

Assessed for eligibility (n=113)

Enrolment

Excluded (n=10)
Not meeting inclusion criteria – only mild pain at baseline (n=9)
Other Reasons – did not attend (n=1)

Randomised n=103

Allocation

Allocated to intervention (massage) (n= 52)
Received allocated intervention (n= 50)
Did not receive allocated intervention (n=2*)
*1 withdrew at baseline, 1 received morphine.

Allocated to control (n= 51)
Received control (n= 51)
Did not receive control (n= 0)

Follow-Up

Lost to follow-up:
Immediately after treatment (n=0)
By 1 hour after treatment (n=0)
By 2 hours after treatment (n=14)
By 3 hours after treatment (n=23)
By 4 hours after treatment (n=32)
Reason – additional painkillers requested

Lost to follow-up:
Immediately after treatment (n=0)
By 1 hour after treatment (n=1)
By 2 hours after treatment (n=39)
By 3 hours after treatment (n=46)
By 4 hours after treatment (n=47)
Reason – additional painkillers requested

Analysis

Analysed:
Baseline (n=50)
Immediately after treatment (n=50)
1 hour after treatment (n=50)
2 hours after treatment (n=36)
3 hours after treatment (n=27)
4 hours after treatment (n=18)
Reason – additional painkillers requested

Analysed:
Baseline (n=51)
Immediately after treatment (n=51)
1 hour after treatment (n=50)
2 hours after treatment (n=12)
3 hours after treatment (n=5)
4 hours after treatment (n=4)
Reason – additional painkillers requested