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**Physical strain, work capacity and mechanisms
of restoration of mobility in the rehabilitation of
individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI)?**

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Spinal cord injury?

- Primary impairments: motor, sensory & autonomic
- 150-300 pat/yr; male, young
 - Netherlands: 12.000
 - +/- Life expectancy
 - Specialized Units
- 80% wheelchair dependent
 - Leg >> arm work
 - Inactive lifestyle?!
- Secondary impairments
 - Infections; decubitus, osteoporosis
 - => CVD & Overuse MSS

**=> Restoration of mobility
in rehab?**

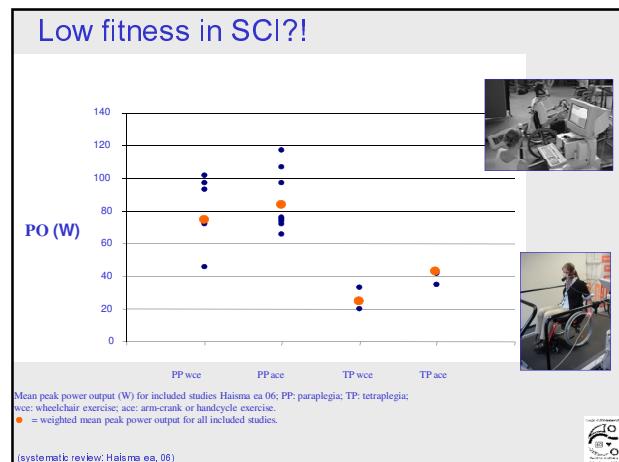
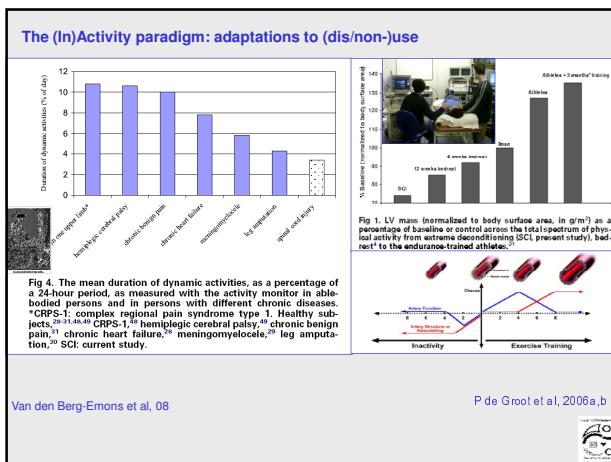
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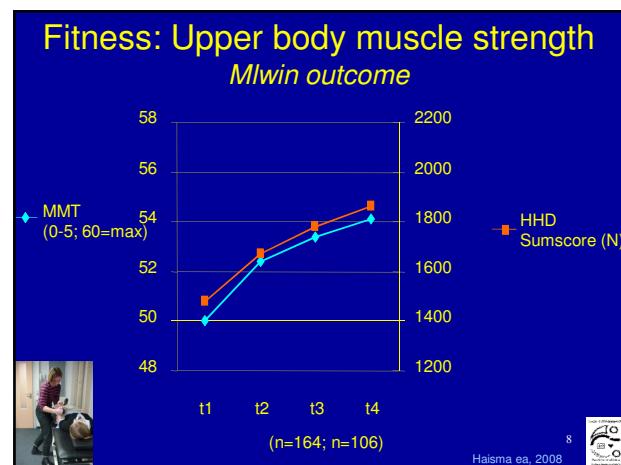
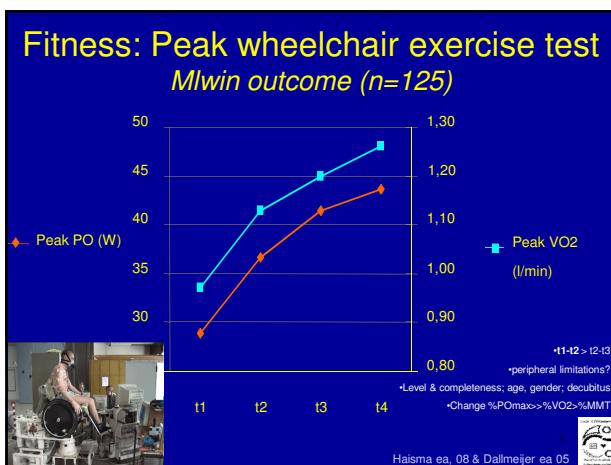
SCI Restoration of Mobility: key-problems?

- **Upper body/Arm work**
 - Loss of Function: Small muscle mass, not well trained
 - Complex & vulnerable upper body musculoskeletal system
- **SCI**
 - Incomplete motor system & autonomic disturbances
- **(Highly) repetitive mechanical & cardio-resp stress
wheelchair use & ADL => inactivity....overuse?**
 - Inefficient hand rim propulsion mechanism
 - Stress \Leftrightarrow Strain \Leftrightarrow Work Capacity !

\Rightarrow Rehabilitation
 \Rightarrow Prevention
 \Rightarrow secondary impairments
 \Rightarrow vicious circle

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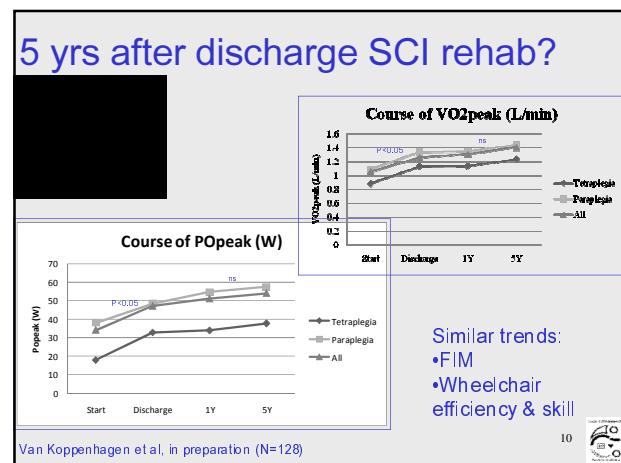




Person and lesion related factors

	age	gender	level	completeness
peak power output	↓	♀ ↓	TP ↓	=
change in PO	↓	♀ ↓	=	=
peak oxygen uptake	=	♀ ↓	TP ↓	=
change in VO ₂	=	♀ ↓	TP ↓	=

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SCI-rehab

How much therapy do we give?

Table 1: General Characteristics of Interventions by Country

Variable	NL (n=40)	AT (n=30)	DE (n=15)
Age (SD, years)	30.2 (14.0)	37.0 (18.8)	40.7 (15.7)
Sex (n (%))	21 (52.5)	16 (53.3)	10 (66.7)
Change in FIM (SD)	10.4 (10.3)	14.3 (11.5)	10.3 (10.3)
MMT complete paraplegia, AT (n%)	11 (27.5)	10 (33.3)	1 (6.7)
MMT complete paraplegia, NL (n%)	1 (2.5)	1 (3.3)	0 (0)
MMT complete tetraplegia, AT (n%)	12 (32.5)	12 (40.0)	2 (13.3)
MMT complete tetraplegia, NL (n%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total number of interventions per country	143 (SD 40.5-102.0)	80.5 (SD 40.0-75.0)	47 (SD 10.0-30.0)
Number of patients treated per country	46 (SD 14.0-21.0)	40 (SD 10.0-15.0)	15 (SD 4.0-5.0)
Mean duration of treatment (SD)	7.1 (SD 4.8)	7.7 (SD 6.0)	4.7 (SD 1.6)

1) Age given as mean (SD) where data were available. 2) Mean days of active intervention per patient.

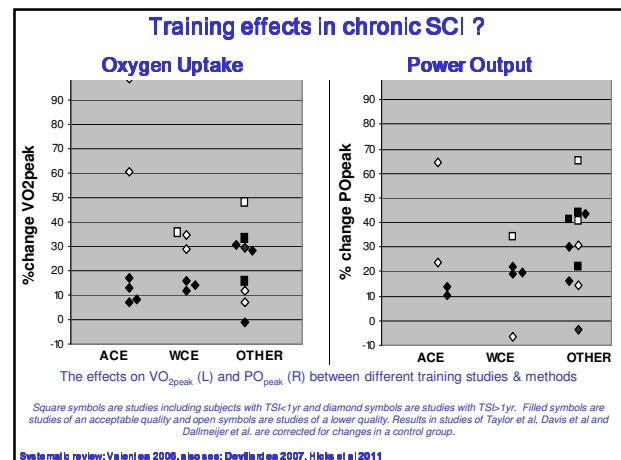
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Variable	NL	AT	DE
Total no. of recorded treatments	1,640	626	256
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For mobility and self-care (%)	95.7	95.4	95.3
For other domains of the ICF (%)	4.3	4.6	4.7
Nb. of interventions per treatment			
1 intervention (%)	56.6	30.9	25.6
2 interventions (%)	28.5	16.7	23.3
3 interventions (%)	11.7	21.2	28.3
4 interventions (%)	2.4	15.8	14.1
≥4 interventions (%)	0.8	15.4	8.7
Total therapy time (min) ^b	45,570	29,705	11,830
For mobility and self-care (%)	93.8	89.1	90.3
For other domains of the ICF (%)	6.2	10.9	9.7
Proportion of therapy time for mobility and self-care by discipline (%)			
Physical therapy	67.8	71.9	67.6
Occupational therapy	22.7	28.1	32.3
Sports therapy	9.5	0	0
Proportion of therapy time given as individual therapy (%)			
Physical therapy (%)	61.0	93.7	84.5
Occupational therapy (%)	65.9	100	98.8
Sports therapy (%)	42.9	0	0

a) All interventions represented by 3 rehabilitation centers in The Netherlands.
b) NL=The Netherlands, represented by 3 rehabilitation centers in The Netherlands.
AT=Austria, represented by 1 rehabilitation center in Innsbruck.
DE=Germany, represented by 1 rehabilitation center in Tondern.
^{a,b}Only interventions with a minimum of 10 minutes of treatment sessions.

Optimal intensity,freq,duration,form? Guideline?

Van Langeveld et al 2011



<h1>Martin Ginnis et al 2011: evidence-informed PA guidelines</h1> <h2>PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDELINES</h2> <p>for Adults with Spinal Cord Injury</p> <p>PREAMBLE</p> <p>These guidelines are appropriate for all healthy adults with chronic spinal cord injury, including those with tetraparesis, tetraplegia and paraparesis, irrespective of gender, race, ethnicity or socio-economic status. Adults are encouraged to participate in a variety of physical activities that are enjoyable and safe.</p> <p>You should try to be active throughout the day, and in a variety of ways, in addition to your usual activities of daily living.</p> <p>If you are newly injured, are pregnant, prone to autonomic dysreflexia, or have other medical conditions, you should talk to your health professional to find out what type and amount of physical activity are right for you. A health professional might include a doctor, a physiotherapist, or a qualified exercise professional.</p> <p>As a safe progression towards meeting the guidelines it is appropriate to start with smaller amounts of physical activity and gradually increase how long, how often, and how hard you engage in physical activity.</p>	  <p>www.sciactioncanada.ca/guidelines</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">For important fitness benefits, adults with a spinal cord injury should engage in: At least 20 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity aerobic activity 2 times per week.</th></tr> <tr> <th colspan="3">Strength training exercises 2 times per week, consisting of 3 sets of 8-10 repetitions of each exercise for each major muscle group</th></tr> <tr> <th>How ...</th><th>Aerobic Activity</th><th>Strength Training Activity</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>How often?</td><td>Two times per week</td><td>Two times per week</td></tr> <tr> <td>How much?</td><td>Gradually increase your activity so you are doing at least 20 minutes of vigorous activity during each workout session.</td><td>Reporters are the sum of doses you fit in and complete each week.</td></tr> <tr> <td>How hard?</td><td>This action should be performed at a moderate to vigorous intensity.</td><td>To do 8-10 repetitions of each exercise. 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Conclusion for SPINAL CORD MEDICINE

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Low-intensity exercise?

Summary of Recommended Practices

Initial Assessment of Acute SCI

- Educate health care providers and patients with SCI about the importance of early intervention in the means of prevention, treatment options, and the need to maintain fitness.
- Assess patient's functional status, ergonomic risk factors, equipment, and level of pain as part of a periodic health review. This review should include management of:

 - Transfer and wheelchair propulsion techniques
 - Equipment (wheelchair and transfer device)
 - Current health status

Ergonomics

- Minimize the frequency of repetitive upper limb tasks.
- Minimize the force required to complete upper limb tasks.
- Minimize or eliminate potentially repetitive positions at all sites:
 - Avoid extreme position of one wrist,
 - Avoid pronating the hand above the shoulder
 - Avoid potentially unusual or extreme positions of the shoulder, including extreme reaches forward and to the side.

Environmental Safety, Training, and Environmental Adaptations

- WD high-risk patients, evaluate and discuss the pros and cons of changing to a power wheelchair as a way to prevent repetitive injuries.
- Develop a wheelchair that is maneuverable, high-strength, fully customizable manual wheelchair made of the lightest possible material.

Patients with SCI: Exercise and Physical Activity

- Exercise is beneficial for patients with SCI.
- Exercise the patient:
 - Use low-intensity exercise
 - Allow the patient to self-select activities when possible
- Provide exercise education relative to:

 - The individual's pain, interests, and physical condition should be considered
 - Frequent exercise
 - When the patient can exercise and the duration of exercise
 - Avoid falls and injuries
 - Remember goal of participation

Use Exercise to Improve Activities of Daily Living and Quality of Life

- Convey a positive attitude toward exercise and have patients set realistic goals.
- Congratulate the patient on successes and encourage them to continue to work toward their goals.
- Encourage individual patient needs:
 - Perform low-intensity exercise
 - Avoid pain and fatigue

