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- 19 revisioni sistematiche
- 196 studi rilevanti (96 non includibili, 58 non classificabili, 19 ancora in corso)
- 23 studi inclusi con 24 comparazioni
- 1147 pazienti (da 9 giorni a 8 anni dall'esordio)
- Tre tipi di training (cardiorespiratorio, cammino, forza)

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- Il training cardiorespiratorio (cammino) è efficace nell' aumentare la velocità del passo, la resistenza e nel ridurre la dipendenza
- La maggior parte dei benefici in termini di mobilità e funzioni fisiche sembra essere associato ad un "task-related training"
- Non ci sono prove che migliori la disabilità

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Editorial review by the Cochrane Stroke Group

Physical fitness training for stroke patients: a protocol for a randomised controlled trial (PROFIT) (2010)

Protocol for a randomised controlled trial (PROFIT) (2010)

Griffin S, Smith DJ, Goss C, Neal CE, Sturt J, Nijland K, et al. *Stroke* 2010; 41(12):2147-2152. doi:10.1161/STROKEAHA.110.214712

Limiti ed indicazioni per la ricerca

- Valutare esiti a lungo termine (follow up 3-6 m)
- Specificare meglio il trattamento
- Problema del gruppo di controllo (anche ADL hanno effetto training)
- Studiare strategie per il mantenimento dell'esercizio a lungo termine

## Repetitive task training for improving functional ability after stroke

Chaffin J, Smith DJ, Griffin S, et al. *Stroke* 2010; 41(12):2147-2152. doi:10.1161/STROKEAHA.110.214712

- 14 RCT con 659 pazienti
- Il training è efficace nel migliorare la velocità la resistenza nel cammino, la capacità di "alzarsi-sedersi" e le ADL ma i risultati non sono mantenuti nel controllo a 6 mesi.
- Nessun effetto sulla funzione dell'arto superiore né sulla QdV

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- Includere effetti avversi e outcome di QdV
- Valutare in modo pragmatico i diversi tipi di training offerti e la loro accettabilità (es. di gruppo, nella comunità ecc.)
- Studiare strategie per il mantenimento dell'esercizio a lungo termine

*J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry*. 2010 Sep 8. [Epub ahead of print]

### Efficacy of physiotherapy interventions late after stroke: a meta-analysis.

Ferrarello F, Baccini M, Rinaldi LA, Cavallini MC, Mossello E, Masotti G, Marchionni N, Di Bari M.

Unit of Functional Rehabilitation, Prato, Italy.

#### Abstract

Objective: Physiotherapy is usually provided only in the first few months after stroke, while its effectiveness and appropriateness in the chronic phase are uncertain. The authors conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised clinical trials (RCT) to evaluate the efficacy of physiotherapy interventions on motor and functional outcomes late after stroke. Methods: The authors searched published studies where participants were randomised to an active physiotherapy intervention, compared with placebo or no intervention, at least 6 months after stroke. The outcome was a change in mobility and activities of daily living (ADL) independence. The quality of the trials was evaluated using the PEDro scale. Findings were summarised across studies as effect size (ES) or, whenever possible, weighted mean difference (WMD) with 95% CI in random effects models. Results: Fifteen RCT were included, enrolling 700 participants with follow-up data. The meta-analysis of primary outcomes from the original studies showed a significant effect of the intervention (ES 0.29, 95% CI 0.14 to 0.45). The efficacy of the intervention was particularly evident when short- and long-distance walking were considered as separate outcomes, with WMD of 0.05 m/s (95% CI 0.008 to 0.088) and 20 m (95% CI 3.6 to 36.0), respectively. Also, ADL improvement was greater, though not significantly, in the intervention group. No significant heterogeneity was found. Interpretation: A variety of physiotherapy interventions improve functional outcomes, even when applied late after stroke. These findings challenge the concept of a plateau in functional recovery of patients who had experienced stroke and should be valued in planning community rehabilitation services.

**Circuit class therapy for improving mobility after stroke**

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**Revisione sistematica**

Wevers L, van de Port I, Vermue M, Mead G, Kwakkel G.

Effects of a task-oriented circuit class training on walking competency after stroke.

*Stroke* 2009;40:2450–9

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- 6 trial (dal 2000 al 2009), totale 292 soggetti
- In 2 studi I soggetti erano a 3 mesi dall'ictus (intervento in ospedale), negli altri oltre 1 anno e fino a 5 anni (intervento nella comunità)
- Requisito minimo : alzarsi con minimo aiuto e camminare almeno 10 metri anche con aiuto

**Qualità metodologica degli studi**

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**Figure 1. Methodological quality graphs review authors' judgements about each methodological quality item presented as percentages across all included studies.**

Methodological Quality Item	Yes (low risk of bias)	Unclear	No (high risk of bias)
Adequate randomisation?	~75%	~15%	~10%
Allocation concealment?	~85%	~10%	~5%
Blinding?	~85%	~10%	~5%
Intention-to-treat analysis?	~75%	~15%	~10%
Free of selective reporting?	~85%	~10%	~5%
Free of other bias?	~85%	~10%	~5%

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The circuit classes were more effective in improving the person's ability to walk further, longer or faster and to balance more easily and confidently when compared to other types of exercise. Intensity can vary from daily to three times weekly for four weeks or more to achieve benefits. There is evidence that it can reduce length of stay in the inpatient setting. There was insufficient evidence to determine the effect on adverse events (e.g. falls).

Future studies should include measures of cost/benefits as well as quality of life and participation.



## Community Exercise: A Vital Component to Healthy Aging

### Barriere

- Personal variables, showing strong correlation with exercise participation: individual's self-efficacy beliefs, outcome expectations, families support and perceived social support for exercise.
- At the community level, the financial and physical accessibility of exercise programs can moderate exercise behaviours:
  - Exercise costs are frequently reported as obstacles to exercise participation
  - Lack of safe exercise settings
  - Transportation issues, which range from difficulty entering or exiting one's home to unreliable bus service

The image shows the cover of the journal 'Disability and Health Journal'. The title of the article is 'Methodological issues in monitoring health services and outcomes for stroke survivors: A case study'. The authors listed are Mary Smart, PhD, Alison Payne, PhD, Francesco Ferrarini, MD, Maria Mantilla, Emilio Fontana, MD, Wilo Maxwell, PhD, Steven Sathapa, PhD, Ronald Macko, MD, and Michael Weirich, MD. The cover also includes a small logo for the journal and some text about the journal's focus on disability and health.

## Riflessioni sulla ricerca

- Il disegno dello studio, la numerosità del campione e la qualità metodologica
- La misura degli outcome e il timing (carenti misure di partecipazione, QdV, eventi avversi, uso delle risorse sanitarie, rapporto costi-benefici, ri-ospedalizzazioni ecc. )
- La standardizzazione del trattamento e del controllo (non è sufficiente *usual care*)
- Concentrarsi di piu' sulla fase "cronica"

## The Virtual International Stroke Trials Archive

Myron Ab, MD; Philip M.W. Bath, MD, PhD; John Carrara, PhD; Stephen M. Davis, MD, FRCP, FRACP; Hans-Christoph Diener, MD; Geoffrey A. Donnan, MD; Marc Fisher, MD; Barbara A. Grogan, PhD; James Gupta, MD; Werner Hacke, MD, PhD; Michael G. Hennekens, MD; Mary Hummel, MD; Marka Kaste, PhD, MD; John B. Macke, MD; Ralph L. Sacco, MD, MS; Philip Teas, MD; Nils Gerner Wohlgemuth, MD, PhD; Steven Winstein, MD, PhD; Christopher J. Wein, PhD; Kennedy R. Lees, MD, FRCP

<http://stroke.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/full/38/6/1905>

### VISTA-Rehab: A resource for stroke rehabilitation trials.

[Ali M](#), [Ashburn A](#), [Bowen A](#), [Brodie E](#), [Corr S](#), [Drummond A](#), [Edmans J](#), [Gladman J](#), [Kalra L](#), [Langhorne P](#), [Lees KB](#), [Lincoln N](#), [Logan P](#), [Mead G](#), [Patchick E](#), [Pollock A](#), [Pomeroy V](#), [Sackel C](#), [Sunnerhagen KS](#), [Van Vliet P](#), [Walker M](#), [Brady M](#); on behalf of the VISTA-Rehab Investigators.

Int J Stroke. 2010 Dec;5(6):447-452. doi: 10

## Riflessioni finali

- Ci sono prove di buona qualità della efficacia dell'esercizio nel prevenire l'ictus, controllare i fattori di rischio e migliorare gli outcome a lungo termine (in qualsiasi momento della storia naturale).
- Non ci sono associazioni tra esercizio e riduzione di recidiva o mortalità.
- L'impegno maggiore dovrebbe essere dato alle politiche e strategie per superare le barriere e promuovere l'esercizio adattato a lungo termine
- La ricerca dovrebbe comprendere anche studi di monitoraggio dei processi e degli outcome a livello di popolazione