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HPR Interventions (educational, physical, social and psychological)**THU0715-HPR STRATIFIED EXERCISE THERAPY BY PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN PRIMARY CARE IS FEASIBLE IN PATIENTS WITH KNEE OSTEOARTHRITIS**

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Background: There is strong evidence that exercise therapy is effective in reducing pain and activity limitations in knee osteoarthritis (OA), but effect sizes are low to moderate. Stratified exercise therapy tailored to clinically relevant subgroups of patients is expected to optimise treatment effects in a cost-effective manner.

Objectives: This study aimed to explore the feasibility of a newly developed model of stratified exercise therapy in primary care.

Methods: A mixed method design was used, consisting of an uncontrolled pre-test-posttest design and a process evaluation. Eligible patients visiting a participating primary care physical therapist (PT) were included. Based on our model, participants were allocated to the 'high muscle strength subgroup', 'low muscle strength subgroup', 'obesity subgroup' or 'depression subgroup', and received subgroup-specific, protocolised, 4 month exercise therapy. Feasibility of stratified exercise therapy according to this model was evaluated by a process evaluation (process documentation, semi-structured interviews and focus group meeting) and outcome (physical functioning (KOOS-ADL) and knee pain (NRS), assessed at baseline and 4 months follow-up).

Results: We included 50 patients, of which 3 patients dropped out. The process evaluation suggests that our model is feasible for patients and PTs, with some adaptations for further optimisation. We found clinically relevant improvements on physical functioning ($p < 0.001$; 20%) and knee pain ($p < 0.001$; 37%) for the total group. PTs provided on average 10 sessions, ranging from 2 to 24. The average number of sessions was 6 for the 'high muscle strength subgroup', 12 for the 'low muscle strength subgroup', 13 for the 'obesity subgroup' and 16 for the 'depression subgroup'.

Conclusions: Our model of stratified exercise therapy is feasible in primary care. Minor adaptations could further optimise the feasibility. Future research should determine the (cost-)effectiveness of this model, compared to usual, non-stratified exercise therapy.

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THU0716-HPR THE IMPACT OF EXERCISE ON SLEEP IN PEOPLE WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS: A PILOT RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIAL

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Background: Reduced sleep duration and poor sleep quality are prevalent complaints in rheumatoid arthritis (RA). These in turn may further deteriorate functional ability and reduce the person's exercise levels. Current rheumatology guidelines recommend exercise as a key component in the management of RA however, what is lacking is its impact on sleep.

Objectives: To obtain reliable estimates regarding recruitment rates; retention; protocol adherence; adverse events, in addition to producing estimates of the potential effect sizes of the intervention on changes in outcomes of sleep duration; sleep quality and disturbances; RA related pain; depression; anxiety; functional limitation; disease activity and fatigue.

Methods: Participants were recruited in person at weekly rheumatology clinics at a University Hospital and through self-selected social networking. They were randomised to either a walking based exercise intervention consisting of 28 walking sessions, with 1 per week being supervised by a trained physiotherapist, spread over 8 weeks (2–5 times/week), or a control group who received advice on

the benefits of exercise for people with RA. Ethical approval was received. Descriptive statistics and t-tests were used to analyse the data with SPSS v22.

Results: One hundred and one (101) people were identified through the rheumatology clinics, with 36 contacting the primary investigator through social networking. Of these, 24 met the eligibility criteria, with 20 being randomised (18% recruitment; 100% female; mean age 57 (SD 7.3 years). Ten exercise participants (100%) and 8 controls (80%) completed final assessments, with both groups being equivalent for all variables at baseline. Exercise participants completed 87.5% of supervised sessions and 93% of unsupervised sessions. No serious adverse events were recorded and through semi-structured interviews the intervention was highly acceptable to exercise participants. Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI) global score showed a significant mean improvement between the exercise group -6.6 (SD 3.3) compared to control -0.25 (SD 1.1) ($p = 0.012$); PSQI subcomponent sleep duration showed a significant improvement in mean hours between the exercise group 1.65 (SD 0.39) and control 0.56 (SD 0.46) ($p = 0.021$); PSQI subcomponent sleep quality indicated those in the exercise group improved their sleep quality from fairly bad/poor to fairly good/very good, while those in control reported no change at fairly bad/poor. Global rating of change indicated exercise participants reporting their sleep was minimally/much improved, while control participants reported no change/minimally worse, post intervention.

Conclusions: The walking based exercise intervention designed to improve sleep was feasible, safe and highly acceptable to study participants, with those participants in the exercise group reporting improvements in sleep duration and sleep quality compared to the control group. Adverse events were predominantly mild. This pilot provides a framework for larger intervention studies and based on these findings a fully powered trial of walking as an exercise based intervention is recommended, preceded by focus groups to investigate methods to improve recruitment of males.

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HPR Patients' perspectives, functioning and health (descriptive: qualitative or quantitative)**THU0717-HPR IMPAIRED MUSCLE FUNCTION AND SHOULDER-ARM MOVEMENT IN PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS**

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Background: A few studies report limitations in upper and lower extremity mobility and muscle function in patients with systemic sclerosis (SSc). Little is known about to what extent skin involvement (lcSSc/dcSSc) and lung function (no-mild vs moderate-endstage lung disease) influence active range of motion (AROM) in the shoulder-arms and muscle function in patients with SSc.

Objectives: We aim to examine shoulder-arm AROM, shoulder and hip muscle endurance as well as lower extremity muscle function in patients with SSc in comparison with reference values and also to explore possible differences in function depending on lung function and skin involvement.

Methods: 205 patients, fulfilling the EUSTAR/ACR criteria for SSc, were recruited from the Karolinska University Hospital. AROM in shoulder-arms (Functional Shoulder Assessment, FSA), muscle endurance in shoulder and hip flexion (Functional Index 2, FI-2), and muscle function in the lower extremities (Timed-Stands Test, TST) were assessed and compared with reference values. Patients were classified as to lung disease severity using sub-items from the SSc disease severity score for lung involvement. Patients with a score of 0–1 were classified as no-mild lung disease and a score of 2–4 as having moderate-endstage lung disease.

Results: SSc-patients had overall more reduced muscle endurance (FI-2, % of predicted) in shoulders 53(27–100) and hips 40(23–90) when compared with reference values, 100(100–100) and 100(72–100) ($p < 0.001$) and patients with moderate-endstage lung disease were more impaired, 39(21–71) and 35(20–70) than no-mild, 57(33–99) and 48(28–100) ($p < 0.05$). No differences were found between dcSSc/lcSSc. All patients, regardless of subgrouping, had lower muscle strength when measured with TST, 21(17–29) seconds, when compared to reference values, 17(15–18) ($p < 0.001$). The FSA-scores was overall lower on both right, 22(20–24) and left, 23(20–24) compared with reference values 23(22–24) and 23(22–24) ($p < 0.05$), especially in patients aged 60 years or more. dcSSc-patients had lower FSA-score than lcSSc-patients ($p < 0.05$). No differences were found between patients with no-mild and moderate-endstage lung disease.