Clinical Trial Protocol
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The effect of Benson’ relaxation technique on the death anxiety and hope in women with breast cancer

Protocol summary

Study aim

To determine the effect of Benson's relaxation technique on the Death Anxiety and hope in women with breast cancer

Design

Firstly, a convenience sample of 100 women with breast cancer will be selected.from Velayat Hospital. Then the subject were assigned to the control and intervention groups (each group Contains 50) .The researcher will train the relaxation techniques. Subjects will be asked to perform the relaxation for 15 to 20 minutes 2 to 3 times a day . A self-report questionnaire has been developed and provided for the subjects to record their daily performance.

Settings and conduct

The researcher will train the relaxation techniques. Subjects will be asked to perform the relaxation for 15 to 20 minutes 2 to 3 times a day . A self-report questionnaire has been developed and provided for the subjects to record their daily performance.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion Criteria: Breast Cancer,Ability to communicate in Persian,History of taking anti-anxiety medications,History of participation in training courses (before and during the research)؛Exclusion Criteria: Unwillingness to continue and lack of cooperation at any time of study,History of neurologic and musculoskeletal disorders, auditory problems, and drug abuse

Intervention groups

Intervention group: In this study, Benson's relaxation technique was used. The researcher will train the relaxation technique individually in velayat Hospital. The subjects will be asked to do the relaxation for 15 to 20 minutes 2 to 3 times per day. During the period of cancer treatment they will do Benson’s relaxation technique for 20 minutes twice a day at 9 am and 5 pm, in a 3-month period and follow up monthly. As individual characteristics affect learning of relaxation technique, and some subjects might : forget the technique, a self-report questionnaire has been developed and provided to the subjects to record their daily performance. Also, contact details will be provided to the subjects in order to contact the researcher in case of any problem or question. Control group: No relaxation technique is taught to the control group.

Main outcome variables

Death Anxiety and hope

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20170610034435N8**
Registration date: **2018-03-30, 1397/01/10**
Registration timing: **retrospective**

Last update: **2018-03-30, 1397/01/10**
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Registration date

2018-03-30, 1397/01/10

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Personal

Expected recruitment start date
2017-05-22, 1396/03/01
Expected recruitment end date
2017-09-22, 1396/06/31
Actual recruitment start date
2017-05-22, 1396/03/01
Actual recruitment end date
2017-10-22, 1396/07/30
Trial completion date
empty

Scientific title
The effect of Benson’ relaxation technique on the death anxiety and hope in women with breast cancer

Public title
"Effect of relaxation on Death Anxiety and Hope"
Purpose
Education/Guidance
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
Breast Cancer Ability to communicate in Persian History of taking anti-anxiety medications History of participation in training courses (before and during the research)
Exclusion criteria:
History of neurologic and musculoskeletal disorders, auditory problems, and drug abuse "Unwillingness to continue and lack of cooperation at any time of study"
Age
No age limit
Gender
Female

Phase
3
Groups that have been masked
No information
Sample size
Target sample size: **100**
Actual sample size reached: **91**
Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized
Randomization description
This clinical trial followed by a pretest-posttest design with a control group. Initially, 100 patients referred to Velayat Education and Treatment Center in Qazvin were selected based on inclusion criteria using a convenience sampling method and, then, were assigned into two groups, i.e. a control group and an experimental group, using a foursome block random allocation method. Therefore, by 25 choices of the 6 available foursome blocks, the sample size of 100 was reached. Finally, 50 people in the control group and 50 people in the experimental group can be reached in this way.
Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Not blinded
Blinding description
Placebo
Not used
Assignment
Parallel
Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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2017-04-08, 1396/01/19
Ethics committee reference number
IR.QUMS.REC.1396.25

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied
Breast cancer
ICD-10 code
C50
ICD-10 code description
Malignant neoplasm of breast

Primary outcomes

1

Description
death anxiety
Timepoint
Before the intervention and three months after the intervention
Method of measurement
Templar death anxiety inventory

Secondary outcomes

1

Description
Hope
Timepoint
Before the intervention and three months after the intervention
Method of measurement
Herth hope questionnaire

2

Description
death anxiety
Timepoint
Before the intervention and three months after the intervention
Method of measurement
Templer death anxiety questionnaire

Intervention groups

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Description
Intervention group:In this study, Benson's relaxation technique was used. The researcher will train the relaxation technique individually in one or two sessions in a private room of velayat Hospital. The training will be repeated if needed. Then, the subjects will be asked to demonstrate this technique to the researcher in order to resolve any problem. The subjects will be asked to do the relaxation for 15 to 20 minutes 2 to 3 times per day. During the period of cancer treatment they will do Benson’s relaxation technique for 20 minutes twice a day at 9 am and 5 pm, in a 3-month period and follow up monthly. As individual characteristics affect learning of relaxation technique, and some subjects might : forget the technique, a self-report questionnaire has been developed and provided to the subjects to record their daily performance. Also, contact details will be provided to the subjects in order to contact the researcher in case of any problem or question.
Category
Behavior

2

Description
Control group: No relaxation technique is taught to the control group.
Category
Behavior

Recruitment centers

1

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Grant name
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Grant code / Reference number
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Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
Yes
Title of funding source
Qazvin 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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Grant name
- NO

Grant code / Reference number
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Proportion provided by this source
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Public or private sector
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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)
No - There is not a plan to make this available

Justification/reason for indecision/not sharing IPD
Low time

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