150519022320N28**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2023-02-19, 1401/11/30

Expected recruitment end date

2023-06-14, 1402/03/24

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty		<u>1</u>	
Scientific title		Ethics committee	
The effect of spiritual group therapy on perceived stress, mental rumination and sleep quality of the elderly referring to comprehensive health service centers in Rafsanjan in 2023		Name of ethics committee	Research Ethics Committee of Rafsanjan University of Medical Sciences
Public title		Street address	Rafsanjan, Imam Ali Blvd. Central Office of Rafsanjan University of Medical Sciences
Investigating the effect of spiritual group therapy on perceived stress, mental rumination and sleep quality of the elderly		City	rafsanjan
Purpose		Province	Kerman
Supportive		Postal code	7718796755
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria		Approval date	2022-10-08, 1401/07/16
Inclusion criteria:		Ethics committee reference number	IR.RUMS.REC.1401.128
Age 60 years old or older Not having acute physical and mental illness Ability to participate in research Not having cognitive problems such as Alzheimer's disease, stroke, and transient brain attack Willing to participate in the study At least literate in reading and writing Not having hearing impairment according to the individual's self-report of having a sleep disorder based on getting a score higher than 5 in the Pittsburgh Questionnaire		Health conditions studied	
Exclusion criteria:		<u>1</u>	
A person's refusal to participate in spiritual care programs Not attending three sessions of the programs and the death of the elderly		Description of health condition studied	Sleep disorder
Age		ICD-10 code	
From 60 years old to 80 years old		ICD-10 code description	
Gender		<u>2</u>	
Both		Description of health condition studied	perceived stress
Phase		ICD-10 code	
N/A		ICD-10 code description	
Groups that have been masked		<u>3</u>	
No information		Description of health condition studied	rumination
Sample size		ICD-10 code	
Target sample size: 44		ICD-10 code description	
Randomization (investigator's opinion)		Primary outcomes	
Randomized		<u>1</u>	
Randomization description		Description	Response score to Cohen's perceived stress scale
Simple randomization. Sampling will be done in an accessible (easy) method, and the allocation of research units to two intervention and control groups will be random using a simple randomization method (random number table).		Timepoint	Before, immediately and one month after the end of the intervention
Blinding (investigator's opinion)		Method of measurement	Cohen's Perceived Stress Questionnaire
Not blinded		<u>2</u>	
Blinding description		Description	Response score to Nolen Hoeksma's mental rumination questionnaire
Placebo		Timepoint	Before, immediately and one month after the end of the intervention
Not used			
Assignment			
Parallel			
Other design features			
Secondary Ids			
empty			
Ethics committees			

Method of measurement

Nalan Hoeksma mental rumination questionnaire

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Description

Sleep quality

Timepoint

Before, immediately and one month after the end of the intervention

Method of measurement

Elderly Sleep Quality Scale

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

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Description

Intervention group: The researcher will start the work after stating the goals and method of the study and obtaining the consent of the people to participate in the study. Data collection tools include: 1. Demographic Information Questionnaire 2. Nolen Hoeksma's Mental Rumination Questionnaire 3. Cohen's Perceived Stress Scale 4. Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index Questionnaire For the intervention group, spiritual care sessions will be held twice a week for 45 to 60 minutes in 8 sessions by the researcher. Holding 8 sessions for 4 weeks and two sessions each week: First session: introduction and getting to know the participants and distribution of demographic information questionnaires, mental rumination, perceived stress and sleep quality. Getting the contact number and setting the next appointment, building trust to establish contact. The second session: talking and discussing about spiritual issues and how it affects life and coping with life's problems and concerns. The third session: talking about existential truth and meaning in life. , challenging irrational thoughts, talking about God and any higher power that the client believes in. The fourth session: Examining religious and spiritual teachings regarding stress and connection with the saints. The fifth session: Examining irrational thoughts about feelings of guilt and resentment and The lack of self-forgiveness and the role of the sound of the Qur'an in sound sleep. The sixth session: Faith and trust in God and its role in reducing stress. Summarizing the contents of the previous sessions, re-completing the rumination questionnaire and perceived stress and sleep quality, and the last 10 minutes of each session are spent reviewing the reports related to these tasks and answering the questions.

Category

Treatment - Other

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Description

Control group: The control group will be formed by the Whats App group for 4 weeks by the researcher and will

explain the problems that will occur in the aging process and will answer their medical questions and problems.

Category

Other

Recruitment centers

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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

Rafsanjan 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

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