Ambulant feedback and monitoring program to influence the daily activity pattern of patients with chronic low back pain

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitingHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

Summary

ID

NL-OMON31222

Source

ToetsingOnline

Brief title

Ambulant feedback program for influencing daily activities

Condition

Other condition

Synonym

chronic low back pain

Health condition

ziekten van het bewegingsapparaat en het bindweefsel

Research involving

Human

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Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Revalidatiecentrum Het Roessingh **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Senter

Intervention

Keyword: daily activity pattern, feedback, individualized, low back pain

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

The main study parameter is physical activity pattern in daily life, expressed as mean absolute acceleration by means of a triaxial accelerometer.

Secondary outcome

Physical fitness

Self- perceived activity level

Coping strategies

Disability level

Pain-intensity

Depression level

Study description

Background summary

Pain in the musculoskeletal system is an important public health problem due to high impact on disability, sickness absence, work disability and health care costs. Physical activity level is assumed to be an important determinant pain. Theoretical models together postulate that psychological aspects are important and that dependent on the cognitions of the patient, different behavior towards daily activities exist. Therefore it is important to make these patients aware of their inconsistent activity pattern by developing individually optimized treatment programs.

Study objective

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Study design

A repeated measures design will be used to investigate the research questions. After the baseline measurement (pretest; T0), the four weeks of intervention (T1) will take place. After these weeks of intervention a second measurement period (post-test; T2) will be performed. After a month there will be a follow-up period (T3) were only questionnaires are taken.

Intervention

Participants receive the accelerometer and PDA for a five-week period. On the PDA visible feedback is shown and during the intervention also individually tailored feedback is added. One group receives feedback every hour (group 1) and one group receives feedback 3 times a day (group 2). During this intervention both groups receive pop-ups of the VAS-scale three times a day to define how their pain intensity is at that moment.

Study burden and risks

Patients can get an insight in their own activity pattern. They can become aware of their behavior and adjust this to their situation if necessary. Through regular feedback they learn how their complaints are related to his behavior in certain situations. This way, participants can keep their activity level balanced and this can influence their health.

As far as known, the participants are not exposed to any risks. The condition test is adjusted individually to each participant and controlled by heart rate. The functional test is assessed at normal, comfortable walking speed. During the intervention, daily activity is monitored with no hindrance of the ambulant activity device and the feedback is individual-tailored. The feedback tips are checked by specialists for harmfulness. The patient can ignore the feedback tips if he doesn*t feel able to follow the tips.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

- age between 18 and 65 years
- primary complaint non-specific chronic low back pain
- no structural pathology

Exclusion criteria

- wheelchair-bound patients
- specific causes of chronic pain
- surgery in the last 6 months
- terminal or progressive disease
- insufficient knowledge of Dutch language
- medication influencing daily activities (fatigue, dizzyness)
- first generation non-western patients

Study design

Design

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Single blinded (masking used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Other

Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 01-06-2007

Enrollment: 42

Type: Actual

Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 23-04-2007

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Twente (Enschede)

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

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In other registers

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