

Healing the Sole: A research project to investigate the effectiveness and benefits of individual homoeopathic treatment and chiropody 'debridement' for adults with chronic verrucas

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		☐ Results
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Plain English summary of protocol
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RDC01630

Study information

Scientific Title

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Study objectives

The objective of this research project is to investigate whether 'individual' homeopathic treatment is effective (by effective we mean has the verruca been cured or reduced in size) and beneficial (by beneficial we mean do the people in the study 'feel better in themselves'), compared to using 'Debridement' (the removal of the superficial callous that forms on the surface of the verruca) to individual adult patients with chronic verrucae, within a busy inner-city, multi-cultural foot-health (chiropody) clinic. The study will further investigate the clinical significant findings from the previous nine months of the study, based at St Leonards (funded by the Blackie Foundation). Was the 75% overall improvement in patient's verrucae achieved in the pilot study, attributed to homeopathic remedies or the therapeutic effect of the consultation? Was this improvement due to a combination of 'self-selection' and the 'natural history' of the condition. To find answers to these questions is the reason why this larger randomised trial using the two 'Debridement' active and placebo groups is proposed. This study will aim to provide the NHS and other foot health departments with more data on the treatments of verrucae. Utilising the outcomes from the study, it is hoped that foot health departments may be able to offer a pain free, holistic and more cost effective treatment for verrucae.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Skin and connective tissue diseases: Viral warts

Interventions

Debridement vs homeopathic treatment

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

1. The cure or decrease in size of the verrucae (via photographs from a special grid film camera)
2. The quality of life of the patient - do the patients feel better in themselves? (via SF36 life-style questionnaire)

Key secondary outcome(s))

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

01/01/2003

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

Not provided at time of registration

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Key exclusion criteria

Not provided at time of registration

Date of first enrolment

01/09/1999

Date of final enrolment

01/01/2003

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

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Sponsor information

Organisation

NHS R&D Regional Programme Register - Department of Health (UK)

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

NHS Executive London (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration