

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of counseling with hope therapy approach on improving perceived stress and quality of life of women suffering from pregnancy nausea and vomiting

Protocol summary

Study aim

The effect of counseling with hope therapy approach on improving quality of life and perceived stress of women suffering from pregnancy nausea and vomiting

Design

The study is a phase 3 of parallel randomized clinical trial, with a control group which will be conducted on 68 patients (34 intervention and 34 control). Women suffering from pregnancy nausea and vomiting will be selected in the convenience sampling method and then will be allocated in two groups with the block random allocation method with a block size of 4. Random blocks will be selected from the table of random numbers.

There is no blinding.

Settings and conduct

The setting of study includes the all comprehensive health centers of Zanjan city and the research population includes all pregnant women suffering from pregnancy nausea and vomiting who referring to the mentioned centers. The women will be will be allocated in two groups with the block random allocation method with a block size of 4. There is no blinding.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: gestational age of 6 to 12 weeks, obtaining a score of 17-32 from the Rhodes Nausea and Vomiting Questionnaire and a score of 18-36 based on the Cohen Stress Questionnaire. Exclusion criteria: suffering from chronic diseases, suffering from gastrointestinal disease, depression, taking psychiatric drugs, narcotics and psychotropic drugs, experiencing traumatic and stressful events in the last 3 months, symptoms of miscarriage, presence of molar pregnancy , and ectopic

Intervention groups

The intervention group" Hope therapy counseling will be held in 8 sessions with intervals of twice a week and each session lasts 90 minutes in the comprehensive

health centers of Zanjan city. The control group: the usual prenatal care and adherence to diet will be ordered

Main outcome variables

Quality of life, perceived stress

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20150731023423N22**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2023-07-23, 1402/05/01

Expected recruitment end date

2024-01-31, 1402/11/11

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

The effect of counseling with hope therapy approach on improving perceived stress and quality of life of women suffering from pregnancy nausea and vomiting

Public title

The effect of counseling with hope therapy approach on improving perceived stress and quality of life of women suffering from nausea and vomiting of pregnancy

Purpose

Education/Guidance

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

Gestation age 6 to 12 weeks Low risk pregnancy Wanted pregnancy Obtaining a score of 17-32 based on the Rhodes Nausea and Vomiting Questionnaire Obtaining a score of 18-36 based on Cohen's Perceived Stress Questionnaire Singleton pregnancy based on ultrasound

Exclusion criteria:

Suffering from chronic diseases Suffering from depression (getting a score of 12 or more from the Edinburgh Questionnaire) Suffering from digestive diseases Taking psychiatric drugs Drug and psychedelic use Experiencing traumatic and stressful events in the last 3 months Symptoms of miscarriage Presence of molar or ectopic pregnancy Presence of ectopic pregnancy

AgeFrom **18 years** old to **35 years** old**Gender**

Female

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked*No information***Sample size**Target sample size: **68****Randomization (investigator's opinion)**

Randomized

Randomization description

Eligible women will be selected during routine prenatal care and then will be allocated into two intervention and control groups using the block random allocation method with a block size of 4; For this purpose, blocks of 4 will be selected using a table of random numbers in the size of 17 blocks so that the sample size reaches 68 people. Blocking will be done by a person not involved in sampling. Each of the generated random sequences will be recorded on a card and the cards will be placed in the envelopes in order. Finally, the lids of the envelopes will be glued and placed inside a box. At the start of the intervention to identify the order of the participants, one of the envelopes will be opened in order and the assigned group of that participant will be revealed.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description**Placebo**

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

Ethics committees**1****Ethics committee****Name of ethics committee**

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2023-06-27, 1402/04/06

Ethics committee reference number

IR.ZUMS.REC.1402.080

Health conditions studied**1****Description of health condition studied**

Quality of life in women with pregnancy nausea and vomiting

ICD-10 code**ICD-10 code description****2****Description of health condition studied**

Perceived Stress

ICD-10 code

F43.9

ICD-10 code description

Reaction to severe stress, unspecified

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

Quality of Life

Timepoint

Before the intervention, 8 weeks after the end of the

intervention

Method of measurement

The Pregnancy Nausea and Vomiting Quality of Life

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Description

Perceived Stress

Timepoint

Before the intervention, 8 weeks after the end of the intervention

Method of measurement

Cohen's Perceived Stress Questionnaire

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Hope for Life

Timepoint

Before intervention and 8 weeks after the completion of counseling sessions

Method of measurement

Hope for Life Scale

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Hope counselling will be conducted in a group format. It will consist of 8 sessions, held twice a week, with each session lasting 90 minutes at the Comprehensive Health Centers in Zanjan City. The content of the sessions will be designed based on the developed treatment plan by Snyder. In the hope therapy sessions, women will become familiar with concepts such as hope, understanding the growth of hope, and the necessity of hope in life. Individuals will be encouraged to express their life stories, current events, and important dimensions of life. They will prioritize life events based on their importance, set goals for each area of life, develop pathways and appropriate strategies to achieve the set goals and transform these pathways into small steps and motivating pathways. Ultimately, individuals are expected to practice positive thinking in their daily lives.

Category

Prevention

2

Description

Control group: The control group will be received the usual prenatal care and diet.

Category

Prevention

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

Name of recruitment center

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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

Zanjan 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

Person responsible for general inquiries

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Latest degree

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Justification/reason for indecision/not sharing IPD

The possibility of dissatisfaction of the participants

Study Protocol

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

No - There is not a plan to make this available