

# **BRAIN INJURY and MOBILISATION**

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# INTRODUCTION

## NEURO-ICU

- Stroke / S.A.H. / T.B.I.

## EARLY MOB

- Muscle wasting and disuse-related neural adaptations will create a significant problem when rehabilitation is eventually started at a later stage.
- Patients can be kept active without necessarily taking them out of bed
- Early activity makes use of a limited time window of heightened plasticity
- Early activity increases brain injury



# EARLY MOBILIZATION and STROKE

- Initially reported during a Swedish consensus conference on stroke care in the mid 80's
- Early 90's: Indredavik : Marked reduction in mortality when stroke patients are treated in « Stroke Units » where EM is part of the protocol of care.

*Indredavik et al. Stroke.1991; 22(8):1026-31*

- Appear in national Stroke Guidelines in 1994
- 1st RCT in 2004 : AVERT II: safety and feasibility – 71 patients



# EARLY MOBILIZATION and STROKE

## PRO:

- *Reducing Complications*  
Prevent and reduce immobility-related complications:  
DVT, infections, falls, ...  
Prevent and reduce stroke-related inactivity changes:  
Loss of CV fitness, muscle atrophy, ...
- *Promoting Brain recovery*  
Enhanced plasticity period after stroke

## CON:

- Early upright activity might inhibit reperfusion of salvageable penumbral tissue ???
- Effect of mobilisation on blood pressure !!!



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### Authors' conclusions

We found **insufficient evidence to support or refute the efficacy of routine very early mobilisation after stroke**, compared with conventional care. More research is required to determine the benefits and harms of very early mobilisation after stroke.

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|   |                              |   |   |   |
|---|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Bernhardt et al 2008 <sup>3</sup><br>(AVERT)          | 71                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruited within 24 h of stroke, goal to start mobilization within 24 h of stroke</li> <li>Emphasis on patient being upright and out of bed (sitting or standing)</li> <li>At least twice a day for first 14 days or until discharge</li> </ul>  | Intervention (n=38):<br>Median=18.1,<br>IQR=12.8–21.5<br>Control (n=33):<br>Median=30.8,<br>IQR=23.0–39.9 | Complications/safety<br>Deaths: intervention=8/38, SC=3/33, absolute risk difference=12%, ns.<br>Serious adverse events†: intervention=15, control=14, ns.<br>Nonserious adverse events: intervention=61, control=76, P=0.04<br>Falls: intervention=27, SC=28, ns.<br>Functional outcome<br>mRS 0–2: intervention=39.5%, control=30.3%, adjusted‡ OR=4.10, P=0.05 |
| Langhorne et al 2010 <sup>4</sup><br>(VERITAS)        | 32                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruited within 24 h of admission, with goal to start mobilization within 24 h of stroke</li> <li>Goal for patient to be sitting, standing or walking (adjusted to patient needs)</li> <li>Continued at least four times a day, during the inpatient stay, or for one week after recruitment</li> </ul>   | Intervention (n=16):<br>Mean=27.3<br>Range=26–29<br>Control (n=16):<br>Mean=32.0<br>Range=22.5–47.3       | Complications/safety<br>Deaths: EM=0%, control=6%<br>Complications§: EM=8, control=17<br>Complications (days 5–90): EM=8, control=8<br>Complications of immobility (days 0–5): intervention=0, control=3<br>Functional outcome<br>mRS 0–2: intervention=75%, control=44%, adjusted   OR=2.3, (P=0.44)   |
| Diserens et al 2011 <sup>10</sup><br>(Lausanne trial) | 50 (42 included in analysis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruited within 12 h of admission, with protocol started 24 h after stroke</li> <li>Patient's head of the bed kept at 0° for first 24 h poststroke, followed by 45° for 24 h, then 90° for 4 h</li> <li>At 52 h poststroke, patients were moved out of the bed to either sitting or standing</li> </ul>   | Intervention (n=25):<br>Not reported<br>Control (n=17):<br>Not reported                                   | Complications/safety<br>Deaths: intervention=0%, control=6%<br>Severe complications including death¶ (during hospitalization): intervention=8%, control=47%<br>Minor complications (during hospitalization): intervention=20%, control=0%, ns.<br>Functional outcome<br>mRS 0–2: intervention=40%, control=30%, ns.   |
| Sundseth et al 2012 <sup>9</sup><br>(AKEMIS)          | 65 (56 included in analysis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruited if admitted to hospital within 24 h of stroke, with mobilization out of bed within 24 h of admission</li> <li>No predefined mobilization protocol. Mobilization, defined as any out of bed activity, followed the stroke unit's standard routine for mobilization, adjusted to patients' needs</li> <li>Mobilization occurred several times per day</li> </ul> | Intervention (n=27):<br>Median=13.1<br>IQR=8.5–25.6<br>Control (n=29):<br>Median=33.3<br>IQR=26.0–39.0    | Complications/safety<br>Deaths: intervention=7/27, control=2/29, adjusted# OR=5.26, ns.<br>Patients who experienced ≥1 complication: intervention=67%, control=66%, ns.<br>Functional outcome<br>mRS 0–2: intervention=40%, control=60.7%, adjusted** OR=2.7, ns.   |

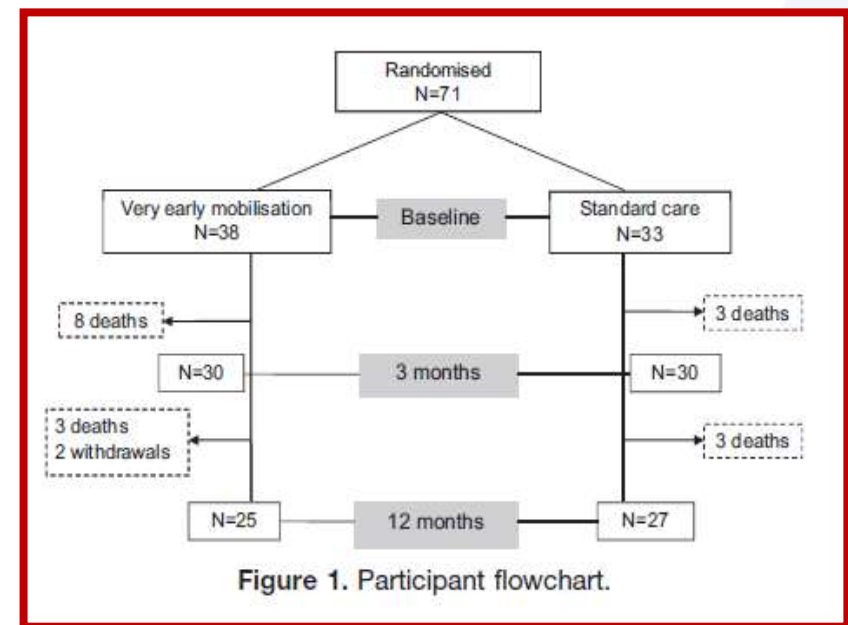
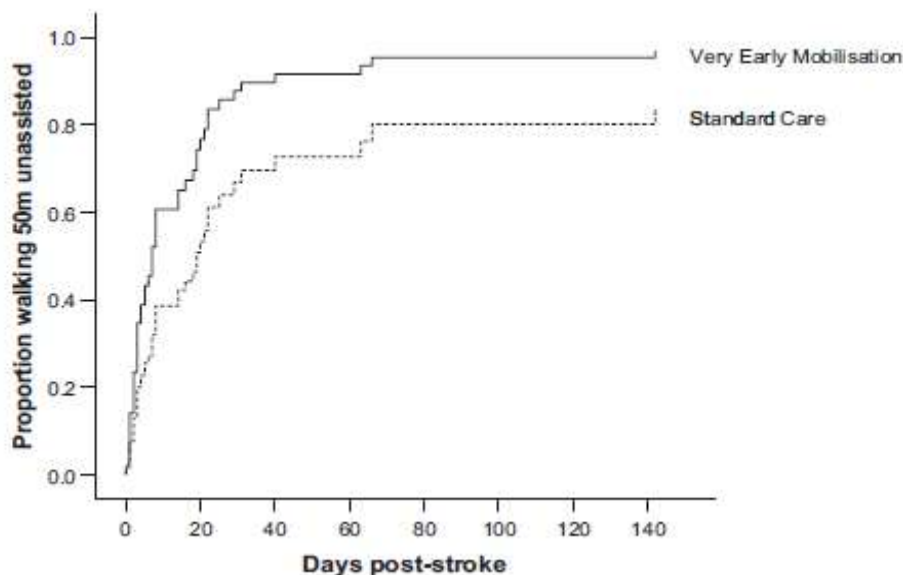


# Very Early Mobilization After Stroke Fast-Tracks Return to Walking

## Further Results From the Phase II AVERT Randomized Controlled Trial

**Table 2. Cox Regression for No. of Days to Walking 50 m Unassisted (N=71)**

|               | Hazard Ratio | Lower CI | Upper CI | P      |
|---------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------|
| VEM           | 0.523        | 0.289    | 0.945    | 0.032  |
| Age           | 0.967        | 0.944    | 0.990    | 0.005  |
| Sex           | 0.679        | 0.374    | 1.233    | 0.204  |
| NIHSS         | 0.864        | 0.815    | 0.916    | <0.001 |
| Premorbid mRS | 0.867        | 0.645    | 1.165    | 0.344  |
| Diabetes      | 2.147        | 1.020    | 4.520    | 0.044  |



**Figure 1. Participant flowchart.**

*Cumming TB et al. Stroke.2011; 42:153-8*



# Physical Activity Early after Stroke and Its Association to Functional Outcome 3 Months Later

|                                    |     | Time to first mobilization |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
|                                    | n   | Mean (SD), h               |
| All patients                       | 106 | 30.0 (34.1)                |
| Mild stroke (NIHSS score < 8)      | 63  | 21.3 (20.9)                |
| Moderate stroke (NIHSS score 8-16) | 27  | 30.1 (36.9)                |
| Severe stroke (NIHSS score > 16)   | 16  | 64.3 (49.8)                |

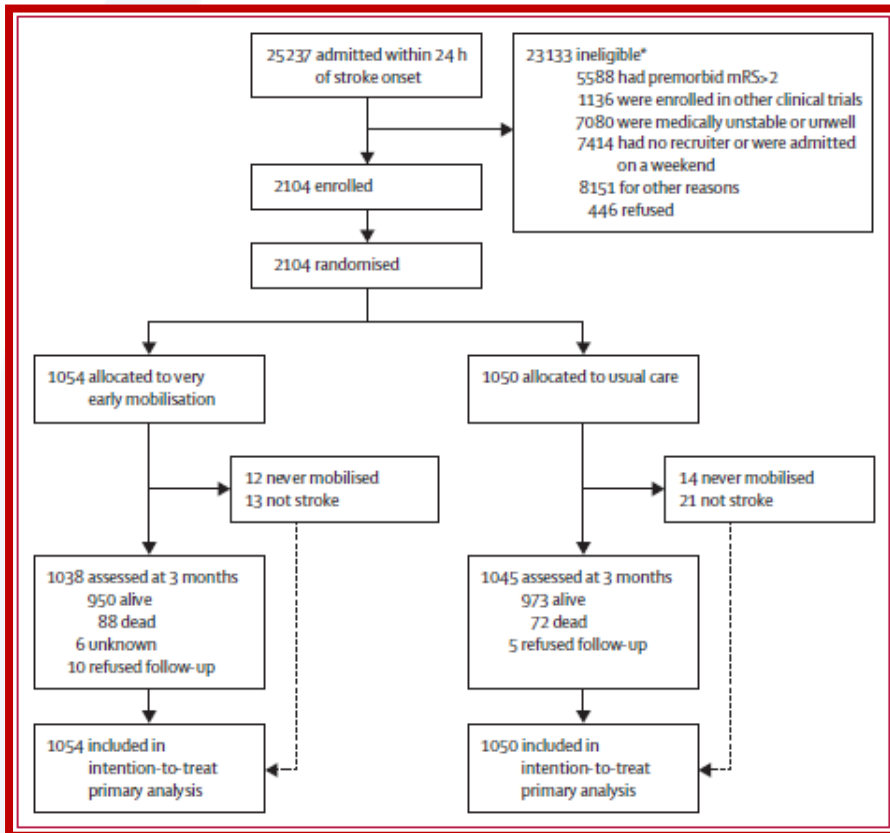
**Table 4.** *The partial proportional OR for poor outcome on mRS at 3 months follow-up*

| Independent variables               | Simple multivariable model* |          |         | Complex multivariable model† |           |         |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
|                                     | OR                          | 95% CI   | P value | OR                           | 95% CI    | P value |
| Time in bed (%)                     | 1.01‡                       | .98-1.05 | .415    | 1.04                         | 1.02-1.07 | .001    |
| Time in higher motor activities (%) | .96‡                        | .92-1.01 | .100    | .97‡                         | .93-1.02  | .283    |
| Time to first mobilization (h)      | 1.00                        | .99-1.02 | .405    | .99                          | .98-1.01  | .397    |

Askim T et al. *J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis.*2014; 23(5):e305-e312

# Efficacy and safety of very early mobilisation within 24 h of stroke onset (AVERT): a randomised controlled trial

The AVERT Trial Collaboration group\*



- Parallel-group, single blind, RCT
- 56 Acute Stroke Unit - 5 countries
- Ischaemic or Haemorrhagic stroke

## Usual Stroke Unit Care or Usual care + very early mobilisation

- Outcome at 3 months
- Modified Rankin Scale (0 – 2)
- ITT

*Lancet.2015; 386:46-55*



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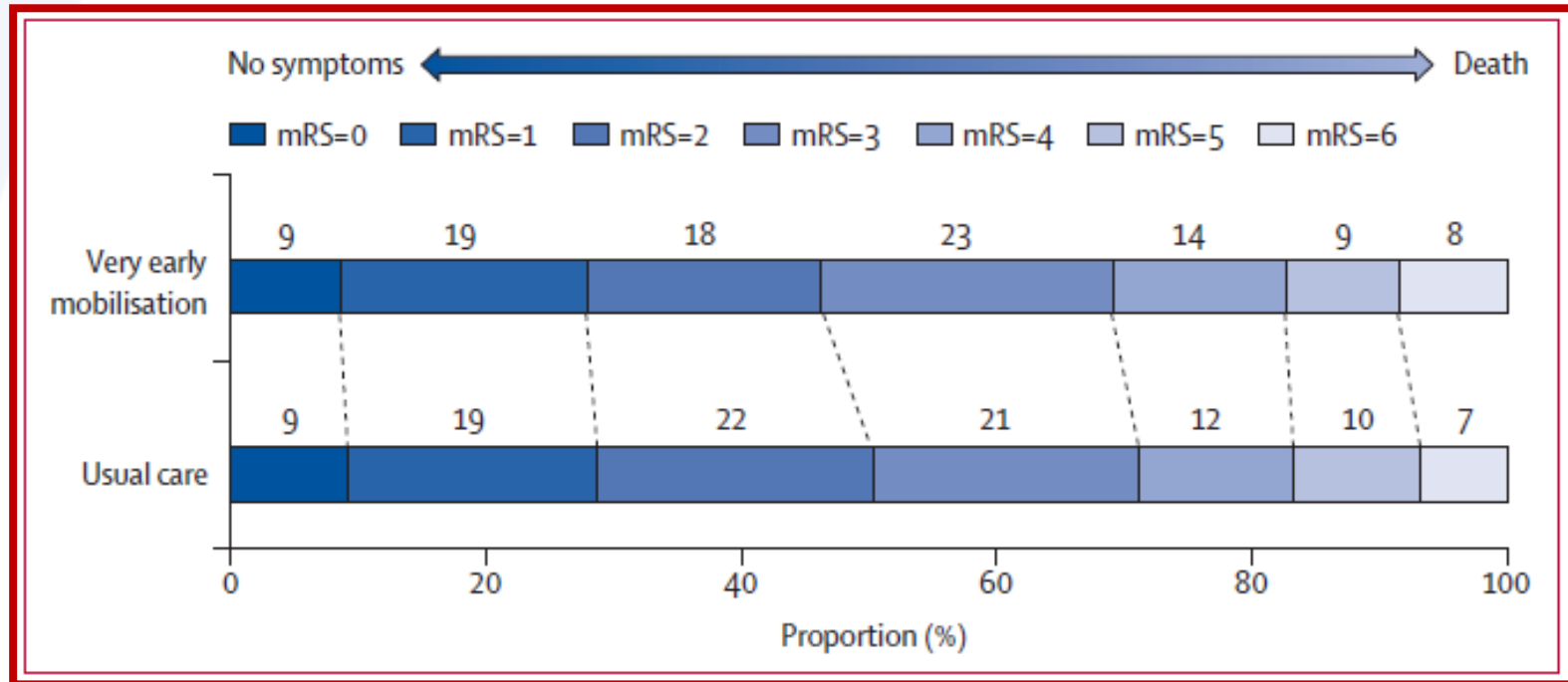
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|                                | Very early mobilisation (n=1054) | Usual care (n=1050)       | p value |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Time to first mobilisation (h) | 18.5 (12.8-22.3; n=1042*)        | 22.4 (16.5-29.3; n=1036*) | <0.0001 |
| Frequency per person†          | 6.5 (4.0-9.5)                    | 3 (2.0-4.5)               | <0.0001 |
| Daily amount per person (min)‡ | 31 (16.5-50.5)                   | 10 (0-18)                 | <0.0001 |
| Total amount per person (min)§ | 201.5 (108-340)                  | 70 (32-130)               | <0.0001 |

|                          | Very early mobilisation (n=1038*) | Usual care (n=1045*) | Adjusted analysis                   |         | Unadjusted analysis                |         |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
|                          |                                   |                      | OR, generalised OR, or HR† (95% CI) | p value | OR generalised OR, or HR† (95% CI) | p value |
| Primary                  |                                   |                      |                                     |         |                                    |         |
| Favourable outcome‡      | 480 (46%)                         | 525 (50%)            | 0.73 (0.59–0.90)                    | 0.004   | 0.85 (0.72–1.0)                    | 0.068   |
| Secondary                |                                   |                      |                                     |         |                                    |         |
| mRS category             | ..                                | ..                   | 0.94 (0.85–1.03)                    | 0.193   | 0.94 (0.85–1.03)                   | 0.202   |
| 0                        | 90 (9%)                           | 96 (9%)              | ..                                  | ..      | ..                                 | ..      |
| 1                        | 200 (19%)                         | 204 (19%)            | ..                                  | ..      | ..                                 | ..      |
| 2                        | 190 (18%)                         | 225 (22%)            | ..                                  | ..      | ..                                 | ..      |
| 3                        | 238 (23%)                         | 218 (21%)            | ..                                  | ..      | ..                                 | ..      |
| 4                        | 140 (14%)                         | 127 (12%)            | ..                                  | ..      | ..                                 | ..      |
| 5                        | 92 (9%)                           | 103 (10%)            | ..                                  | ..      | ..                                 | ..      |
| 6                        | 88 (8%)                           | 72 (7%)              | ..                                  | ..      | ..                                 | ..      |
| Walking 50 m unassisted§ | 6 (5–7; n=1051)                   | 7 (6–8; n=1049)      | 1.04 (0.94–1.15)                    | 0.459   | 1.05 (0.95–1.16)                   | 0.331   |

# Efficacy and safety of very early mobilisation within 24 h of stroke onset (AVERT): a randomised controlled trial

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- + Time to walking unassisted: similar
- Mortality: similar
- Non-fatal SAE and Immobility related AE: similar

*Lancet.2015; 386:46-55*



# Critique of A Very Early Rehabilitation Trial (AVERT)

- m Rankin Scale ( $\leq 2$  or  $> 2$ ):  
Rather broad assessment of stroke outcome
- Other outcome scale ? Extended Barthel Index ?
- Time difference to first mobilization between groups: 4 hours !!!
- 92% of patients (and 59% in the late group) were treated within 24 hours

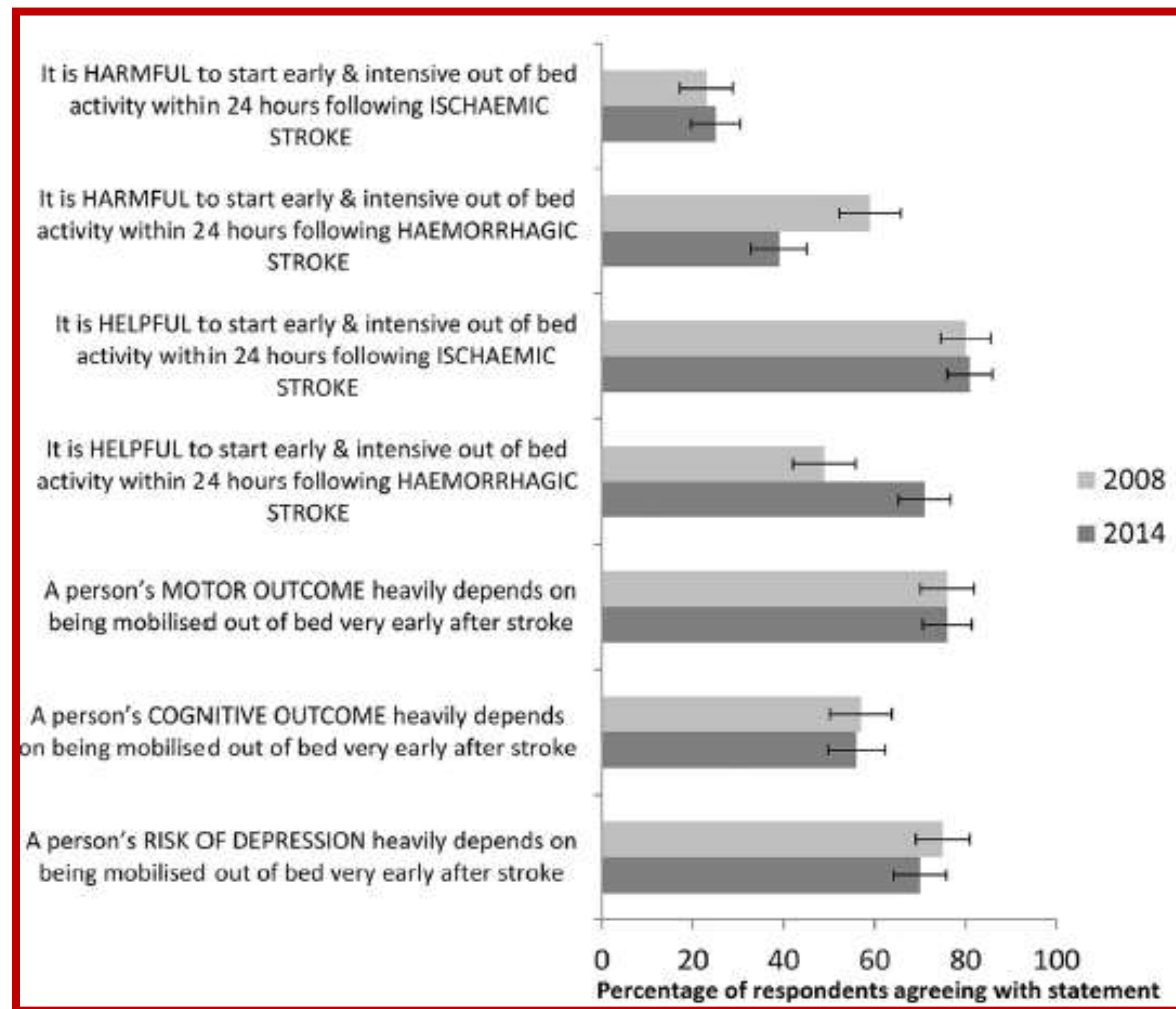
*Luft AR et al. Stroke.2016;47:291-2.*

- 8 years
- 7% of patients in the usual care group were still in bed at H48





# Early Mobilization after Stroke: Changes in Clinical Opinion Despite an Unchanging Evidence Base



Lynch EA et al. *J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis.*2017; 26(1): 1-6



# Very Early Mobilization in Stroke Patients Treated with Intravenous Recombinant Tissue Plasminogen Activator

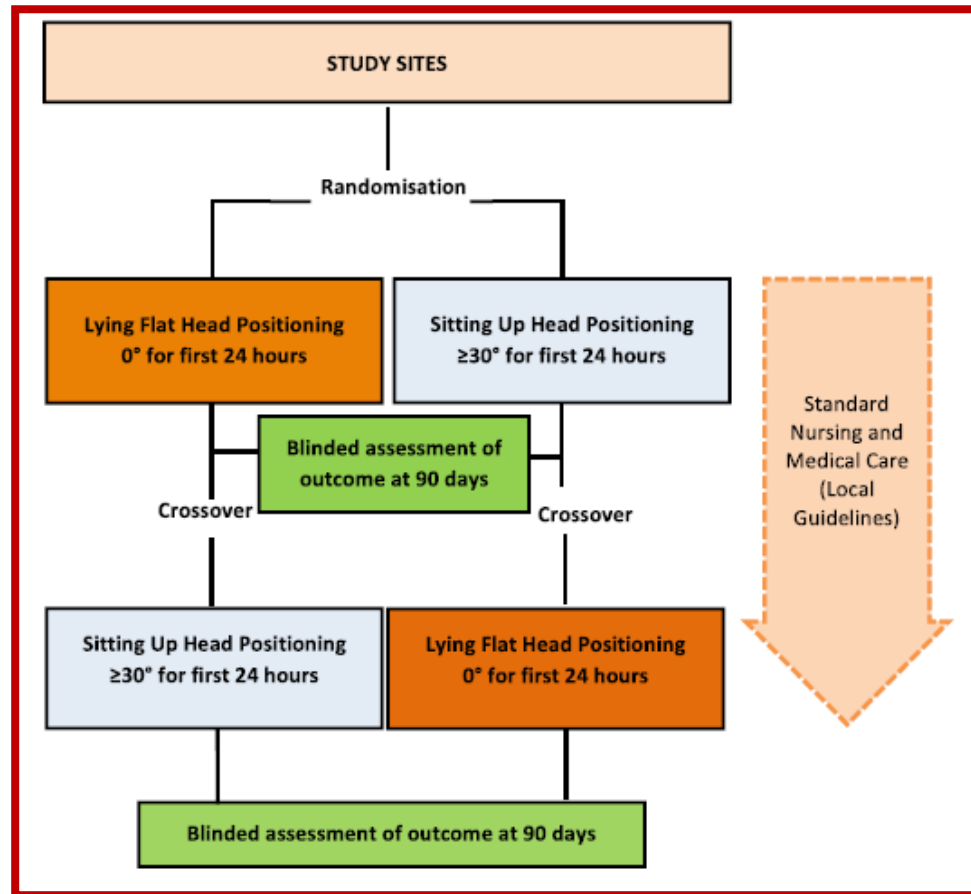
| Variables                          | Summary<br>(n = 18) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Patient characteristics            |                     |
| Age (y)                            | 69 (35-89)          |
| Gender (male)                      | 12 (66.7)           |
| Race (white)                       | 18 (100.0)          |
| NIHSS score                        |                     |
| Minor stroke (NIHSS <7)            | 7 (38.9)            |
| Moderate stroke (NIHSS 7-15)       | 6 (33.3)            |
| Moderate/severe stroke (NIHSS >15) | 5 (27.8)            |

| Adverse response                                | Number (%)<br>of patients<br>(n = 18) | 95% CI   |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Any adverse response<br>(including orthostasis) | 5 (27.8)                              | 9.7-53.5 |
| Any adverse response<br>(excluding orthostasis) | 3 (16.7)                              | 3.6-41.4 |
| Individual adverse responses                    |                                       |          |
| Orthostasis*                                    | 3 (16.7)                              | 3.6-41.4 |
| DBP >105  | 1 (5.6)                               | .1-27.3  |
| Dizziness                                       | 1 (5.6)                               | .1-27.3  |
| Heart rate >100                                 | 0 (.0)                                | .0-18.5  |
| Neurologic signs†                               | 1 (5.6)                               | .1-27.3  |
| Active bleeding                                 | 0 (.0)                                | .0-18.5  |
| Pallor  | 0 (.0)                                | .0-18.5  |
| Diaphoresis                                     | 0 (.0)                                | .0-18.5  |
| Intense anxiety                                 | 0 (.0)                                | .0-18.5  |
| Pain  | 0 (.0)                                | .0-18.5  |
| Syncope   | 0 (.0)                                | .0-18.5  |

of neurologic deficits. **Conclusions:** Very early mobilization within 24 hours of ischemic stroke for patients who receive IV rtPA appears to be relatively safe and feasible in most patients. Patients who are mobilized within 24 hours of IV rtPA require detailed neurologic and vital sign monitoring. **Key Words:** Early

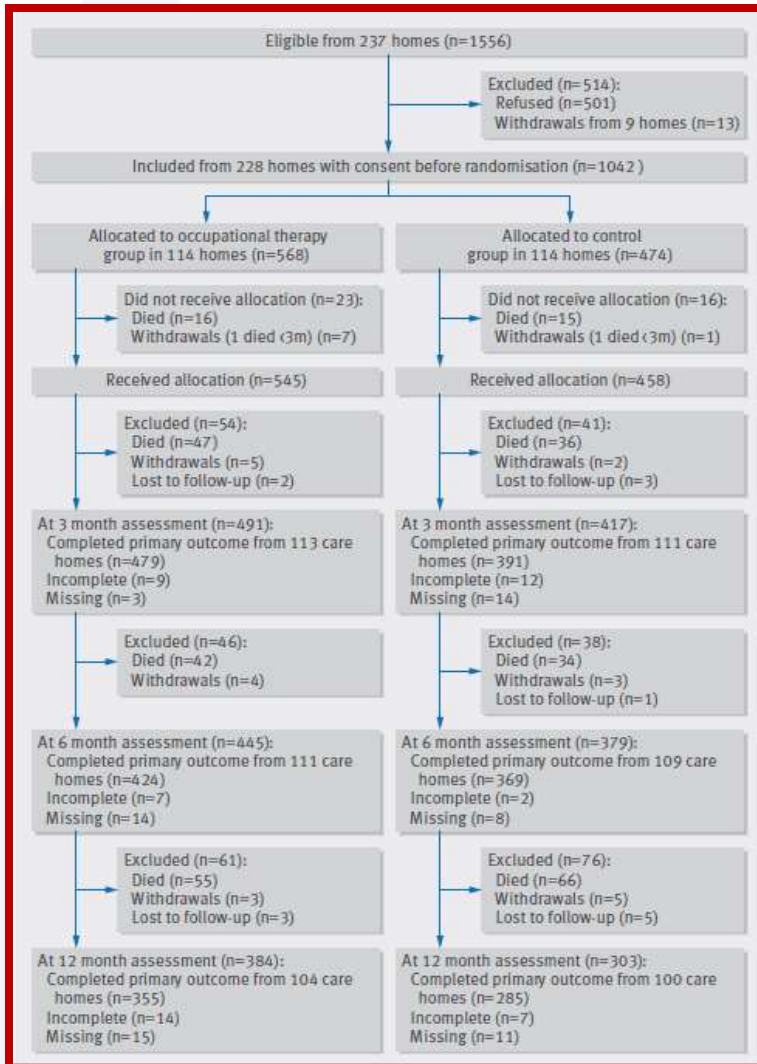
Arnold SM et al. *J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis.*2015; 24(6): 1168-73

# Head Position in Stroke Trial (HeadPoST) – sitting-up vs lying-flat positioning of patients with acute stroke: study protocol for a cluster randomised controlled trial



Munoz-Venturelli et al. *Trials*.2015; 16: 256

# An occupational therapy intervention for residents with stroke related disabilities in UK care homes (OTCH): cluster randomised controlled trial



## CONCLUSIONS

This large phase III study provided no evidence of benefit for the provision of a routine occupational therapy service, including staff training, for care home residents living with stroke related disabilities. The established three month individualised course of occupational therapy targeting stroke related disabilities did not have an impact on measures of functional activity, mobility, mood, or health related quality of life, at all observational time points. Providing and targeting ameliorative care in this clinically complex population requires alternative strategies.

Sackley CM et al. *BMJ*.2015; 350: h468

# EARLY MOBILIZATION and S.A.H.

## Guidelines for the Management of Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

A Guideline for Healthcare Professionals From the American Heart  
Association/American Stroke Association

*The American Academy of Neurology affirms the value of this statement as an educational tool  
for neurologists.*

*Connolly ES Jr et al. Stroke.2012; 43(6):1711-37*

## European Stroke Organization Guidelines for the Management of Intracranial Aneurysms and Subarachnoid Haemorrhage

*Stzeiner T et al. Cerebrovasc Dis.2013; 35:93-112*

Clinical management guidelines for subarachnoid haemorrhage.  
Diagnosis and treatment<sup>☆</sup>

*Vivancos J et al. Neurologia.2014; 29(6):353-70*





## Early Ambulation Produces Favorable Outcome and Nondemential State in Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage Patients Older than 70 Years of Age

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Number of cases  | 71                |
| Median age (IQR, range)                                | 76 (73–80, 71–87) |
| Male/female  | 8/63              |
| Hunt-Hess grade (1/2/3)                                | 11/31/27          |
| Premorbid conditions, n (%)                            | 11 (15)           |
| Treatment methods (Clipping:coiling)                   | 56:15             |
| Mean days to ambulation after the ictus                | 10.7 ± 9.3        |
| Distribution of ambulation (days) (0–5/6–10/11–15/16–) | 26/15/11/19       |
| Symptomatic vasospasm, n (%) <sup>*</sup>              | 30 (45)           |
| Angioplasty for vasospasm, n (%)                       | 25 (83)           |
| Postoperative complication, n (%)                      | 13 (18)           |
| Hydrocephalus <sup>†</sup>                             | 13 (20)           |

**Table 5. Relation Between Ambulation Date and Clinical Factors or Outcome**

|   | Ambulation Date |       |       |        |
|---|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|
|   | 0–5             | 6–10  | 11–15 | 16–    |
| Premorbid conditions (no/yes)                                   | 21/5            | 13/2  | 11/0  | 15/4   |
| Symptomatic vasospasm <sup>*</sup> (no/yes)                     | 17/8            | 8/7   | 6/5   | 6/11   |
| Postoperative complications (no/yes)                            | 22/4            | 13/2  | 9/2   | 13/6   |
| Hydrocephalus <sup>†</sup> (no/yes)                             | 20/5            | 10/2  | 10/1  | 13/5   |
| Glasgow Outcome Scale <sup>‡</sup> (GR and MD: SD, VS, and D)   | 23/3            | 8/7   | 8/3   | 8/11   |
| Revised-Hasegawa Dementia Scale <sup>†</sup> (30-21/20-11/10-0) | 16/3/7          | 4/2/9 | 5/1/5 | 2/2/15 |

*Shimamura N et al. World Neurosurg. 2010; 81(2):330-4.*



# Early versus delayed mobilisation for aneurysmal subarachnoid haemorrhage (Review)

## Main results

In the absence of any suitable RCTs addressing this topic, we were unable to perform a meta-analysis. Data from recent observational studies suggested the period of greatest risk for rebleeding occurs more frequently in the early period, especially within 24 hours of the initial SAH. The impact of bedrest on aneurysm care should be clarified.

## Authors' conclusions

There are no RCTs or controlled trials that provide evidence for, or against, staying in bed for at least four weeks after symptom onset in patients with aneurysmal SAH, who have not had, or could not have, surgical treatment for the aneurysm. Treatment strategies to reduce the risk of rebleeding in SAH patients before aneurysm ablation, or in those not suitable for surgical treatment, or who prefer conservative treatments, deserve attention.

*Ma Z et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev.2013; 5:CD008346*





# Safety and Feasibility of an Early Mobilization Program for Patients With Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

- Retrospective analysis
- 25 patients
- Early mobilisation in stable patients
- Primary Outcome: Safety and feasibility
- 286 sessions on 332 attempts

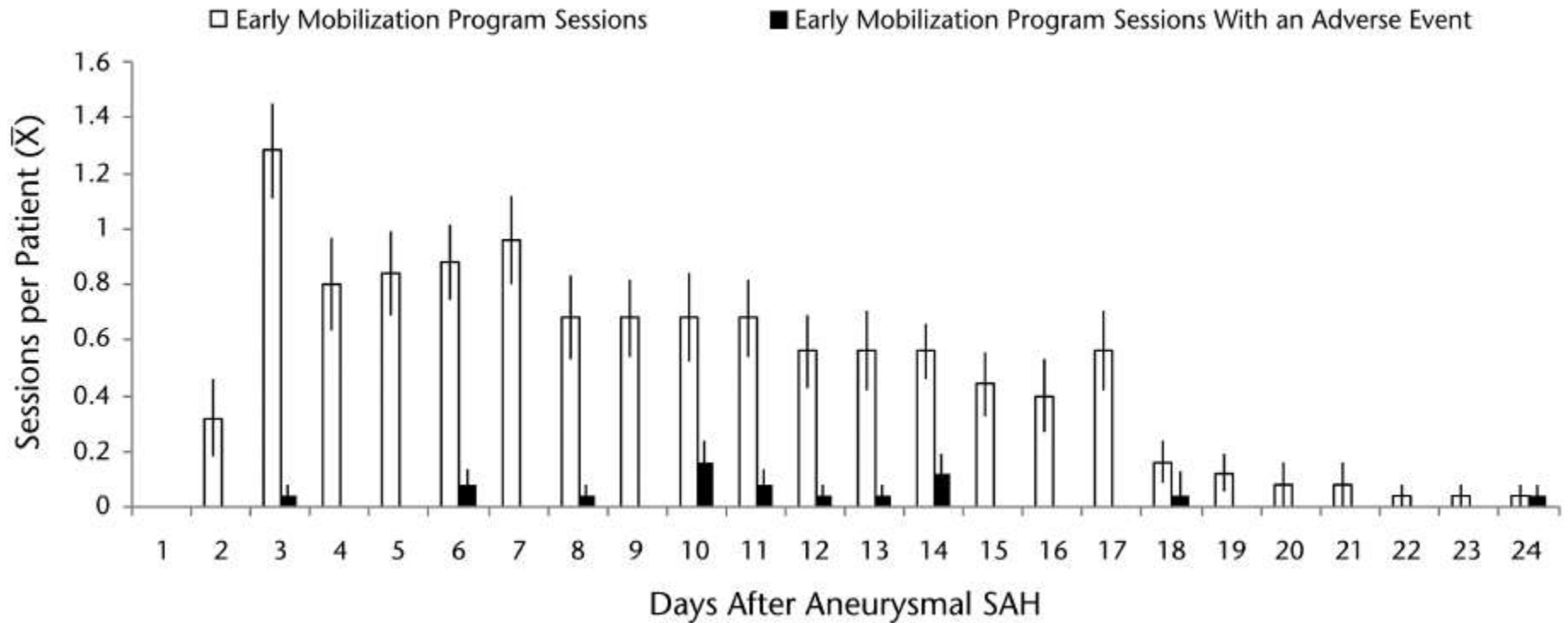


- Secured aneurysm or no underlying aneurysm identified
- Lindegaard ratio  $\leq 3.0$  or MCA MFV  $\leq 120$  cm/s
- Mean arterial pressure  $\geq 80$  and  $\leq 110$  mm Hg
- Heart rate  $\geq 40$  and  $\leq 130$  bpm
- Respiratory rate  $\leq 40$  breaths/min
- Pulse oximetry  $\geq 88\%$
- Intracranial pressure  $\leq 15$  mm Hg
- No evidence of seizure activity
- Stable neurologic examination
- Able to open eyes in response to voice
- Ability to move one extremity on command



*Olkowski BF et al. Phys Ther. 2013; 93(2):208-15*

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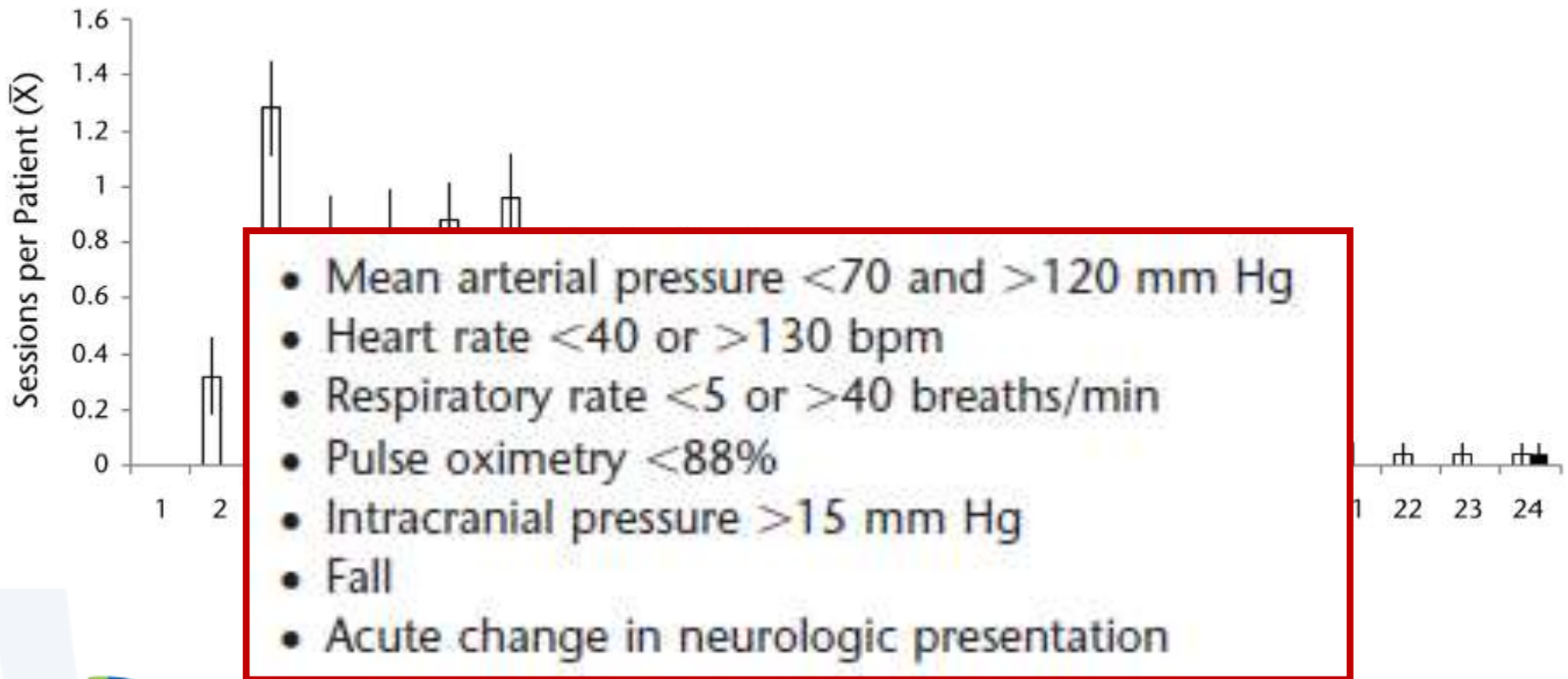


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□ Early Mobilization Program Sessions

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| Outcome   | Value       |
|---|-------------|
| Early mobilization program sessions   | 286 (100.0) |
| Sessions including out-of-bed activity  | 167 (58.4)  |
| Sessions including walking $\geq 15.24$ m (50 ft)   | 51 (17.8)   |
| Sessions per patient, $\bar{X}$ (SD)  | 11.4 (4.3)  |
| Days from subarachnoid hemorrhage to initial early mobilization program session, $\bar{X}$ (SD) | 3.2 (1.3)   |
| Days from admission to out of bed, $\bar{X}$ (SD)   | 5.4 (4.2)   |
| Days from admission to walking $\geq 15.24$ m, $\bar{X}$ (SD)                                   | 10.7 (6.2)  |
| Modified Rankin Scale score at discharge, median (range)  | 2 (1.5)     |
| Barthel Index at discharge, $\bar{X}$ (SD)  | 59.8 (35.5) |
| Patients discharged home  | 15 (60.0)   |
| Patients discharged to an inpatient rehabilitation facility                                     | 10 (40.0)   |

*Olkowski BF et al. Phys Ther.2013; 93(2):208-15*



# IMPACT OF EARLY MOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION ON GLOBAL FUNCTIONAL OUTCOME ONE YEAR AFTER ANEURYSMAL SUBARACHNOID HAEMORRHAGE

| Variables  | Control group<br>(n=76) | Early rehabilitation group<br>(n=92) |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Demographic characteristics</i>                               |                         |                                      |
| Age, years, mean (range)   | 54 (25–79)              | 56 (25–81)                           |
| Sex, male/female, %  | 37/ 63                  | 30/ 70                               |
| Years of education, %  |                         |                                      |
| ≤12 years  | 80                      | 68                                   |
| >12 years  | 20                      | 32                                   |
| <i>Clinical characteristics</i>                                  |                         |                                      |
| Aneurysmal source of bleeding, %                                 |                         |                                      |
| Anterior cerebral arteries                                       | 50                      | 46                                   |
| Middle cerebral – and internal carotid arteries                  | 37                      | 40                                   |
| Vertebro-basilar arteries  | 13                      | 14                                   |
| Surgical aneurysm repair, %                                      | 50                      | 47                                   |
| Hunt and Hess score just prior to aneurysm repair, % of patients |                         |                                      |
| 1  | 28                      | 22                                   |
| 2  | 36                      | 37                                   |
| 3  | 14                      | 23                                   |
| 4  | 17                      | 11                                   |
| 5  | 5                       | 7                                    |
| WFNS at transfer to NIW, % of patients                           |                         |                                      |
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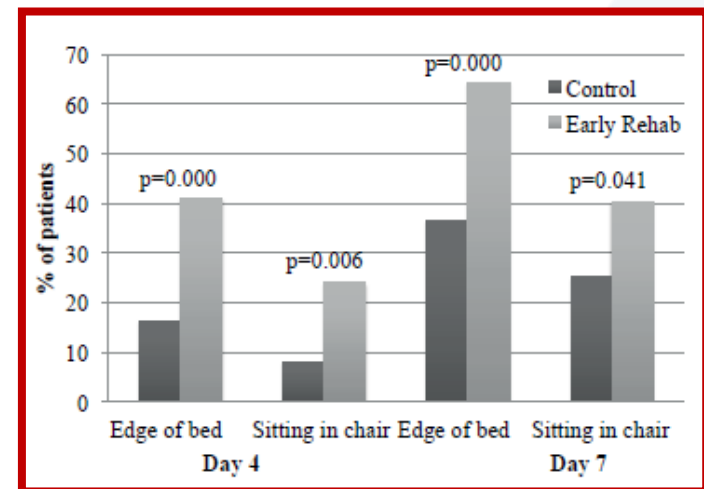
- Prospective, Controlled, Interventional study
- Patients in neuro intermediate ward
- Standard treatment vs ST + early mobilisation program
- Outcome: mRS and GOSE at 1 year

Karic T et al. J Rehabil Med.2016; 48:676-82

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| 1  | 33                      | 33                                   |
| 2  | 29                      | 34                                   |
| 3  | 22                      | 16                                   |
| 4  | 13                      | 14                                   |
| 5  | 3                       | 3                                    |

- Prospective, Controlled, Interventional study
- Patients in neuro intermediate ward
- Standard treatment vs ST + early mobilisation program
- Outcome: mRS and GOSE at 1 year



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# IMPACT OF EARLY MOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION ON GLOBAL FUNCTIONAL OUTCOME ONE YEAR AFTER ANEURYSMAL SUBARACHNOID HAEMORRHAGE

|                                    | Adjacent-category logistic regression for all patients |         |                      |         |
|------------------------------------|--|---------|----------------------|---------|
|                                    | Univariate   |         | Multivariate         |         |
|                                    | Unadjusted OR (95% CI)                                 | p-value | Adjusted OR (95% CI) | p-value |
| Good recovery 79                   |  |         |                      |         |
| Moderate disability 64             |  |         |                      |         |
| Severe disability 14               |  |         |                      |         |
| Dead 11                            |  |         |                      |         |
| Early rehabilitation               | 0.982 (0.69–1.39)                                      | 0.922   | 1.30 (0.836–2.037)   | 0.242   |
| Age (years)                        | 0.95 (0.93–0.97)                                       | 0.000   | 0.95 (0.929–0.972)   | 0.000   |
| Hunt and Hess grade (23)           | 1.38 (1.18–1.63)                                       | 0.000   | 1.39 (1.16–1.67)     | 0.000   |
| Time to 12 months follow-up (days) | 1.00 (0.99–1.01)                                       | 0.102   | 1.00 (0.999–1.01)    | 0.052   |
| Surgical aneurysm repair           | 1.01 (0.711–1.43)                                      | 0.962   | 1.25 (0.823–1.904)   | 0.292   |
| Male sex                           | 0.98 (0.67–1.42)                                       | 0.900   | 1.189 (0.756–1.872)  | 0.453   |

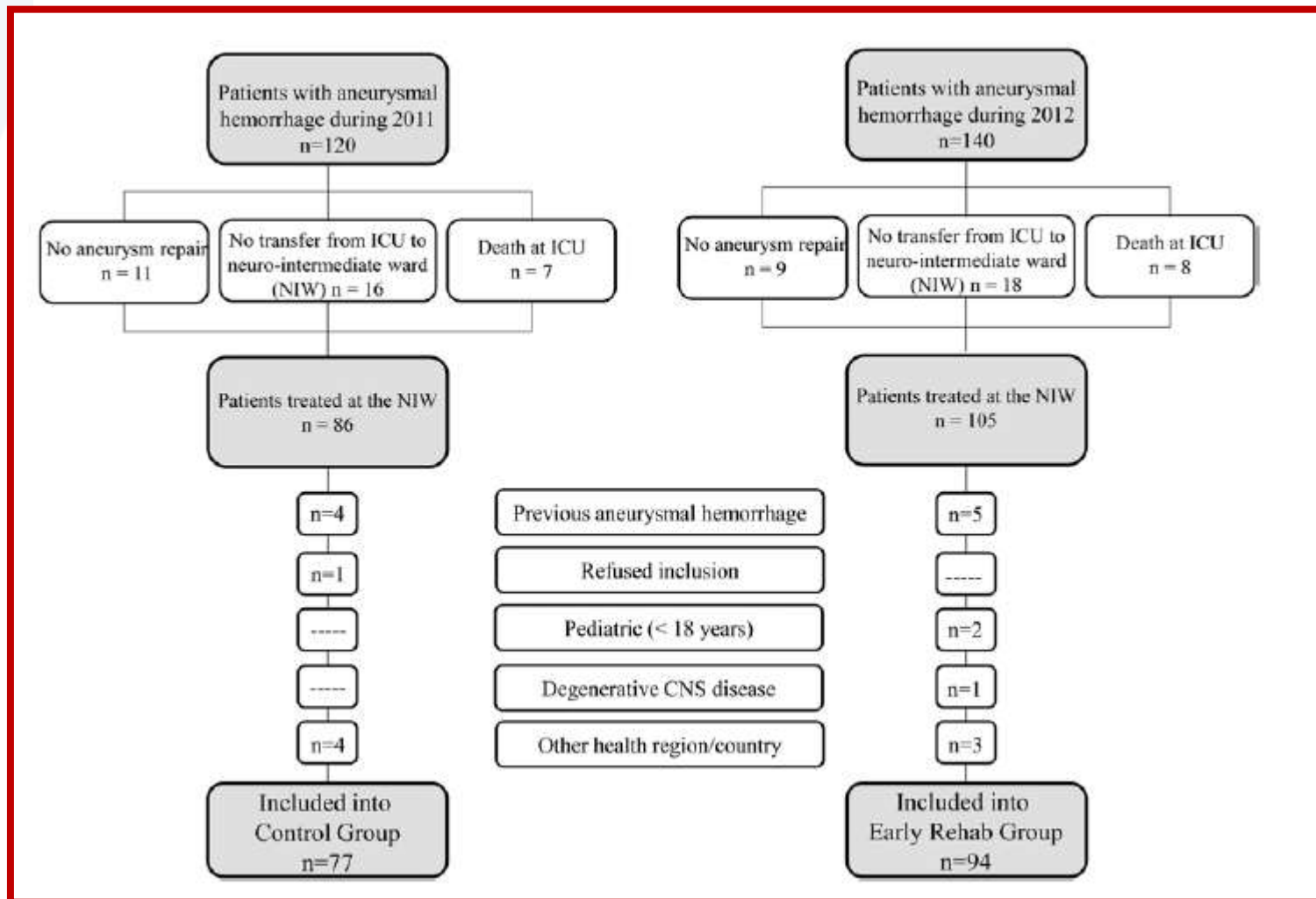
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| <i>Patients in poor clinical status (WFNS 3,4,5) after aneurysm repair at arrival neuro-intermediate ward (n = 60) Good recovery = 19; Moderate disability = 23; Severe disability = 11; Dead = 7</i> |                                       |         |                      |              |
| Early rehabilitation performed  | 1.007 (0.60–1.689)                    | 0.979   | 2.33 (1.04–5.2)      | <b>0.039</b> |
| Age (years)   | 0.942 (0.911–0.974)                   | 0.000   | 0.93 (0.89–0.96)     | <b>0.000</b> |
| Time to 12-month follow-up (days)   | 1.000 (–0.002–0.018)                  | 0.137   | 1.00 (0.99–1.02)     | 0.064        |
| Surgical aneurysm repair  | 0.964 (0.570–1.632)                   | 0.894   | 1.07 (0.55–2.08)     | 0.843        |
| Male sex  | 0.929 (0.530–1.628)                   | 0.799   | 0.93 (0.44–1.97)     | 0.848        |
| <i>Patients in good clinical status (WFNS 1, 2) after aneurysm repair at arrival neuro-intermediate ward (n = 108) Good recovery=60; Moderate disability = 41; Severe disability = 3; Dead = 4</i>    |                                       |         |                      |              |
| Early rehabilitation performed  | 0.885 (0.52–1.507)                    | 0.65    | 1.02 (0.57–1.85)     | 0.934        |
| Age (years)   | 0.968 (0.942–0.995)                   | 0.023   | 0.96 (0.93–0.99)     | <b>0.012</b> |
| Time to 12 months follow-up   | 1.00 (–0.006–0.011)                   | 0.558   | 1.00 (0.997–1.010)   | 0.265        |
| Surgical aneurysm repair  | 1.365 (0.782–2.382)                   | 0.273   | 1.56 (0.86–2.83)     | 0.145        |
| Male sex  | 1.06 (0.617–1.829)                    | 0.826   | 1.30 (0.71–2.36)     | 0.395        |

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# Effect of early mobilization and rehabilitation on complications in aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage



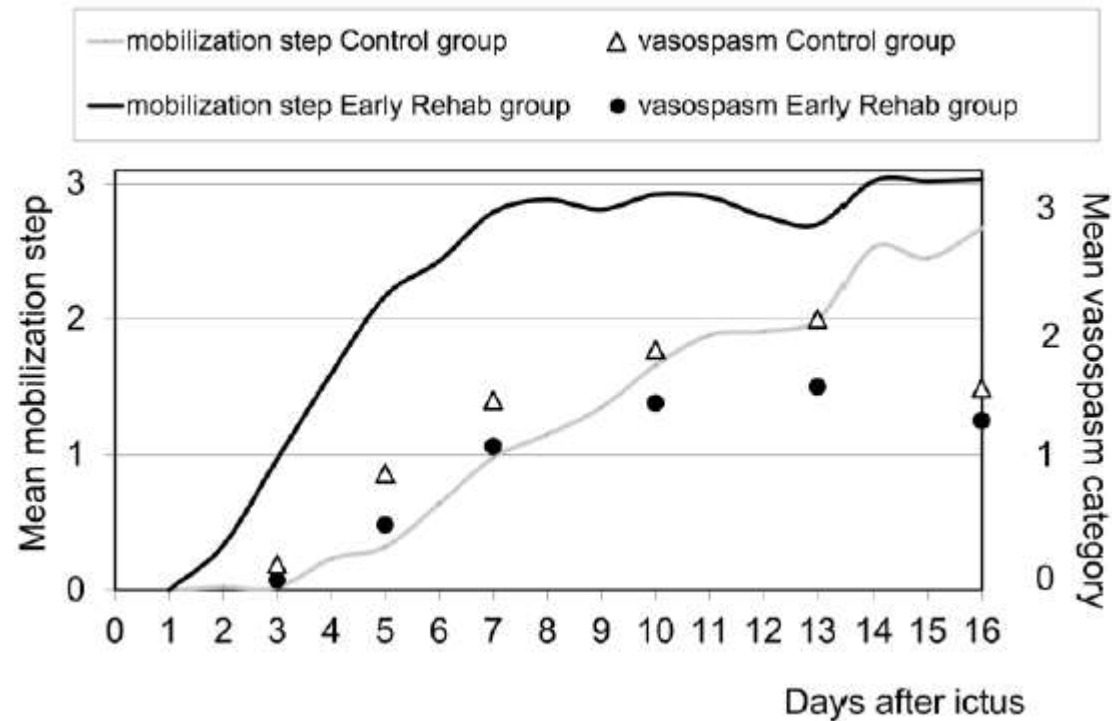
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# Effect of early mobilization and rehabilitation on complications in aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage

| Variable   | % Control,<br>n = 72 | % Early Rehab,<br>n = 84 |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Radiological vasospasm   |                      |                          |
| None   | 35                   | 41                       |
| Moderate (<50% narrowing), $\geq 1$ vessel                                       | 46                   | 43                       |
| Severe ( $\geq 50\%$ narrowing), $\geq 1$ vessel                                 | 19                   | 16                       |
| Ultrasonic vasospasm   |                      |                          |
| None   | 34                   | 48                       |
| Moderate (hemispheric ratio 3.5–<6), $\geq 1$ vessel*                            | 33                   | 35                       |
| Severe (hemispheric ratio $\geq 6$ or velocity $> 200$ cm/sec), $\geq 1$ vessel* | 33                   | 17                       |
| Clinical vasospasm†  | 29                   | 14                       |
| Pts treated w/intraarterial nimodipine   | 4                    | 10                       |

\* Lindegaard et al.

† p = 0.03.



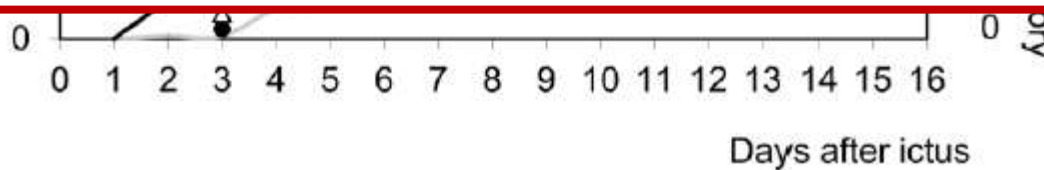
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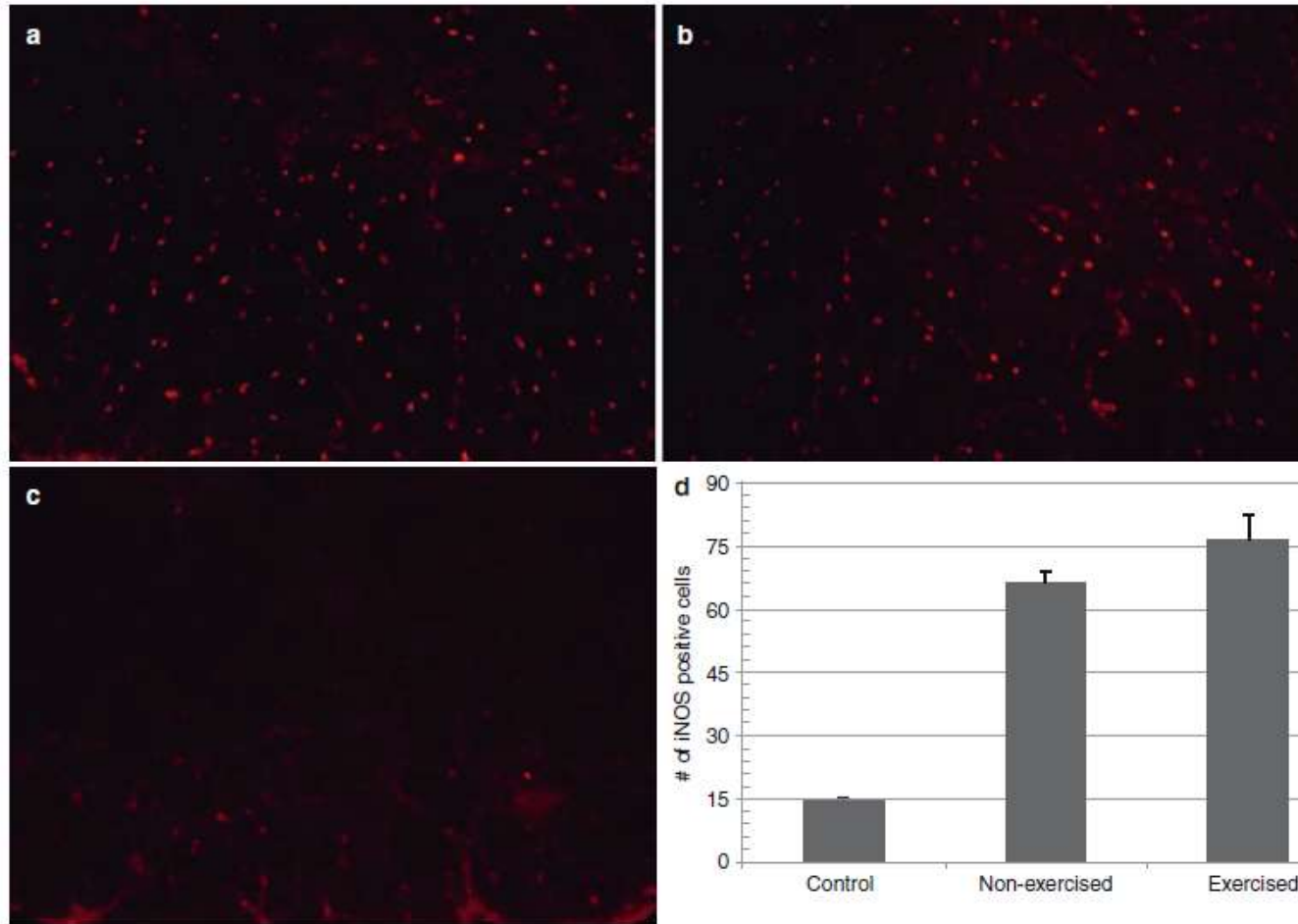
| Variable  | Univariate Analysis |             |              | Multivariate Forward/Backward Stepwise Logistic Regression |             |              |
|---|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--|-------------|--------------|
|   | OR                  | 95% CI      | Significance | OR   | 95% CI      | Significance |
| Clinical Hunt & Hess grade*                                   | 1.425               | 1.040–1.953 | 0.030        |  |             | NS           |
| Modified Fisher grade†  | 1.630               | 1.124–2.363 | 0.010        | 1.655  | 1.080–2.534 | 0.021        |
| Intraventricular blood (LeRoux score)‡                        | 1.101               | 0.991–1.225 | NS (0.074)   |  |             | NS           |
| Max mobilization step w/in first 4 days after aneurysm repair | 0.640               | 0.475–0.863 | 0.003        | 0.686  | 0.497–0.946 | 0.021        |
| Age   | 0.966               | 0.933–1.001 | 0.056        | 0.949  | 0.911–0.989 | 0.012        |
| If surgical aneurysm repair                                   | 0.599               | 0.271–1.321 | NS           |  |             | NS           |



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# Mild Exercise Reduces Cerebral Vasospasm After Aneurysm Subarachnoid Hemorrhage: A Retrospective Clinical Study and Correlation with Laboratory Investigation



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**Table 2** Patient characteristics and outcome comparison by the timing of active physical therapy

|                                  | Day of active exercise initiation |             |             |                 |                    |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                                  | ≤3 (n=22)                         | 4–9 (n=20)  | 10–19 (n=9) | ≥20/none (n=29) | P                  |
| Male                             | 6 (27.3 %)                        | 9 (45.0 %)  | 5 (55.6 %)  | 9 (31.0 %)      | 0.366              |
| Hunt-Hess ≥ 3                    | 7 (31.8 %)                        | 7 (35.0 %)  | 4 (44.4 %)  | 22 (75.9 %)     | 0.005 <sup>a</sup> |
| Fisher grade ≥ 3                 | 19 (86.4 %)                       | 14 (70.0 %) | 9 (100 %)   | 26 (89.7 %)     | 0.179              |
| Endovascular aneurysm securement | 18 (81.8 %)                       | 12 (60.0 %) | 6 (66.7 %)  | 15 (51.7 %)     | 0.158              |
| Symptomatic cerebral vasospasm   | 3 (13.6 %)                        | 7 (35.0 %)  | 4 (44.4 %)  | 16 (55.2 %)     | 0.019 <sup>b</sup> |
| Radiographic cerebral vasospasm  | 14 (63.6 %)                       | 11 (55.0 %) | 6 (66.7 %)  | 18 (62.1 %)     | 0.917              |
| Complications                    | 8 (36.4 %)                        | 9 (45.0 %)  | 5 (55.6 %)  | 12 (41.4 %)     | 0.795              |
| Discharge disposition            |                                   |             |             |                 |                    |
| Home                             | 17 (77.3 %)                       | 10 (50.0 %) | 4 (44.4 %)  | 8 (27.6 %)      | 0.005 <sup>c</sup> |
| Rehabilitation                   | 3 (13.6 %)                        | 9 (45.0 %)  | 5 (55.6 %)  | 12 (41.4 %)     | 0.050 <sup>d</sup> |
| Deceased                         | 2 (9.1 %)                         | 1 (5.0 %)   | 0 (0 %)     | 9 (31.0 %)      | 0.035 <sup>e</sup> |

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# **EARLY MOBILIZATION and T.B.I.**

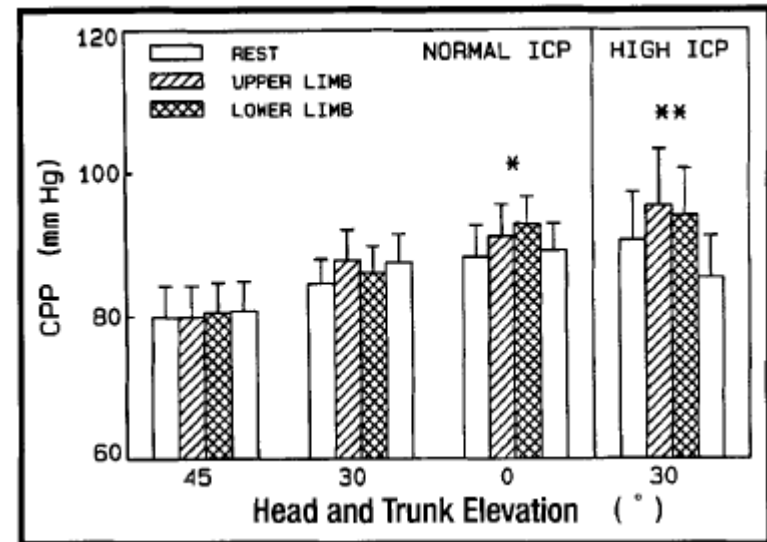
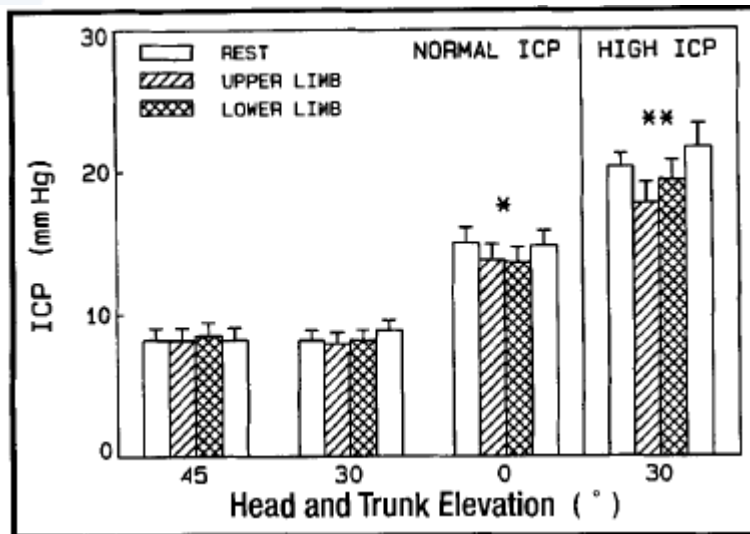


# Effects of Positioning and Exercise on Intracranial Pressure in a Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit

65 patients

Various brain injuries

Various Head Position/ Passive Range of Motion (PROM) / Exercise



Be careful for Valsalva-like maneuver

*Brimioulle S et al. Phys Ther. 1997;77(12):1682-9*



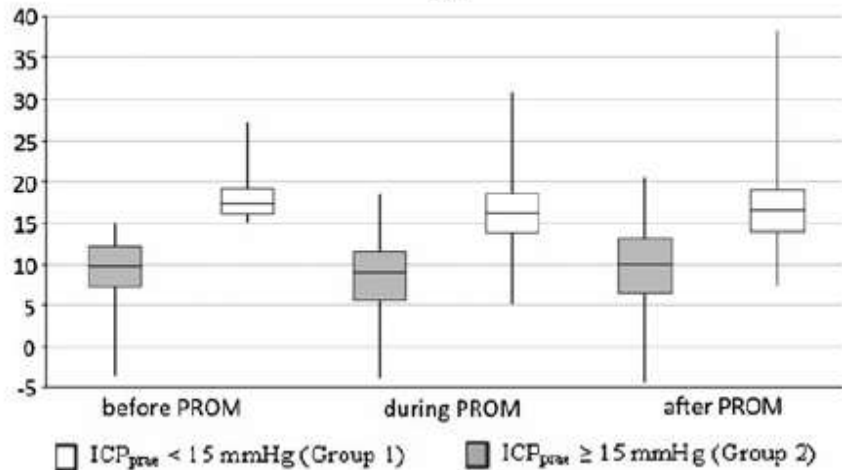
# Effect of Early Physiotherapy on Intracranial Pressure and Cerebral Perfusion Pressure

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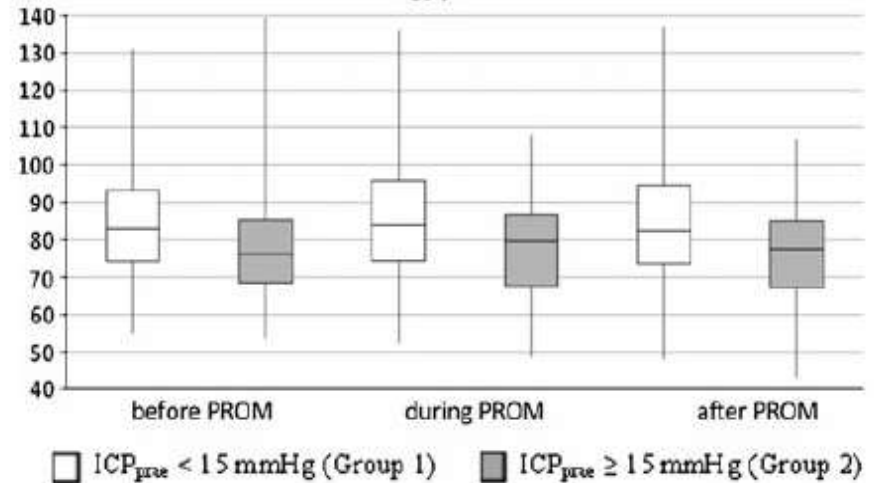
Various brain injuries

Head 30° / Passive Range of Motion (PROM)

ICP

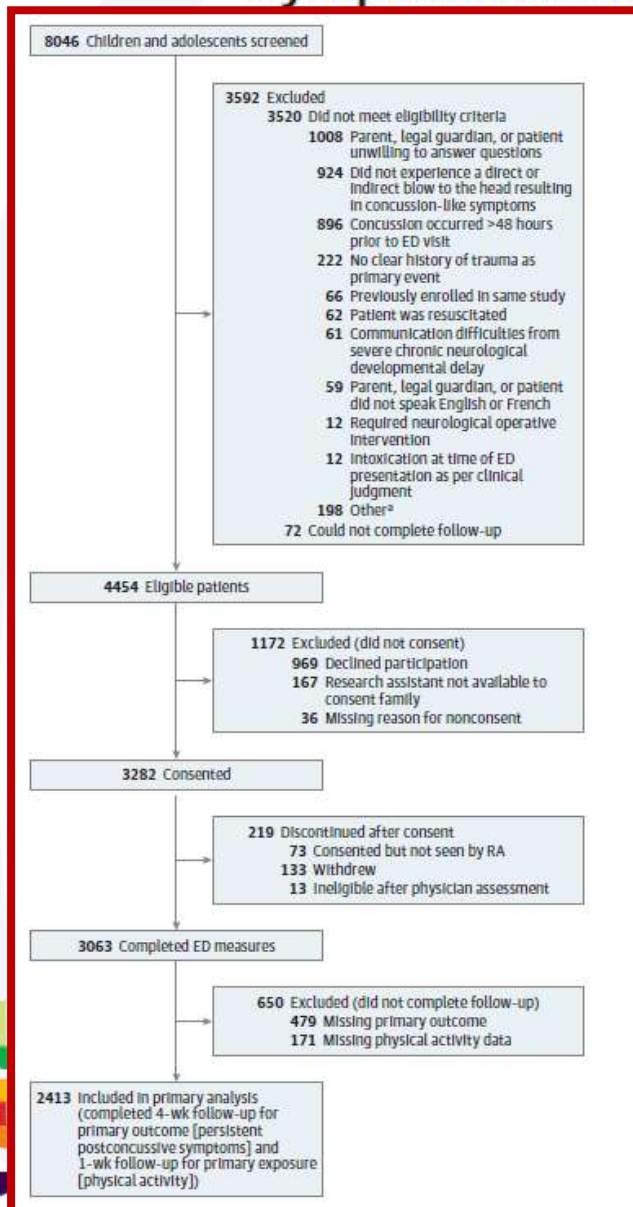


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Roth C et al. Neurocrit Care.2013;18:33-8

# Association Between Early Participation in Physical Activity Following Acute Concussion and Persistent Postconcussive Symptoms in Children and Adolescents



- Prospective MultiCenter Cohort Study
- August 2013 – June 2015
- 9 Paediatric ED in Canada
- 3063 children (<18) with acute concussion (according to the Zurich consensus statement)
- Physical activity participation and concussive symptoms severity (questionnaire)
- Unadjusted analysis
- 1/1 Propensity Score Matching
- Inverse probability of treatment weighting

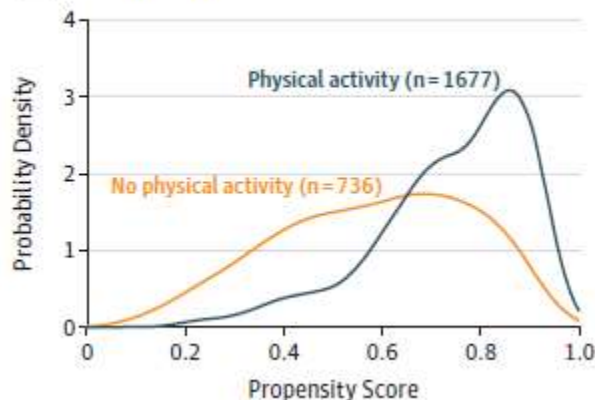
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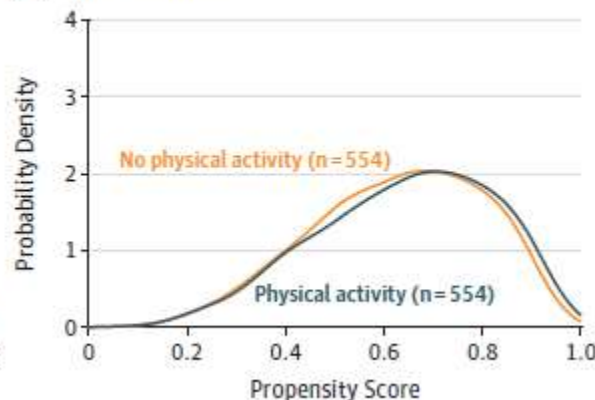
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| Type Analysis                              | No. (Absolute Risk, %) |                      | Absolute Risk Difference, % (95% CI) | Relative Risk (95%CI) |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Physical Activity      | No Physical Activity |                                      |                       |
| Unweighted sample                          | 1677 (24.6)            | 736 (43.5)           | 18.9 (14.7-23.0)                     | 0.75 (0.70-0.80)      |
| Light activity vs none (subgroup 1)        | 795 (31.4)             | 736 (43.5)           | 12.0 (7.2-16.8)                      | 0.82 (0.76-0.89)      |
| Moderate activity vs none (subgroup 2)     | 357 (24.4)             | 736 (43.5)           | 19.1 (13.2-24.6)                     | 0.75 (0.69-0.81)      |
| Full-contact activity vs none (subgroup 3) | 525 (14.5)             | 736 (43.5)           | 29.0 (24.2-33.5)                     | 0.66 (0.61-0.71)      |
| Matched                                    | 554 (28.7)             | 554 (40.1)           | 11.4 (5.8-16.9)                      | 0.84 (0.77-0.92)      |
| Inverse probability of treatment weighting | 1454                   | 645                  | 9.7 (5.7-13.5)                       | 0.74 (0.65-0.84)      |

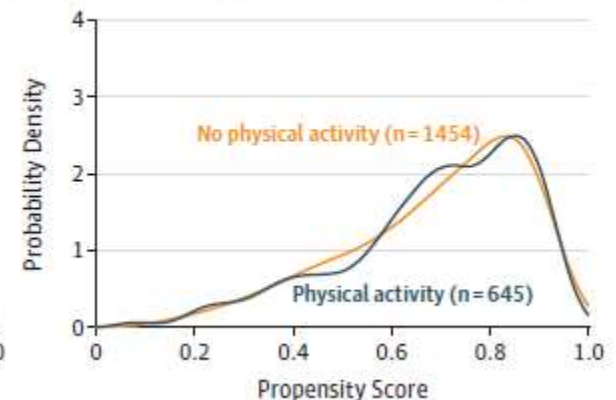
**A** Before matching



**B** After matching



**C** Inverse probability of treatment-weighting analysis



# Association Between Early Participation in Physical Activity Following Acute Concussion and Persistent Postconcussive Symptoms in Children and Adolescents

## 2413 participants:

- **UNADJUSTED ANALYSIS:**

PPCS occurred in 24% of the early physical therapy (versus 43%)

- **PROPENSITY MATCHING ANALYSIS:**

PPCS occurred in 28,7% of the early physical therapy (versus 41,1%)

- **INVERSE PROBABILITY of TREATMENT WEIGHTING:**

Relative Risk for PPCS: 0,74 (C I: 0,65 - ,84)

- **MORE EXERCISE IS ASSOCIATED WITH LESS PPCS**

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# Association Between Early Participation in Physical Activity Following Acute Concussion and Persistent Postconcussive Symptoms in Children and Adolescents

## Key Points

**Question** Is participation in physical activity within 7 days following acute concussion associated with lower rates of persistent postconcussive symptoms in children and adolescents compared with conservative rest?

**Findings** In this prospective, multicenter cohort study of 3063 children and adolescents aged 5.00 to 17.99 years after propensity matching, the proportion with postconcussive symptoms at 28 days was 28.7% with participation in early physical activity vs 40.1% with conservative rest, a significant difference.

**Meaning** Participation in physical activity within 1 week after injury may benefit symptom recovery following acute concussion in children and adolescents.

*Grool AL et al. JAMA.2016;316(23):2504-14*



# **PRONE POSITION and BRAIN**





# Prone position in subarachnoid hemorrhage patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome: Effects on cerebral tissue oxygenation and intracranial pressure\*

- Retrospective data analysis
- 16 patients treated for SAH – H&H 3 or more – ARDS

| Variable          | Supine           | Prone             | P Value <sup>a</sup> |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Pao <sub>2</sub>  | 92.8 ± 11.9 torr | 129.2 ± 24.4 torr | <.0001               |
| MAP               | 82.6 ± 7.6 mm Hg | 83.0 ± 7.0 mm Hg  | .217 NS              |
| ICP               | 9.6 ± 3.5 mm Hg  | 15.8 ± 3.5 mm Hg  | <.0001               |
| CPP               | 74.4 ± 8.4 mm Hg | 67.0 ± 7.1 mm Hg  | <.0001               |
| ptiO <sub>2</sub> | 27.2 ± 4.19 torr | 33.5 ± 5.26 torr  | <.001                |

|                   |           | Supine, % | Prone, % | P Value <sup>a</sup> |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------------|
| ICP               | >20 mm Hg | 2.24      | 17.96    | .0338                |
|                   | >25 mm Hg | —         | 10.68    | NS                   |
| CPP               | <60 mm Hg | 7.57      | 21.8     | .0188                |
|                   | <55 mm Hg | 1.61      | 8.05     | .0191                |
| ptiO <sub>2</sub> | <20 torr  | 32.7      | 10       | .0473                |
|                   | <15 torr  | 11.3      | 2        | NS                   |

Reinprecht A et al. Crit Care Med.2003;31:1831-8



# Prone ventilation for refractory hypoxaemia in a patient with severe chest wall disruption and traumatic brain injury

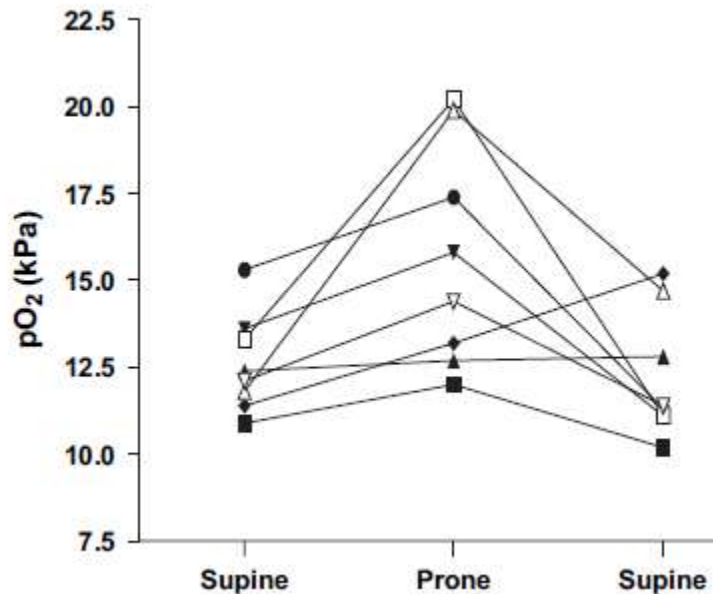
**Table 1** Trend in arterial blood gas, ICP, and ventilator parameters before and after prone positioning.  $Pa_{O_2}$ , partial pressure of oxygen (arterial);  $Pa_{CO_2}$ , partial pressure of carbon dioxide (arterial); BE, base excess,  $HCO_3^-$ , standard bicarbonate;  $F_{IO_2}$ , fractional inspired oxygen concentration;  $V_T$ , tidal volume; IBW, ideal body weight; PEEP, positive end-expiratory pressure;  $P_{Peak}$ , peak inspiratory pressure; ICP, intracranial pressure

|  | Admission | 24 h pre-prone | 2 h pre-prone | 1 h post-prone | 7 h post-prone | 12 h post-prone | 24 h post-prone | 48 h post-prone |
|--|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| pH                                       | 7.337     | 7.462          | 7.276         | 7.270          | 7.444          | 7.490           | 7.498           | 7.504           |
| $Pa_{O_2}$ (kPa)                         | 23.0      | 6.11           | 5.29          | 7.78           | 9.73           | 10.1            | 13.4            | 10.4            |
| $Pa_{CO_2}$ (kPa)                        | 4.90      | 5.97           | 10.5          | 10.2           | 6.8            | 6.18            | 5.66            | 5.27            |
| BE (mmol litre <sup>-1</sup> )           | -5.6      | 7.6            | 8.6           | 7.4            | 9.9            | 10.9            | 8.9             | 7.4             |
| $HCO_3^-$ (mmol litre <sup>-1</sup> )    | 19.2      | 31.6           | 35.3          | 34.1           | 34.4           | 35.0            | 32.7            | 30.9            |
| $F_{IO_2}$                               | 0.50      | 1.0            | 1.0           | 1.0            | 0.85           | 0.7             | 0.55            | 0.35            |
| $V_T$ (ml) (ml kg <sup>-1</sup> for IBW) | 611 (6.8) | 805 (8.9)      | 451 (5.0)     | 415 (4.6)      | 611 (6.8)      | 612 (6.8)       | 572 (6.4)       | 605 (6.7)       |
| PEEP (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)               | 8         | 5              | 15            | 15             | 15             | 15              | 15              | 12              |
| $Pa_{O_2}/F_{IO_2}$ ratio (mm Hg)        | 345.0     | 45.8           | 39.6          | 58.4           | 85.9           | 108.2           | 182.7           | 222.9           |
| ICP (mm Hg)                              | —         | 23             | 17            | 30             | 22             | 18              | 2               | —               |

Ashton-Cleary et al. *Br J Anaesth*.2011;107(6):1009-10

# Oxygenation and cerebral perfusion pressure improved in the prone position

- 8 patients
- TBI or SAH



Intracranial pressure, cerebral perfusion pressure, and mean arterial pressure.

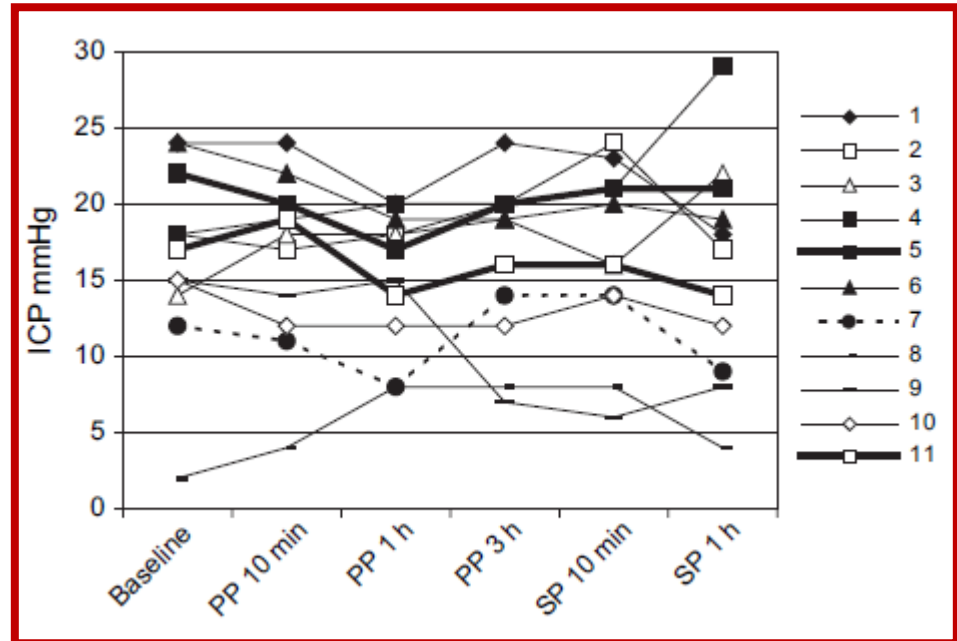
|            | Baseline (start) | Prone position               | Baseline (end) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| ICP (mmHg) | 12 ± 6           | 15 ± 4*<br><i>P</i> = 0.03   | 14 ± 5         |
| CPP (mmHg) | 66 ± 7           | 73 ± 8*<br><i>P</i> = 0.03   | 66 ± 8         |
| MAP (mmHg) | 78 ± 8           | 88 ± 8**<br><i>P</i> = 0.005 | 80 ± 10        |

*Nekludov et al. Acta Anaesthesiol Scand.2006;50:932-6*



# Prone position in mechanically ventilated patients with reduced intracranial compliance

- Consecutive, prospective, pilot study
- 11 patients with TBI or IC haemorrhage



*Thelandersson A et al. Acta Anaesthesiol Scand.2006;50:937-41*

# Prone position in mechanically ventilated patients with reduced intracranial compliance

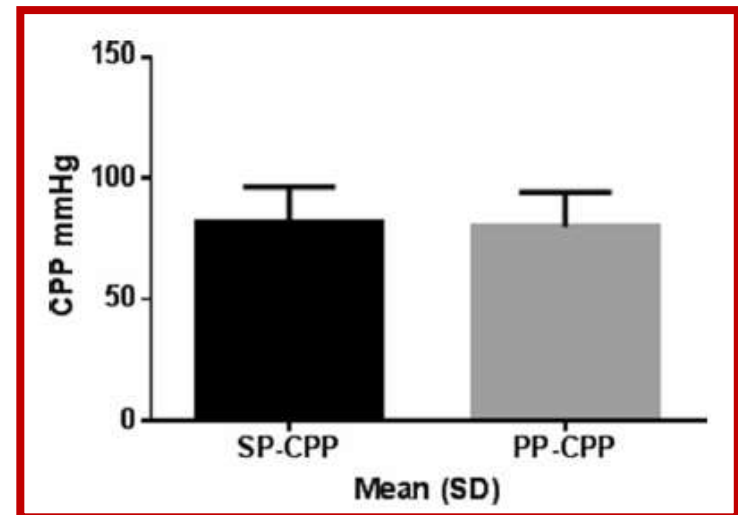
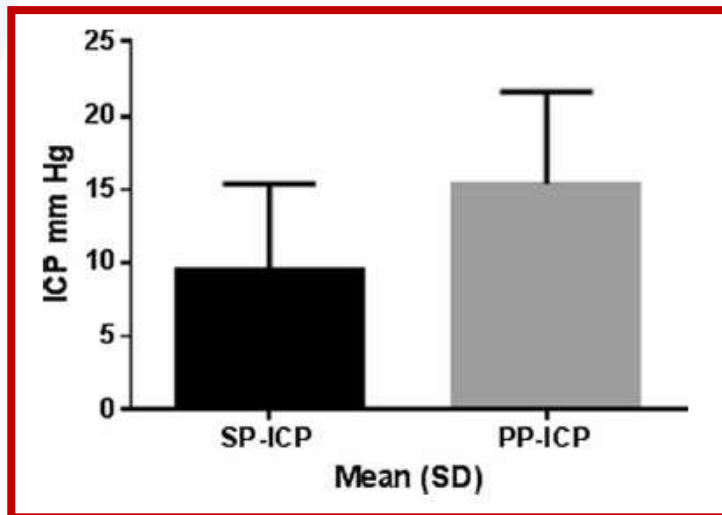
Intracranial and circulatory results in the supine position at baseline, in the prone position after 10 min, 1 and 3 h and in the supine post-prone position after 10 min and 1 h.

|      | Supine position | Prone position |          |          | Supine post-prone position |          |
|------|-----------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
|      | Baseline        | 10 min         | 1 h      | 3 h      | 10 min                     | 1 h      |
| ICP  | 16 ± 6          | 16 ± 5         | 15 ± 4   | 16 ± 5   | 17 ± 6                     | 16 ± 7   |
| CPP  | 78 ± 12         | 75 ± 13        | 78 ± 13  | 79 ± 10  | 75 ± 17                    | 72 ± 13† |
| MABP | 94 ± 15         | 91 ± 13        | 93 ± 13  | 95 ± 10  | 88 ± 17                    | 88 ± 13† |
| HR   | 67 ± 15         | 72 ± 15*       | 73 ± 15* | 76 ± 18* | 74 ± 18*                   | 69 ± 14  |

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# Does Prone Positioning Increase Intracranial Pressure? A Retrospective Analysis of Patients with Acute Brain Injury and Acute Respiratory Failure

- 115 patients treated in prone between 2007 and 2013
- 29 patients with ICP monitoring



|  | Before | During | After | p value |
|--|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| PEEP (mbar)                              | 11     | 11.1   | 10.6  | 0.1714  |
| pCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)                  | 43.1   | 38.1   | 35.9  | 0.003   |
| PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> ratio | 135.4  | 339.8  | 345.8 | <0.0001 |

*Roth C et al. Neurocrit Care.2014;21:186-91*

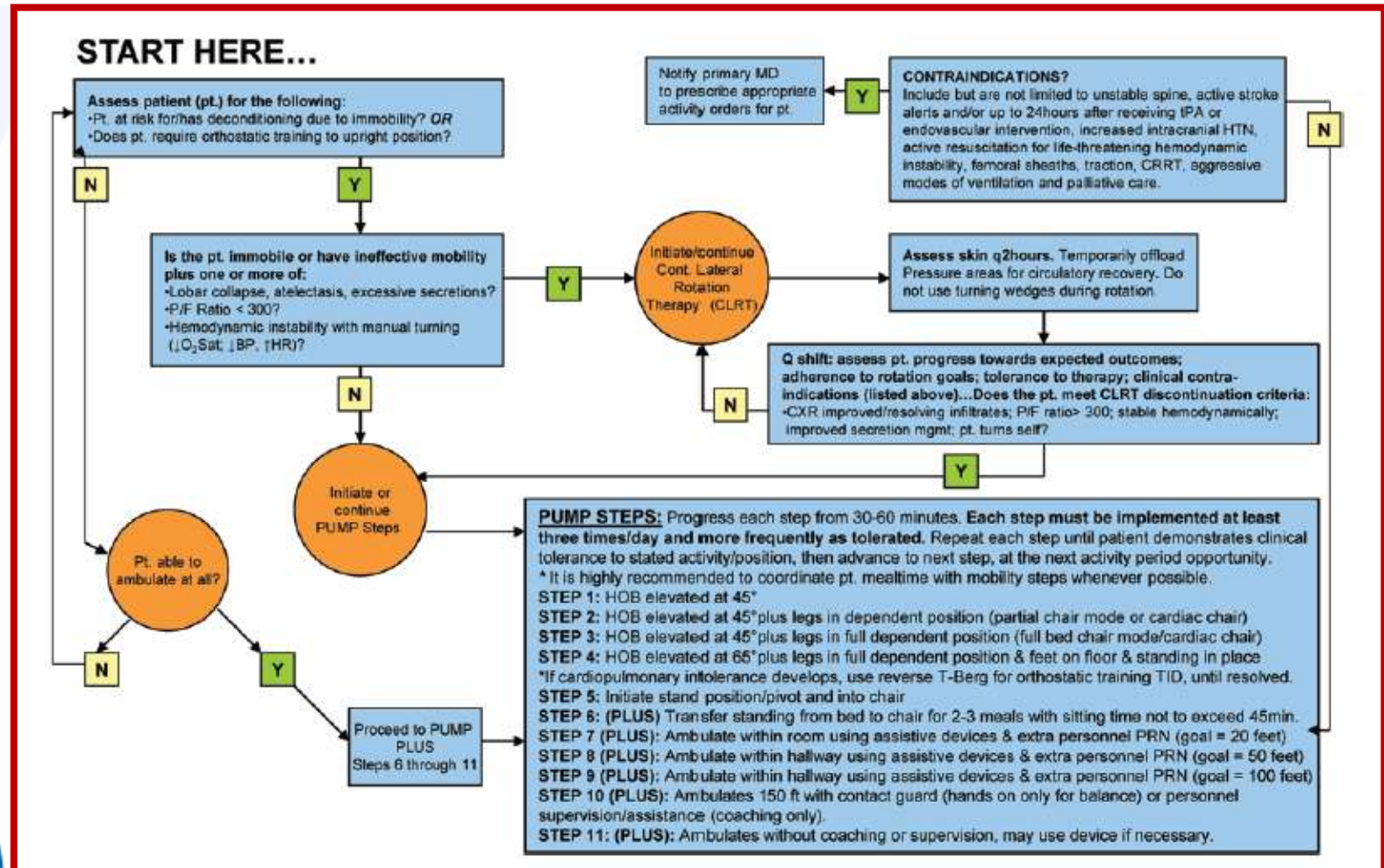


# EARLY MOBILIZATION and NEURO - ICU

From an Italian, observational study  
(*Bartolo et al. Eur J Phys Rehab Med.2016*),  
we know early rehabilitation is not diffusely  
performed in sABI in ICU/NICU.  
Furthermore, rehabilitative interventions are very  
variable.



# The effect of increased mobility on morbidity in the neurointensive care unit

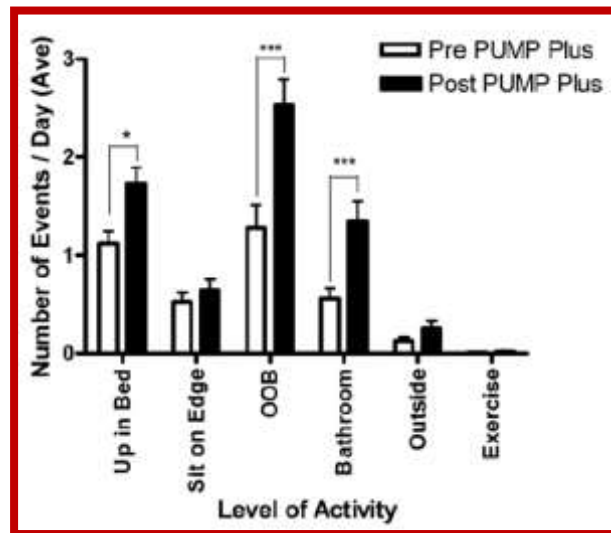


Titworth WL et al. J Neurosurg.2012; 116:1379-88



# The effect of increased mobility on morbidity in the neurointensive care unit

| Variable                                      | Before the Initiative | After the Initiative | p Value |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| dates   | Jan 18–Jan 31, 2011   | May 31–June 14, 2011 |         |
| no. of patients                               | 77                    | 93                   |         |
| mean corrected I-MOVE mobility score (95% CI) | 14.5 (9.1–22.9)       | 44.7 (27.9–71.3)     | <0.0001 |
| mean hospital LOS in days (95% CI)            | 12.0 (9.87–14.7)      | 8.6 (6.93–10.8)      | <0.01   |



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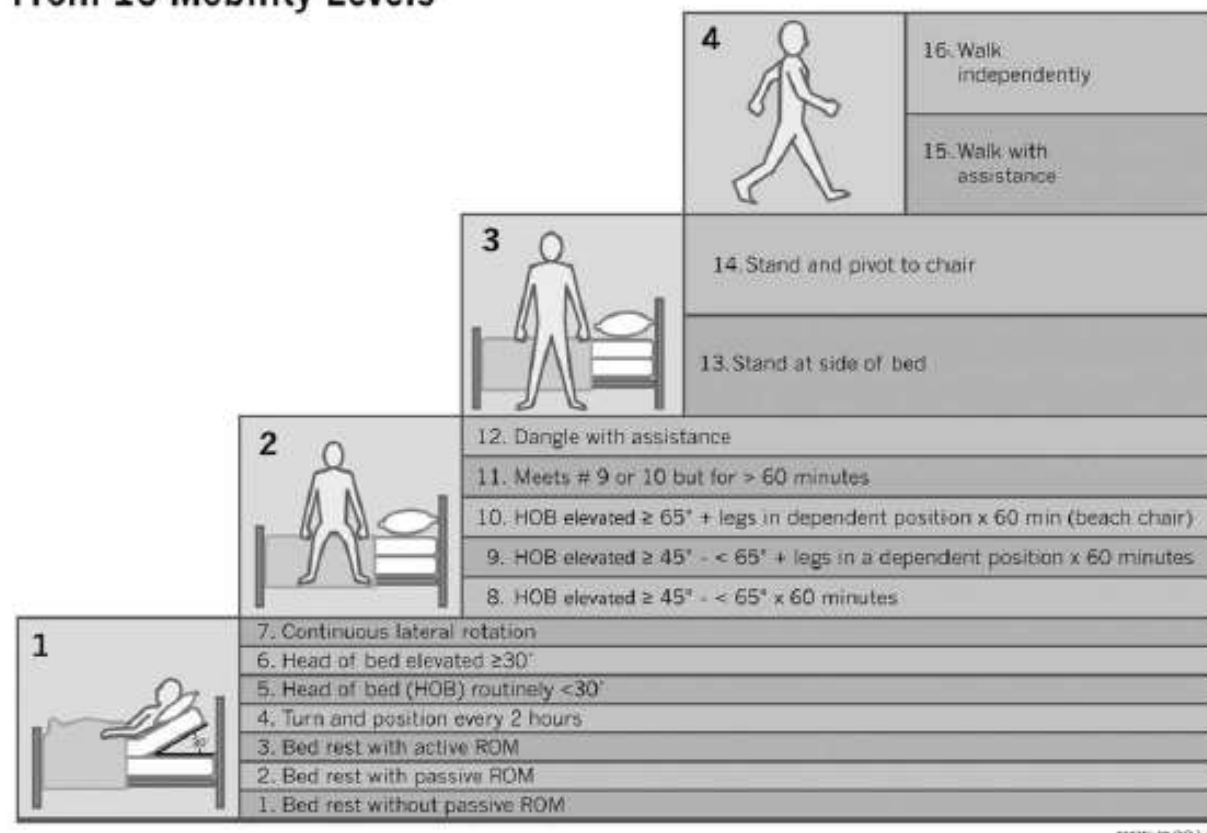
# The effect of increased mobility on morbidity in the neurointensive care unit

| Outcome Measure                     | Before Mobility            | After Mobility       | p Value |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| dates                               | April 1, 2010–Jan 31, 2011 | Feb 11–June 31, 2011 |         |
| patient days                        | 802 ± 71                   | 742 ± 75             | 0.12    |
| neurointensive care unit LOS (days) | 4.00 ± 0.31                | 3.46 ± 0.31          | <0.004  |
| acquired pressure ulcer prevalence  | 2.6% ± 0.03                | 4.6% ± 0.02          | 0.22    |
| days in restraints                  | 368.57 ± 46.8              | 301.2 ± 55.3         | <0.05   |
| hospital-acquired infections        | 5.5 ± 0.9                  | 2.2 ± 1.0            | <0.05   |
| VAP rate†                           | 2.14 ± 0.95                | 0 ± 0                | <0.001  |
| % of patients ventilated            | 32.0 ± 0.03                | 30.6 ± 0.07          | 0.66    |
| ventilator days                     | 255 ± 27.9                 | 231 ± 70.7           | 0.39    |
| VAP bundle compliance (%)           | 98.5 ± 0.02                | 95.6 ± 0.07          | 0.23    |
| UTI rate†                           | 2.72 ± 1.17                | 1.07 ± 1.67          | 0.11    |
| urinary catheter days               | 581.6 ± 30                 | 463 ± 145            | <0.05   |
| central venous line infections      | 0.35 ± 0.78                | 1.0 ± 0.93           | 0.24    |
| total falls†                        | 1.00 ± 0.35                | 1.0 ± 0.63           | 1.00    |
| fall rate per 1000 patient days     | 1.39 ± 0.57                | 1.31 ± 0.85          | 0.867   |
| critical line pulls                 | 0.90 ± 0.53                | 0.67 ± 0.81          | 0.63    |
| line pull rate†                     | 1.10 ± 0.67                | 0.91 ± 1.12          | 0.766   |

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# Clinical and Psychological Effects of Early Mobilization in Patients Treated in a Neurologic ICU: A Comparative Study\*

## Four Progressive Mobility Milestones From 16 Mobility Levels



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**TABLE 2. Clinical Outcome Differences Between Pre- and Postintervention Groups**

| Outcome Factors                        | Intervention Group |                 | p       |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|---------|
|  | Pre (n = 260)      | Post (n = 377)  |         |
| Maximum mobility by mobility groupings |                    |                 | < 0.001 |
| Levels 1–7, n (%)                      | 101 (38.8)         | 102 (27.1)      |         |
| Levels 8–12, n (%)                     | 104 (40.0)         | 114 (30.2)      |         |
| Levels 13–14, n (%)                    | 30 (11.5)          | 117 (31.0)      |         |
| Levels 15–16, n (%)                    | 25 (9.6)           | 44 (11.7)       |         |
| Length of stay, mean (sd)              |                    |                 |         |
| Hospital                               | 15.2 (16.0)        | 10.2 (8.2)      | < 0.001 |
| Neuroscience ICU                       | 7.8 (9.6)          | 4.3 (5.1)       | < 0.001 |
| Mortality, 30 d, n (%)                 | 43 (16.5)          | 45 (12.0)       | 0.12    |
| Disposition home, n (%)                | 67 (25.8)          | 139 (37.1)      | 0.002   |
| Ventilator-associated pneumonia, n (%) | 4 (1.5)            | 1 (0.3)         | 0.11    |
| Blood stream infection, n (%)          | 10 (3.8)           | 3 (0.8)         | 0.015   |
| Deep vein thrombosis $\geq 1$ , n (%)  | 17 (6.5)           | 42 (11.1)       | 0.12    |
| Hospital-acquired pressure ulcers (%)  | 10 (3.8)           | 4 (1.1)         | 0.026   |
| Psychological profile score, mean (sd) |                    |                 |         |
| Overall                                | 2.4 $\pm$ 2.4      | 1.7 $\pm$ 2.0   | 0.13    |
| Depression                             | 0.90 $\pm$ 1.09    | 0.59 $\pm$ 0.86 | 0.055   |
| Anxiety                                | 1.03 $\pm$ 1.05    | 0.74 $\pm$ 0.82 | 0.029   |
| Hostility                              | 0.48 $\pm$ 0.71    | 0.35 $\pm$ 0.51 | 0.18    |

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## Early in-bed tilting in neurological intensive care unit: Feasibility and interest

*Discussion - conclusion* The in-bed verticalization for brain-damaged patients in ICU can be very early, with a low rate of reversible side effects. It requires a good definition of indications and contraindications. Some of the patients improve their wakefulness status during the verticalization. The data collection will be continued for a 6 months period.



*Fazilleau S. Ann Phys Rehab Med.2016; 59S:e153*

# Effectiveness of a Very Early Stepping Verticalization Protocol in Severe Acquired Brain Injured Patients: A Randomized Pilot Study in ICU

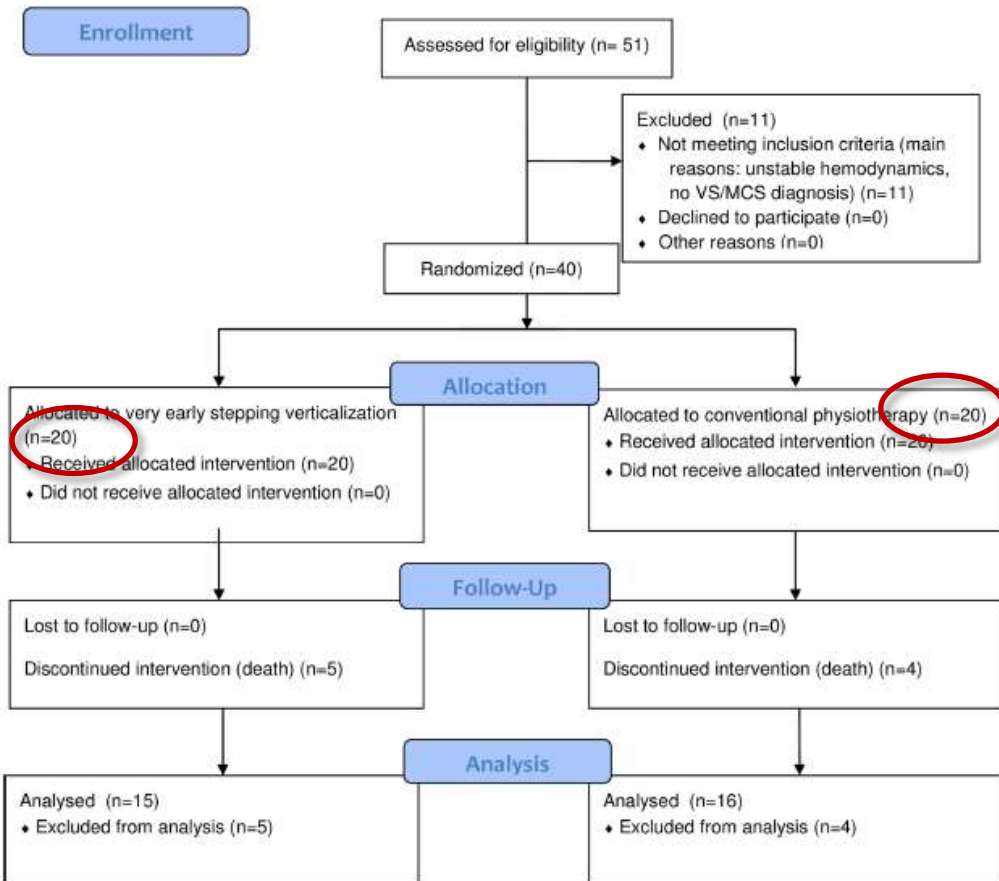


Fig 2. "Erigo" setting in the ICU room.



# Effectiveness of a Very Early Stepping Verticalization Protocol in Severe Acquired Brain Injured Patients: A Randomized Pilot Study in ICU

## Conclusions

A stepping verticalization protocol, started since the acute stages, improves the short-term and long-term functional and neurological outcome of ABI patients.

### **BUT:**

- Type of injury
- Patient younger in the verticalization group
- Verticalization started  $12,4 \pm 7,3$  days after TBI
- ICU LOS longer for the verticalized patients

*Frazzitta G et al. PLoS One.2016; e0158030*



# Patients with severe acquired brain injury show increased arousal in tilt-table training

16 patients enrolled (out of 56 admitted in the unit/ward)  
Mainly TBI but also anoxia and stroke  
40 ± 22 days after surgery

Tilt Table  
Orthostatic tolerance ?

- **15/16 patients were unable to complete 20 minutes of training bc of orthostatic symptoms.**
- Increased arousal (eyes opened)

*Riberholt CG et al. Dan Med J.2013;*





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- Implement a mobilisation program / Check list
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## HOWEVER:

- Interpret the reported data with caution
- Compare what is comparable



**Table 3** Safety checklist specific to early mobilization in the NICU

| Yes                      | No                       | N/A                      | Inclusion criteria   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If there is an EVD, is the EVD closed and secure for patient mobilization?                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have ICPs been well controlled for 24 h with no administration of mannitol or hypertonic saline? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there no <i>active</i> titration of parenteral vasopressors or antihypertensives?             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the CAM-ICU negative for delirium?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the patient have a stable neurologic exam?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If patient has an AIS, has it been 24 h after the onset of symptoms?                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If patient has an aSAH, has the aneurysm been treated?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If patient has a spontaneous ICH, has the hemorrhage volume been stable for 24 h?                |

If all above questions are answered “Yes” or “N/A,” proceed with early mobilization

