Effect of narrative nursing combined with cognitive behavioral rehabilitation on cognitive function and anxiety in patients with Alzheimer's disease

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		Results
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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that significantly impacts cognitive function and quality of life. AD patients experience anxiety, which can exacerbate cognitive decline through stress-related mechanisms. This study aims to investigate the effect of narrative nursing combined with cognitive behavioral rehabilitation on cognitive function and anxiety in patients with AD.

Who can participate?

Patients with AD who meet the diagnostic criteria of AD in the 2018 Chinese guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of dementia and cognitive impairment (II) attending the participating centre.

What does the study involve?

Narrative nursing combined with cognitive behavioral rehabilitation on cognitive function and anxiety in patients with AD. Cognitive behavioral rehabilitation includes: memory training, language communication skills training, computing ability training, and daily life ability training. The implementation of cognitive training is generally recommended to be 5-6 times a week, each time for 1 hour, lasting for 6 months, emphasizing the patient as the main body, and the time and intensity follow the principle of individualization. Cognitive behavioral rehabilitation training is designed and implemented by occupational therapists in hospitals.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

Narrative nursing combined with cognitive behavioral rehabilitation may effectively increase cognitive function, reduce anxiety, and improve the ADL and QOL of patients with AD.

There are no possible risks in this study.

Where is the study run from?
Tianjin Medical University General Hospital, China

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for? January 2020 to December 2022

Who is funding the study? Investigator initiated and funded

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Type(s)

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ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT)

Nil known

Protocol serial number

Nil known

Study information

Scientific Title

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Study objectives

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Ethics approval required

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Ethics approval(s)

approved 25/04/2024, Ethics Committee of Tianjin Medical University General Hospital (No. 154, Anshan Road, Heping District, Tianjin, 300052, China; +86 022-60361044; zyyjgb_ll3@163.com), ref: IRB2024-YX-150-01

Study design

Single-center randomized controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Nursing care for patients with Alzheimer's disease

Interventions

Patients with AD were selected using a random sampling method and divided equally into the observation group and the control group using a random number table. Patients in the control group received conventional nursing care. Patients in the observation group received narrative nursing combined with cognitive behavioral rehabilitation in addition to conventional nursing care.

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Intervention Type

Behavioural

Primary outcome(s)

The following primary outcome measures are assessed at baseline and 6 months:

- 1. Cognitive functions measured using Chinese versions of the MMSE and Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA)
- 2. Anxiety measured using the Generalised Anxiety Disorder-7 (GAD-7) scale
- 3. Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and quality of life (QoL) measured using the Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study (ADCS)-ADL and Quality of Life in Alzheimer's Disease (QoL-AD) scales

Key secondary outcome(s))

There are no secondary outcome measures

Completion date

31/12/2022

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Meets the diagnostic criteria of AD in the 2018 Chinese guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of dementia and cognitive impairment (II): Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease
- 2. Basic language ability for simple communication
- 3. Meets the requirements of medical ethics in our hospital, and their family members signed the informed consent form

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Mixed

Sex

All

Total final enrolment

172

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Severe psychiatric disorders that would prevent participation in cognitive behavioral therapy
- 2. Acute or unstable cardiovascular conditions requiring intensive medical management
- 3. Severe cognitive impairment (Mini-Mental State Examination [MMSE] score ≤10) that would preclude meaningful participation in the intervention

Date of first enrolment

10/01/2020

Date of final enrolment

08/11/2020

Locations

Countries of recruitment

China

Study participating centre

Tianjin Medical University General Hospital

Tianjin China 300052

Sponsor information

Organisation

Tianjin Medical University General Hospital

ROR

https://ror.org/003sav965

Funder(s)

Funder type

Other

Funder Name

Investigator initiated and funded

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study will be available upon request from Dai Li, lidai_2024@126.com.

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

Study outputs

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

Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 No Yes