

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparative effects of Spencer Muscle Energy Technique and Bowen Therapy on Pain, Range of motion and Disability in Patients with Adhesive Capsulitis

Protocol summary

Study aim

To compare the effects of Spencer muscle energy techniques and Bowen therapy on pain, Range of motion and disability in patients with Adhesive capsulitis.

Design

Single blinded randomized clinical trial with parallel assignment of 32 participants to two groups equally.

Settings and conduct

The study will be conducted at Arif memorial teaching hospital. Outcome assessor will be kept blind in it.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion Criteria: Both male and female patients between age of 40 - 60 years. Patients with positive capsular pattern. Patients experiencing pain, stiffness, and limited range of motion in the affected shoulder. Patients who have not undergone shoulder surgery or received corticosteroid injections in the past three months. Exclusion Criteria: Patients with a history of shoulder fractures, dislocations, or other significant shoulder injuries. Patients with fracture in and around shoulder. Patients with any neurological disorder

Intervention groups

Group A: Spencer muscle energy technique Group B: Bowen Therapy

Main outcome variables

Pain measured by numeric pain rating scale ROM measured by universal goniometer Disability measured by shoulder pain and disability index Questionnaire

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2024-06-25, 1403/04/05

Expected recruitment end date

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Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

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Scientific title

Comparative effects of Spencer Muscle Energy Technique and Bowen Therapy on Pain, Range of motion and Disability in Patients with Adhesive Capsulitis

Public title

Comparative effects of Spencer Muscle Energy Technique and Bowen Therapy on Pain, Range of motion

and Disability in Patients with Adhesive Capsulitis

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

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Exclusion criteria:

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Age

From **40 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Outcome assessor

Sample size

Target sample size: **32**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Randomization will be done by random computer number generator. Assign unique identification numbers to participants, then use a reliable software tool to generate a list of random numbers. Match these numbers to participant IDs and allocate individuals to different study groups based on the sorted random numbers. Ensure that the randomization process is concealed and documented for transparency and integrity.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Single blinded

Blinding description

This will be a Single blinded study. It involves keeping the outcome assessor blind to the intervention received by the participants. This helps to minimize bias in assessing the study outcomes. To achieve single blinding, the outcome assessor is not informed about the treatment allocation of the participants and remains unaware of which group received the intervention being studied.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2023-12-28, 1402/10/07

Ethics committee reference number

IRB/2023/138

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Adhesive Capsulitis

ICD-10 code

M75.0

ICD-10 code description

Adhesive capsulitis of shoulder

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Pain

Timepoint

Before intervention and 4 weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

Numeric pain rating scale

2

Description

Range of motion

Timepoint

Before intervention and 4 weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

Universal Goniometer

3

Description

Disability

Timepoint

Before intervention and 4 weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

Shoulder pain and disability index questionnaire

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group A: Spencer muscle energy technique:
Patients of group A received Spencer muscle energy technique 3 times a week for 4 weeks.

Category

Rehabilitation

2

Description

Intervention group B: Participants of group B received
Bowen therapy 3 times a week for 4 weeks

Category

Rehabilitation

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

Rashid Latif Medical College

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

Private

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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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

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