

Acupuncture for shortness of breath in cancer patients

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Plain English summary of protocol
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N/A

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

The purpose of this study is to determine whether acupuncture is effective in relieving shortness of breath among breast and lung cancer patients

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

The study was approved by the institutional review board at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in accordance with an assurance filed with and approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Study design

Randomised placebo controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Shortness of breath in cancer patients

Interventions

Acupuncture versus placebo.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

Subjective sensation of breathlessness.

Key secondary outcome(s)

Change in medication use.

Completion date

30/11/2003

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Diagnosis of local or metastatic breast or lung cancer
2. Shortness of breath with onset after cancer diagnosis
3. Life expectancy of at least 4 weeks

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Key exclusion criteria

1. Prior acupuncture
2. Other conditions suspected of causing shortness of breath, such as congestive heart failure, sarcoid disease, pneumonia, or obesity
3. No chest wall deformity
4. Neuromuscular disorders
5. Pulmonary vascular disease
6. Anaemia
7. Uncontrolled pain or infection
8. Heart valve dysfunction

Date of first enrolment

01/11/2001

Date of final enrolment

30/11/2003

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United States of America

Study participating centre

1275 York Avenue

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Sponsor information

Organisation

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) (USA)

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Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) (USA)

Alternative Name(s)

NCCAM

Funding Body Type

Government organisation

Funding Body Subtype

National government

Location

United States of America

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? |
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| Results article | Results | 18/08/2005 | | Yes | No |