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Non-pharmacological treatments alternative to midazolam to reduce preoperative anxiety in children: a network meta-analysis protocol

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Review question

What effect do non-pharmacological treatments have on the reduction of preoperative anxiety in children compared to Midazolam?

Searches

PubMed, PsycINFO, The Cochrane Library (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials(CENTRAL), Web of Science (WoS, Science and Social Science Citation Index), Clinical trials register (clinicaltrials.gov), Current Controlled Trials (www.controlled-trials.com), International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP, http://www.who.int/ictrp/en/), metaRegister of controlled trials (http://www.isrctn.com/) and Google Scholar will be searched. Furthermore, we will hand search references of the included studies. There will be no language restrictions and each database was searched from January 1986 to December 2017.

Types of study to be included

Randomized controlled studies.

Condition or domain being studied

Preoperative anxiety in children undergoing surgery.

Participants/population

Inclusion: Children and adolescents under the ages of 18 received surgeries under general anesthesia. Exclusion: Adults (over the ages of 18).

Intervention(s), exposure(s) Midazolam.

Comparator(s)/control Non-pharmacological treatments.

Primary outcome(s)

Midazolam and preoperative anxiety in children.

Secondary outcome(s)

Type of non-pharmacological treatments used and preoperative anxiety in children.

Data extraction (selection and coding)

The screening process will be completed by two independent reviewers based on the study inclusion criteria mentioned above. The titles and abstracts of each study will be initially screened. Duplicated and non-relevant studies will be eliminated. Potentially relevant studies will be further examined in full text to determine for inclusion eligibility. The two reviewers will meet to discuss the inclusion of studies at each

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stage. In the case of disagreements, a third author will aid in resolution.

Risk of bias (quality) assessment

Cochrane's tool for assessing risk of bias will be used.

Strategy for data synthesis

If more than one study is obtained, and after ruling out heterogeneity, a networking meta-analysis will be attempted. Transitivity and consistency will be assessed. A narrative synthesis will be performed for this review and network meta-analysis, and if appropriate, will be conducted for quantitative findings. The findings of the included studies will also summarized.

Analysis of subgroups or subsets

Two groups. Room:

-Non-pharmacological treatments: Preoperative room, induction room, entrance operating room. -Non-pharmacological treatments: application mask.

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