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### Study Identification

Unique Protocol ID: 19944

Brief Title: Efficacy of Ear Acupuncture in Preventing Chemotherapy Induced Nausea and Vomiting in Cancer Patients

Official Title: Efficacy of Ear Acupuncture in Preventing Chemotherapy Induced Nausea and Vomiting in Cancer Patients

Secondary IDs:

### Study Status

Record Verification: December 2023

Overall Status: Recruiting

Study Start: October 16, 2023 [Actual]

Primary Completion: January 31, 2024 [Anticipated]

Study Completion: February 28, 2024 [Anticipated]

### Sponsor/Collaborators

Sponsor: Indonesia University

Responsible Party: Principal Investigator

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Collaborators: Mashhad University of Medical Sciences

### Oversight

U.S. FDA-regulated Drug: No

U.S. FDA-regulated Device: No

U.S. FDA IND/IDE: No

Human Subjects Review: Board Status: Approved

Approval Number: KET-785/UN2F1/ETIK/PPM0002/2023

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Data Monitoring: Yes

FDA Regulated Intervention: No

## Study Description

**Brief Summary:** Chemotherapy is a cancer therapy performed on advanced cancer with quite good success, but this therapy has quite a lot of side effects. Chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting or commonly known as CINV, is a condition of nausea and vomiting experienced by cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, with a prevalence of around 80% of all patients undergoing chemotherapy, and 40% has the potential to become severe. This study aims to determine the efficacy of a new acupuncture modality, namely the press needle, in preventing CINV symptoms in pediatric patients with cancer undergoing chemotherapy.

The study was conducted using a randomized controlled clinical trial (RCT) design in 64 pediatric cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy who were randomized into 2 groups, namely: (1) standard medical therapy as the control group; and (2) a combination of standard therapy with press needle acupuncture as the treatment group. The ear acupuncture points used are Shenmen and Stomach, and one body acupuncture point is PC6. Outcome measurements were carried out in the form of the RINVR questionnaire to assess the intensity of nausea and vomiting measured at 4 times: (1) 3 days before chemotherapy; (2) days of chemotherapy; (3) 12 hours after chemotherapy; (4) 3 days after chemotherapy.

Detailed Description:

## Conditions

**Conditions:** Pediatric Cancer  
Chemotherapy-induced Nausea and Vomiting  
Chemotherapy Effect

**Keywords:** acupuncture  
ear acupuncture  
CINV  
cancer  
press needle

## Study Design

**Study Type:** Interventional

**Primary Purpose:** Prevention

**Study Phase:** N/A

**Interventional Study Model:** Parallel Assignment

**Number of Arms:** 2

**Masking:** Single (Participant)

**Allocation:** Randomized

**Enrollment:** 64 [Anticipated]

## Arms and Interventions

Arms	Assigned Interventions
Placebo Comparator: Placebo The control group was given a placebo press needle acupuncture (using plaster) with standard medical therapy for CINV prevention.	Device: Plesterin The plaster used is a round plaster that resembles the shape of an acupuncture press needle.
Experimental: Acupuncture The intervention group was given press needle acupuncture with standard medical therapy for CINV prevention.	Device: Press needle acupuncture Press needle acupuncture is a modality of acupuncture using tiny and very thin needles.

## Outcome Measures

Primary Outcome Measure:

1. Rhodes Index of Nausea, Vomiting, and Retching (RINVR) questionnaire  
Method instrument for assessing nausea and vomiting consisting of eight statements

[Time Frame: 9 days]

## Eligibility

Minimum Age: 6 Years

Maximum Age: 18 Years

Sex: All

Gender Based:

Accepts Healthy Volunteers: No

Criteria: Inclusion Criteria:

- Pediatric patients with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy.
- Age 6 – 18 years.
- Patients with platelet counts > 20,000/ $\mu$ L and neutrophil values > 1,000/ $\mu$ L.
- Willing to follow the research.

Exclusion Criteria:

- Patients with local infection in the puncture area.
- Patients with anatomic abnormalities in the auricle.
- Did not complete the acupuncture therapy until it was finished (three days after chemotherapy).

## Contacts/Locations

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Plan to Share IPD: Undecided

## References

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