

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of core stability training on pain and function of patients with patellofemoral pain syndrome

Protocol summary

Summary

Objective: Comparison effect of routine treatment and core stability exercises on pain and function in Patellofemoral pain syndrome. Design: Randomized single blind. 60 people between 16-40 years according to diagnostic and including criteria are involved to study after filling Visual Analog Scale questionnaire (for pain) and Kujala questionnaire (for function). Setting: Patients are dividing in 2 group randomly, first group received routine treatment and second group received routine treatment and core stability exercises. Both group after 3 month exercise therapy, again will refill questionnaire. Major inclusion criteria: Pain during at least 3 of following: During/after activity; Stair ascent or descent; Squatting; Sitting for prolog time. Exclusion criteria: Knee infection; Trauma to knee; Pregnancy; Hip or lumbar referral pain; Patellar subluxation/dislocation

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Recruitment complete

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Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

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General information

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The effect of core stability training on pain and function of patients with patellofemoral pain syndrome

Public title

The effect of core stability training on anterior knee pain

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: 16-40 years old; Insidious onset of pain at least 4 weeks ago; Pain during at least 3 of following: During/after activity; Stair ascent or descent; Squatting; Sitting for prolog time. Exclusion criteria: History of Rheumatologic disease; Knee surgery; Meniscal or Ligament injury; Knee infection; Trauma to knee; Pregnancy; Hip or lumbar referral pain; Patellar subluxation/dislocation; Prolonged corton or NSAID use.

Age

From **16 years** old to **40 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

2-3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: 60

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Single blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Balanced block randomized with random block sizes (4,6 and8)

Secondary Ids

1

Registry name

-

Secondary trial Id

-

Registration date

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Ethics committees

1

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2014-01-21, 1392/11/01

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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Patellofemoral pain syndrom

ICD-10 code

M22.2

ICD-10 code description

Patellofemoral disorders

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Pain

Timepoint

Before and at the end of 3 month exercise therapy

Method of measurement

VAS questionnaire

2

Description

Function

Timepoint

Before and at the end of 3 month exercise therapy

Method of measurement

Kujala questionnaire

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

-

Timepoint

-

Method of measurement

-

Intervention groups

1

Description

Control group: Exercise therapy for quadriceps strengthening , one Closed Kinetic Chain exercise and one Open Kinetic Chain (3 set 15 repitition) and stretching for quadriceps , Iliotibialband , hamstring (3 set ,10 repitition)

Category

Treatment - Other

2

Description

Intervention group: Core stability exercises therapy for example: Draw in; Clamsell exercise; Prone plank; Side plank; Side lying single leg raise....(3 set,15 reps)

Category

Other

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

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