



Healing Touch during Chemotherapy Infusions for Women with Breast Cancer

Status: open/recruiting

Investigator(s):

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Description:

- To study the effect of Healing Touch provided during chemotherapy infusions on the experience of women undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Healing Touch (HT) is a gentle, non-invasive form of energy-balancing work that promotes relaxation and can help manage the side effects of chemotherapy.

Conditions studied:

- Breast Cancer

Key inclusion criteria:

- Stage I or II breast cancer
- Post-operative
- On treatment protocol of 8 weeks of AC given every other week followed by 8 weeks of paclitaxel given every other week
- Speak and read English

Key exclusion criteria:

- Previous chemotherapy exposure
- Concomitant energy work interventions (HT; Reiki; Qigong; Acupuncture)

Lead sponsor: Stanford University

Intervention:

- Healing Touch (procedure)

Phase: n/a

Total number to be enrolled: 45

Total number to be enrolled at Stanford: 45

Ages eligible for study: 18 years to 70 years

Genders eligible for study: female

Healthy volunteers? People with the conditions listed in this trial cannot participate as controls.

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Trial number: BRSADJ0007

Secondary ID(s):

- 7696
- BRSADJ0007
- NCT00533663

Study type: interventional

Purpose: treatment

Allocation: randomized

Masking: open label

Control: active control

Assignment: factorial assignment

Endpoints: efficacy study

Primary outcomes: FACT-B summary score

Secondary outcomes: Domain scores for FACT-B; BSI-18; FACIT-fatigue; nausea measured on a Likert scale

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