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A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE INFLUENCE OF KINESIO TAPING® AND LASER THERAPY ON KNEE JOINT POSITION SENSE, PAIN INTENSITY, AND FUNCTION IN INDIVIDUALS WITH KNEE OSTEOARTHRITIS

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Introduction: Conservative rehabilitation methods are assumed as a fundamental part of treatment in patients with knee osteoarthritis (OA). The objective was to investigate the influence of kinesio taping[®] (KT[®]) and low level laser therapy (LT) on pain intensity, function, and knee joint position sense (JPS) in such patients.

Results: Both methods can significantly improve pain intensity, reduce the time to perform 'Up and Go test', and reduce the angle reproduction error of 60° knee flexion (P<0.001). Mean difference for target angle reproduction error was more significant in KT group compared to LT group (P<0.001); while no significant mean difference was found for other measurements (P>0.05).

Conclusion: KT[®] and low level laser can improve pain, knee JPS, and function in clients with knee OA; however there is better effect of KT[®] on knee JPS.

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