Does massage during a long operation reduce pain in the recovery period?

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered
16/06/2008	No longer recruiting	☐ Protocol
Registration date 18/07/2008	Overall study status Completed	Statistical analysis plan
		Results
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data
22/12/2020	Signs and Symptoms	Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number

RPC178

Study information

Scientific Title

The effect of Intra-operative Passive Movement on Non-Surgical Site Pain after breast reconstructive surgery

Acronym

IPM for NSSP

Study objectives

There is no statistically significant reduction in the pain experienced by patients undergoing breast reconstructive surgery who receive intra-operative passive movement (IPM) therapy.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Brighton West Research Ethics Committee, 24/01/2008, ref: 07/H111/93

Study design

Prospective double-blinded randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Non-surgical site pain

Interventions

Intra-operative passive movements (IPM):

The treatment protocol was devised by the hospital's senior physiotherapists using techniques described by Maitland. The movements have been standardised (each movement is to be performed twice) and will take five minutes. The treatment will be administered once during a natural break in surgery and again at the end of surgery before the patients are taken through to the recovery ward. IPM will not interfere with the surgeon and will be well away from where the surgeon is working. Sterility of the surgical field will be ensured at all times. Trained anaesthetic assistants who are responsible for patient positioning along with the anaesthetists and surgeons will carry out the treatment. The anaesthetic assistants will be trained by a named researcher, using a DVD designed specially for this IPM therapy.

Control:

Control treatment is passive movements of both upper limbs and lower limbs, and is carried out in sequence over a period of 5 minutes.

The first treatment is during a natural break (mid-surgery), and the second is after completion of surgery. The total duration of the treatment is 10 minutes, and follow up will be 24 hours.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

The mean Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) pain score at 1 hour post-operatively.

Key secondary outcome(s))

The mean cumulative morphine consumption in 24 hours post-operatively.

Completion date

01/11/2009

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Women over the age of 18 years undergoing delayed deep inferior epigastric perforators (DIEP) and trans-rectus abdominis muscle (TRAM) breast reconstructive surgery.

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

Female

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Patients who are unable to give full consent or do not wish to take part in the trial
- 2. Chronic pain patients requiring medication for their condition
- 3. Patients with allergies or contra-indications to the analgesics or anaesthetic drugs stated in the protocol

Date of first enrolment

01/05/2008

Date of final enrolment

01/11/2009

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre Queen Victoria Hospital

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (UK)

ROR

https://ror.org/03bs2yy11

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type Details Date created Date added Peer reviewed? Patient-facing?

Participant information sheet

Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 11/11/2025 No

Yes