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# Non-pharmacologic Management of Pain in the ICU





Massage therapy

Cold therapy

Nonpharmacological Management

Music and sound

Relaxation therapy





## Massage Therapy

20 minutes of light-pressure massage at least twice in 24 hours.

Massage on back, feet, and hand massages

numeric scores by up to 2 points. A holistic approach includes managing other sensory stimuli

Family involvement





#### **Cold Therapy**

Application of ice packs wrapped in gauze to the procedural areas before the procedure.

10-20 minutes before the procedure, aiming to lower the skin temperature to 15° C.

A randomized study in patients undergoing chest tube removal: 1 point reduction on a 0-10 pain scale, but this effect tended to diminish after 15 minutes.





#### **Music Therapy**



Moderate reductions in pain scores among ICU patients.



No physical risks



Duration of least 20-30 minutes



Taking the patient's preferences into consideration.



Self-reported pain scores decreased by as much as 2.6 points in a randomized study.



Family Involvement





### **Relaxation Therapy**



Guided imagery & breathing exercises



2.6 reduction in visual scale pain scores



Only studies with small sample sizes and limited study designs.





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## Thank You