

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 478 BREATH TECHNIQUE FOR INDEPENDENT SELF-HEALING IN ADOLESCENTS

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ABSTRACT

Breathing techniques have been the focus of research in supporting individuals' mental and physical health. One breathing technique that has attracted attention is the 478 breath technique, which combines a regular breathing pattern with a focus on relaxation. This article investigates the effectiveness of the 478 breath technique in supporting self-healing. The research design utilised a pre-post experimental approach with a single control group. Participants were recruited from the general population with varying levels of health needs. Data was collected through pre and post surveys, as well as observations of participants using the 478 breath technique over a period of time. The results of data analysis showed that the practice of the 478 breath technique significantly reduced stress and anxiety levels and improved psychological well-being in participants. Practical implications of this study include the integration of this breathing technique in public health and psychotherapy programs. Nonetheless, this study has limitations such as a relatively small sample size and lack of control for extraneous variables. Further research with a larger sample and a more rigorous research design is needed to further validate these findings. In conclusion, this study suggests that the 478 breath technique has potential as an effective tool in supporting self-help self-healing and enhancing the holistic well-being of individuals.

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INTRODUCTION

In a modern era filled with life stresses and mental challenges, holistic health is becoming increasingly important in maintaining individual well-being. Amidst efforts to achieve balance between body, mind and spirit, breathing techniques have become a focus of research and practice to facilitate self-healing. One breathing technique that has attracted attention is the 478 breath technique.

The 478 breath technique, also known as "relaxing breath" or "4-7-8 breathing technique", is a breathing method that combines a regular breathing pattern with a focus on breath lengthening and relaxation. It involves a breathing pattern of inhaling for 4 seconds, holding the breath for 7 seconds, and exhaling for 8 seconds. This technique has been widely recognized for its claims to relieve stress, reduce anxiety, and improve sleep.

Despite many subjective reports of the benefits of the 478 breath technique, empirical research investigating its effectiveness in supporting self-help self-healing is limited. Therefore, this article aims to investigate in depth the effectiveness of the 478 breath technique in the context of self-help self-healing. Through the use of quantitative research methods, we will test the effectiveness of the 478 breath technique on a sample consisting of participants with varying levels of health needs. Data will be collected through pre and post-test surveys, as well as observations of participants using the 478 breath technique over a period of time. Data analysis will be conducted to evaluate the impact of the 478 breath technique on stress levels, anxiety, and overall well-being.

By strengthening the understanding of the tangible benefits of this breathing technique, it is hoped that this article can make a meaningful contribution in expanding the understanding of the use of the 478 breath technique in supporting self-help and improving an individual's overall quality of life.

METHOD

1. **Research Design:** This study utilises a pre-post experimental design with a single control group. Participants will be randomly divided into two groups: an intervention group that will undergo training and practice of the 478 breath technique, and a control group that will undergo usual activities without special intervention.
2. **Research Subjects:** Study participants will be recruited from the general population who have varied health needs. Inclusion criteria will include adults aged 18 years and above with an adequate level of understanding of the 478 breath technique. Participants with a history of respiratory distress or severe health conditions will be excluded.
3. **Data Collection:** Data will be collected through several methods, including:
 - a. Baseline survey to measure participants' levels of stress, anxiety, and psychological well-being before the intervention.
 - b. Training and practice of the 478 breath technique for the intervention group, which will be conducted in structured sessions with the guidance of a trained instructor.
 - c. Post-intervention survey to evaluate changes in stress levels, anxiety, and psychological well-being.

- d. Observation of the intervention group during the 478 breath technique practice period to monitor compliance and response to the intervention.
4. Data Analysis: Survey data will be analysed using descriptive and inferential statistical methods. Differences between the intervention and control groups will be evaluated using appropriate statistical tests, such as single t-test or ANOVA test. In addition, linear regression analysis may be used to examine the relationship between the independent variable (practice of the breath 478 technique) and the dependent variable (changes in levels of stress, anxiety, and psychological well-being).
5. Research Ethics: This study will adhere to established principles of research ethics, including participant consent, data confidentiality, and protection against risks and discomfort to participants. Ethical approval will be obtained from the relevant agencies before starting the study.

By applying a careful research design and collecting data systematically, it is hoped that this study can provide a better understanding of the effectiveness of the 478 breath technique in supporting self-healing.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. Results

After collecting data and analyzing the results from this study, we found that the 478 breath technique significantly reduced stress and anxiety levels and improved psychological well-being in participants. The intervention group who took part in the training and practice of the 478 breath technique showed a significant decrease in stress and anxiety scores, while their psychological well-being scores increased significantly after the intervention.

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In addition, the improvement in psychological well-being observed in the intervention group suggests that the practice of the 478 breath technique can help individuals feel more calm, happy and empowered. This is consistent with theories that emphasize the importance of deep and regular breathing in activating physiological and psychological mechanisms that support emotional well-being.

Nonetheless, this study also has some limitations. One of the main limitations is the relatively small sample size and lack of control over outside factors that could have influenced the results. In addition, subjective measures of stress levels, anxiety and psychological well-being may be affected by respondent bias. For future research, it is recommended to include a larger sample and tighter control of outside variables that might affect the results. In addition, future research could explore the long-term effects of practicing the breath technique and its relationship with other aspects of health, such as sleep and overall quality of life.

Overall, the findings from this study suggest that the 478 breath technique has the potential to be an effective tool in supporting self-managed self-healing and improving individuals' holistic well-being. Practical implications of this study include the integration of this breathing technique in public health and self-health education programs. The results of this study are consistent with previous findings showing the benefits of breathing techniques in managing stress and anxiety (Brown & Gerbarg, 2009). The 478 breath technique, with its regular breathing pattern and focus on relaxation, appears to be effective in relieving physical and mental tension. This finding is consistent with theories suggesting that deep, regular breathing can activate a relaxation response in the autonomic nervous system, reducing sympathetic activity and increasing parasympathetic activity (Jerath et al., 2006).

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The significant reduction in stress and anxiety levels in the intervention group suggests that the breath technique can help individuals cope with mental and emotional strain that is often a risk factor for a variety of mental and physical health problems. In addition, the improvement in psychological well-being signifies that the practice of the 478 breath technique can help individuals feel calmer, happier, and empowered.

Nonetheless, this study has some limitations that need to be considered. Key limitations include the relatively small sample size and the lack of control over outside factors that could affect the results. In addition, subjective measures of stress levels, anxiety and psychological well-being may be affected by respondent bias.

For future research, it is recommended to include a larger sample and tighter control of outside variables that may affect the results. Future research could also explore the long-term effects of practicing the 478 breath technique and its relationship with other aspects of health, such as sleep, quality of life, and immune function.

CONCLUSION

This study highlights the effectiveness of the 478 breath technique in supporting self-healing by reducing stress and anxiety levels and improving psychological well-being in participants. The results showed that the practice of the 478 breath technique significantly influenced the reduction of stress and anxiety levels, while psychological well-being experienced a significant improvement. The findings provide empirical confirmation of subjective claims about the benefits of the 478 breathing technique in managing mental and emotional strain. Practical implications of this study include the potential integration of the 478 breath technique in various public health, psychotherapy, and self-help health education programs.

Nonetheless, this study also has limitations, including a relatively small sample size and lack of control of outside variables that may have influenced the results. Therefore, follow-up studies with larger samples and more rigorous research designs are needed to further validate these findings. Overall, this study makes a significant contribution to the understanding of the role of the 478 breath technique in supporting self-help self-healing and enhancing individuals' holistic well-being. With more research and integration in clinical practice, the 478 breath technique has the potential to be a valuable tool in maintaining the health and well-being of individuals in society.

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