Henry Morris Memorial Trust Project

Comparing treatment given to breast cancer survivors in Spain and England

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In my project I wanted to see how therapies helped patients recuperate

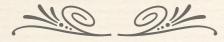


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"The average 5-year survival rate for people with breast cancer is 89%"



My plan was to compare the treatment given to breast cancer survivors in Spain and England



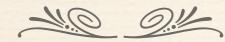
 In Spain I was involved in the exercise classes that were promoted and taught by one of the University of Granada physiotherapists
 In England I had the chance to go to Addenbrooke's hospital







Travel

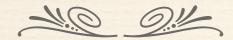


Going to Spain by myself was my first time independently travelling, it let me learn a lot about living by oneself
I also learnt more about the experience of living in both of the countries





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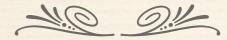


 I learnt about time managment having to walk down to work, or getting a bus
 On the last day I stressed out a bit but managed to control the situation getting everything in order before I came back to the UK





Granada



Whilst in Granada I had the opportunity to observe the treatment given to breast cancer survivors

I was in Granada from 3rd-5th of April



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Spanish treatment

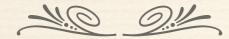
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• In Spain the patients were motivated to do lots of exercise

- The physiotherapist encouraged the patients to carry on with their daily lives
- I was shown a machine used for computergenerated imagery with which they monitored flexibility of patients



Spanish treatment

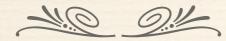


The exercise classes consisted of the women jogging for 15 minutes, then doing mobility activities which helped them stretch and relieve scarring from the radiotherapy





Cambridge



Whilst in Addenbrooke's I was also able to observe the breast cancer survivors as well as trauma and neurophysiology patients

I was in Cambridge the 10th-11th of July



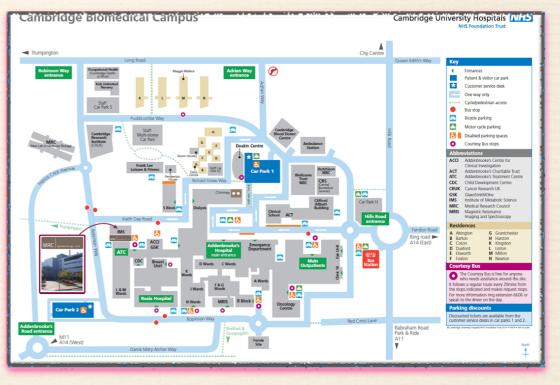
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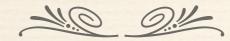


In Cambridge treatment was 1 to 1
The patients were simply treated and then they went home



British treatment





The treatment was done more formally but there was no personal connection between patient and the physiotherapy team
The patients were given a piece of paper in which they had the necessary exercises for them to complete
The patients were asked to go for weekly checks for two months





Conclusions

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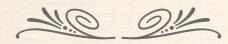
• I feel Spain was better for the patients because there was more personal connection in the post-operative treatment

In Spain the machinery used was also more advanced
 When I told my grandmother, a breast cancer survivor, about this trip and their treatment she said she would have liked to be in a group with other patients





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In Spain there was there was less of a worry about patient protection so I could take as many photos as wanted. In England they were worried about patient protection and I was not even allowed to ask patients permision to take photos for a project



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All in all I believe that I have a greater understanding of physiotherapy and this opportunity has helped me consolidate my idea of studying physiotherapy at university
I am going to use this project as the basis for my sixth form Extended Project Qualification I am very grateful to the Henry Morris Memorial Trust for giving me the opportunity to complete this project

