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**La sindrome Long Covid dall'eziologia
alla riabilitazione**

LA RIABILITAZIONE

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REHABILITATION OF ADULTS POST-COVID-19 CONDITION

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Clinical management of COVID-19

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TOPIC 1 Components and functions of rehabilitation care

SUGGERIMENTI:

Team di riabilitazione multidisciplinare

Continuità e coordinamento della presa in carico

Centralità della persona e decisioni condivise

Mancanza di core-assessment



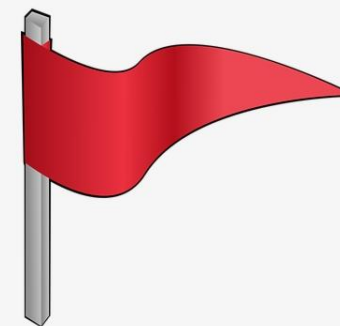


TOPIC 2 Red flags for safe rehabilitation

FORTE RACCOMANDAZIONE:

Forte raccomandazione che la **desaturazione** associata a **dispnea e l'impairment** cardiaco conseguenti a COVID19 dovrebbero essere **escluse** e gestite prima di considerare l'avvio di un training di esercizio fisico.

- Intolleranza ortostatica
- Fatica da sforzo



STRUMENTI E MODELLI ORGANIZZATIVI- raccomandazioni di clinical management

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- Utilizzare training educativi e di competenze basati su **tecniche di risparmio dell'energia**, come, ad esempio, il “pacing approaches”, per la riabilitazione clinica in pazienti con sintomi emergenti dopo la “Post-Exertional Symptom Exacerbation” (PESE) Syndrome.



TOPIC 3: Referral principles

RACCOMANDAZIONE *conditional*:

Precoce presa in carico riabilitativa, è possibile e consigliabile

Info pratiche:

Strumento di misurazione e valutazione/autovalutazione della condizione post COVID-19 *attualmente non disponibili ...*

Post Covid-19 Functional Status Scale (PCFS): assessment numerico per pazienti altamente sintomatici

WHODAS 2.0: 12 item



Tabella 1. La scala dello stato funzionale post-COVID-19 (PCFS).

| Livello della scala PCFS | Descrizione |
|--------------------------|--|
| 0 | Non limitazioni funzionali Nessun sintomo, dolore, ansia o depressione. |
| 1 | Limitazioni funzionali trascurabili Tutte le mansioni/attività usuali a casa o lavoro possono essere portate a termine allo stesso modo nonostante alcuni sintomi, dolore, ansia o depressione. |
| 2 | Limitazioni funzionali lievi Le mansioni/attività usuali a casa o lavoro sono portate a termine ad un livello inferiore di intensità od occasionalmente evitate a causa di sintomi, dolore, ansia o depressione. |
| 3 | Limitazioni funzionali moderate Le mansioni/attività usuali a casa o lavoro sono state rimodellate (ridotte) a causa di sintomi, dolore, ansia o depressione. |
| 4 | Limitazioni funzionali severe Nelle attività della vita di tutti i giorni è necessaria assistenza a causa di sintomi, dolore, depressione o ansia; è richiesta assistenza infermieristica professionale o similare. |
| D | Decesso |

Measuring Health and Disability

Manual for WHO Disability Assessment Schedule

WHODAS 2.0

TB Üstün, N Kostanjsek,

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TOPIC 6: Post-exertional symptom exacerbation (PESE)

MALESSERE POST-SFORZO

«peggioramento dei sintomi a seguito di minima attività a carattere cognitivo, fisico, emotivo o sociale o altra attività che era precedentemente ben tollerata»



RACCOMANDAZIONE

Utilizzare training educativi e di competenze basati su **tecniche di risparmio dell'energia**, come, ad esempio, il “pacing approaches”, conservazione dell'energia

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post covid-19 rehabilitation post exertion symptoms exacerbation

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1 **Post-acute COVID-19 Syndrome** Negatively Impacts Physical Function, Cognitive Function, Health-Related Quality of Life, and Participation.
Cite Tabacof L, Tosto-Mancuso J, Wood J, Cortes M, Kontorovich A, McCarthy D, Rizk D, Rozanski G, Breyman E, Nasr L, Kellner C, Herrera JE, Putrino D.
Share Am J Phys Med Rehabil. 2022 Jan 1;101(1):48-52. doi: 10.1097/PHM.0000000000001910. PMID: 34686631 [Free PMC article.](#)
OBJECTIVE: This report describes persistent **symptoms** associated with **post-acute COVID-19 syndrome** (PACS) and the impact of these **symptoms** on physical function, cognitive function, health-related quality of life, and participation. ...

2 **Chronic Fatigue and Postexertional Malaise in People Living With Long COVID: An Observational Study.**
Cite Twomey R, DeMars J, Franklin K, Culos-Reed SN, Weatherald J, Wrightson JG.
Share Phys Ther. 2022 Apr 1;102(4):pzac005. doi: 10.1093/ptj/pzac005. PMID: 35079817 [Free PMC article.](#)
OBJECTIVE: People living with long **COVID** describe a high **symptom** burden, and a more detailed assessment is needed to inform **rehabilitation** recommendations. ...IMPACT: Physical therapists working with people with long **COVID** should measure and validate t ...

3 **Long COVID and rehabilitation.**
Cite Chuang HJ, Lin CW, Hsiao MY, Wang TG, Liang HW.
Share J Formos Med Assoc. 2023 Apr 13;50929-6646(23)00107-9. doi: 10.1016/j.jfma.2023.03.022. Online ahead of print. PMID: 37061399 [Free PMC article.](#) [Review.](#)
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has caused tremendous morbidity and mortality worldwide. ...**Post-exertional symptom exacerbation** and orthostatic hypotension should be carefully monitored during exercise. ...

4 **Effect of using a structured pacing protocol on post-exertional symptom exacerbation and health status in a longitudinal cohort with the post-COVID-19 syndrome.**
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Share J Med Virol. 2023 Jan;95(1):e28373. doi: 10.1002/jmv.28373. PMID: 36461167 [Free PMC article.](#)
Post-exertional symptom exacerbation (PESE) is a characteristic **symptom** of **post-COVID syndrome** (PCS). ...Mean EQ-5D 5L scores improved from 51.4 to 60.6 points (paired difference of 9.2 points, 95% CI: 3.2-15. ...



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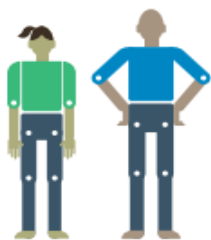
Effect of using a structured pacing protocol on post-exertional symptom exacerbation and health status in a longitudinal cohort with the post-COVID-19 syndrome

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Support for rehabilitation: self-management after COVID-19-related illness

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Onset of COVID-19 symptoms (date):

Date this leaflet was given:

Name and contact details of health care
professional providing leaflet:

Name and contact details of
local health care services:

Name and contact details of
rehabilitation support services:

BORG RATING PERCEIVED EXERTION CATEGORY RATIO CR-10 SCALE

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Abbreviation: RPE, rating of perceived exertion.

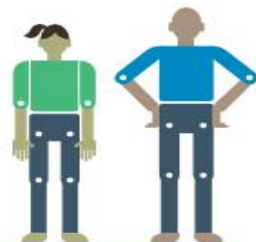


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FASE 1 PREPARAZIONE PER IL RITORNO ALL'ESERCIZIO

FASE 2 ESERCIZI A BASSA INTENSITA'

FASE 3 ATTIVITA' CON INTENSITA' MODERATA

FASE 4 ESERCIZI DI INTENSITA' MODERATA CON CAPACITA' DI COORDINAZIONE E

FUNZIONAMENTO

FASE 5 RITORNO ATTIVITA' ESERCIZI E SPORT

BORG RATING PERCEIVED EXERTION CATEGORY RATIO CR-10 SCALE

| Borg CR-10 | | Fase | | | | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------|---|---|---|---|
| Punteggio | Livello dello sforzo | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 0 | Riposo / nessuno sforzo | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | Molto facile / estremamente leggero | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | Facile / molto leggero | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | Moderato / leggero | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | Leggermente difficile | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | Difficile | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7 | Molto difficile | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9 | Estremamente difficile | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10 | Massimo Sforzo | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |



TOPIC 7: Artralgia

RACCOMANDAZIONE *conditional*

- educazione al dolore,
- training a strategie di autotrattamento (self-management),
- *skills training*,
- prescrizione di farmaci antiinfiammatori non steroidei (FANS) a breve termine
- in assenza di PESE, training di esercizio fisico



SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

Arthralgia: a map of Cochrane evidence relevant to rehabilitation for people with post COVID-19 condition

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| Intervention | Osteoarthritis (hand/hip/knee/ knee+hip) | | | | Ankylosing spondylitis | | | | Aromatase inhibitor-induced musculoskeletal symptoms | | Hemophilia | Chronic pain | | Neuropathic pain | Patellofemoral pain syndrome | | Rheumatoid arthritis | | | |
|------------------|--|----|------|-----|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--|----|------------|--------------|-----|------------------|------------------------------|------|----------------------|-----|-----|--|
| | M* | L* | L* | VL* | M [§] | L [§] | VL [§] | L [§] | VL* | L* | | VL* | L** | | VL** | VL* | VL* | VL* | VL* | |
| Acupuncture | M** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aquatic exercise | M* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exercise | M* | L* | L* | VL* | M [§] | L [§] | VL [§] | L [§] | VL* | L* | VL* | L* | | | | | | VL* | VL* | |
| NMES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | VL* | VL* | | |
| rTMS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | L** | VL** | | | | | |
| TENS | VL** | | VL** | | | | | | | | | | | | | VL** | | | | |

Figure 1.—Evidence map of interventions for arthralgia symptoms compared to control, sham intervention, no therapy. Lines represent the interventions. Columns represent the health conditions where the searched outcome has been considered. Colors in each cell reported the type of effect (effect against the intervention – black; effect in favor of the intervention – white; no definite results – grey). Quality of evidence was reported into each cell the with the following acronyms: VL: very low-quality; L: low-quality; M: moderate-quality; H: high-quality; na: not available. Comparisons: *Control group or other intervention; **sham group; §no intervention. rTMS: repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation; TENS: transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation; NMES: neuromuscular electrical stimulation.



TOPIC 8: Dispnea

RACCOMANDAZIONE *conditional*

- educazione al respiro
- training a strategie di autotrattamento, quali la respirazione nasale
- in assenza di PESE, training di esercizio fisico





RIABILITAZIONE DELLE FUNZIONI CARDIO-RESPIRATORIE NELLA SINDROME LONG-COVID

indicazioni pratiche per la valutazione

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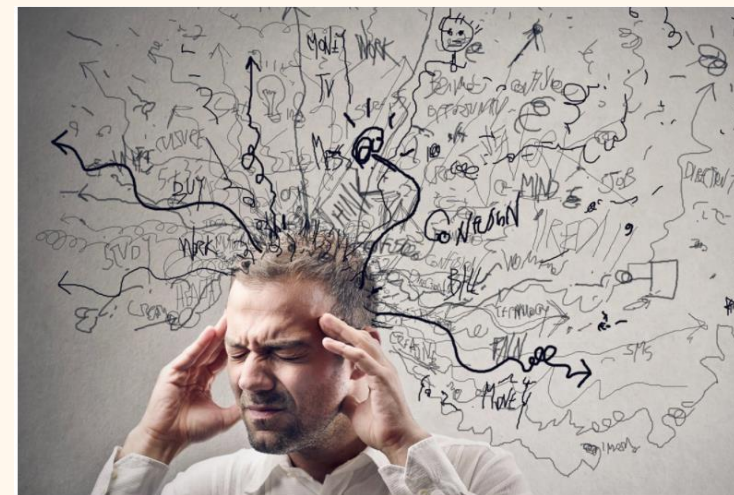
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TOPIC 9: disturbo cognitivo - nebbia cerebrale

RACCOMANDAZIONE conditional

- educazione alla disfunzione cognitiva
- training a strategie di autotrattamento
- esercizi specifici cognitivi.
- utilizzo di tecnologie assistive e modificazioni ambientali.





TOPIC 10: Fatigue

Riduzione dell'energia fisica, mentale ed emotiva nello svolgimento delle attività quotidiane che richiedono concentrazione, attenzione, soluzione di problemi, parlare in pubblico, prendere decisioni



Systematic Review

Impact of Rehabilitation on Fatigue in Post-COVID-19 Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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| Article | Nationality | Study Design | Study Group | Intervention | Outcome | Main Findings |
|---|----------------|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Ferraro et al. Journal of Medical Virology 2020 | Italy | Case series | n tot = 7 male/female = 5/2 mean age = 43.8 years LOS in ICU = 4.7 days LOS in COVID-19 Unit = 16.57 days LOS in Rehabilitation Unit = nr | Increased-intensity physical exercises 1/2 sessions per day of 30 min each for 6 days/week | Borg CR10 | At baseline, 86% of patients presented COVID-19-related fatigue, but after rehabilitation treatment, 71% did not show any fatigue. |
| Tozato et al. Revista Brasileira de Terapia Intensiva, 2020 | Brazil | Case series | n tot = 4 male/female = 2/2 mean age = 56 years LOS in ICU = 15 days LOS in COVID-19 Unit = 19.75 days LOS in Rehabilitation Unit = 90 days | Aerobic exercise 3 times/week, 30 min, resistance exercise 3 times/week, 3 series of 10 repetitions each | Borg CR10 | At the end of the treatment, CR10-associated dyspnea variables were reduced for all cases. |
| Wootton et al. Respirology Case Reports, 2020. | Australia | Case series | n tot = 3 male/female = 3/0 mean age = 70.6 years LOS in ICU = 1.33 days LOS in COVID-19 Unit = 12 days LOS in Rehabilitation Unit = 42 days | Individual telerehabilitation program, including education and progressive exercise sessions (15–30 min each) featuring breathing, aerobic, and strength training | 5 STS, 1 min STS, FSS, mMRC | Fatigue score on the FSS worsened at the six-week time-point in two cases. Patients demonstrated improvements from commencement of rehabilitation to the six-week time-point on the 5 STS and 1 min STS. |
| Bickton et al. American Journal of Medicine & Rehabilitation, 2021 | Malawi | Case report | n tot = 1 male/female = 1/0 mean age = 46 years LOS in ICU = 0 days LOS in COVID-19 Unit = 10 days LOS in Rehabilitation Unit = 21 days | Individual telerehabilitation program, using a treatable traits approach, with weekly contact by a physiotherapist with multidisciplinary team (MDT) input | mMRC, CIS-Fatigue | At the end of the treatment, the CIS fatigue scale score was 11, indicating normal fatigue. |
| Ahmed et al. European Journal of Physiotherapy, 2021 | Pakistan | Prospective interventional study | n tot = 20 male/female = 13/7 mean age = 39.6 years LOS in ICU = 3–5 days LOS in COVID-19 Unit = 5–8 days LOS in Rehabilitation Unit = nr | 5 weeks (3 session/week) of aerobic training (20–60 min/session) and breathing exercise training (10 min/session) | 6 MWT, Modified Borg dyspnea scale evaluated before and after treatment. | At the end of the treatment, there was a statistically significant improvement in performance at the 6 MWT (635.3 ± 11.6 vs. 560.3 ± 11.3; $p < 0.001$) and at the Borg Dyspnea Scale (3.1 ± 0.1 vs. 4.5 ± 0.2; $p < 0.001$) |
| Daynes et al. Chronic Respiratory Disease, 2021 | United Kingdom | Observational study | n tot = 30 male/female = 16/14 mean age = 58 years LOS in ICU = nr LOS in COVID-19 Unit = 10 days LOS in Rehabilitation Unit = nr | 6 weeks (2 session/week) of aerobic exercise, strength training of upper and lower limbs and educational discussions | ISWT, ESWT, FACIT evaluated before and after treatment. | At the end of the treatment there was significant improvements in clinical outcomes of walking capacity as ISWT (413 [229] vs. 300 [198] m; $p < 0.01$) and ESWT (837 [406] vs. 292 [260]; $p < 0.01$). Moreover, there was a statistically significant increase in FACIT values (34 vs. 29 ; $p < 0.01$) |

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- **SCALE DI VALUTAZIONE:** Sono state utilizzate scale di valutazione conosciute e validate: Borg CR 10, 1 min STS, Fatigue Severity Scale, FACIT, ISWT ... pre e post trattamento in tutti gli studi
- **INTERVENTO RIABILITATIVO:** disomogeneo
 - **DURATA DELLO STUDIO** (FINO A 6 SETTIMANE),
 - **FREQUENZA DELLE SEDUTE** (DA 2GG A 6 GG /SETTIMANA),
 - **TIPOLOGIA DI INTERVENTO** (TRAINING AEROBICO, ESERCIZI RESPIRATORI, PROGRAMMI DI TELERIABILITAZIONE INDIVIDUALE CON MONITORAGGIO)
- **RISULTATI:** outcome favorevole (scale di valutazione)



TOPIC 14: Disfagia

RACCOMANDAZIONE conditional

- combinazione tra educazione
- training a strategie di autotrattamento
- esercizi specifici (posturali, manovre, modificazioni dietetiche, deglutizione)





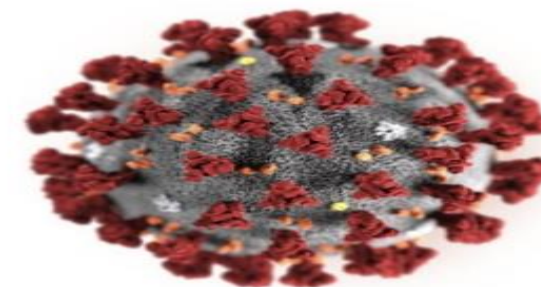
Expanding our understanding of post COVID-19 condition web series: Rehabilitation Care

INTERVENTIONS FOR REHABILITATION OF POST COVID-19 CONDITION

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Intervention for rehabilitation of Post COVID-19 condition – An integrated approach

| Post- COVID condition | Non-pharmacological | Pharmacological |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Fatigue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Energy conservation technique ▪ Sleep hygiene ▪ Graded return to physical activity & ADL ▪ Personalized graded aerobic exercise with pacing ▪ Breathing and relaxation technique ▪ Cognitive behavioral therapy ▪ Healthy life style ▪ Adaptive and assistive devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stimulants Methyl phenidate D-amphetamine ▪ Analgesics Bupropion ▪ Anti depressants SSRIs TCAs |
| Exertional dyspnea | <p>Personalized pulmonary rehab program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve ventilation capacity: Breathing techniques, positioning, adjuncts- incentive spirometer, inspiratory muscle trainer ▪ Aerobic exercise- Conservative, intermittent, pacing gradual increment, intensity <60% max heart rate ▪ Muscle strengthening - Resistance and weights as tolerated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supplemental O₂ therapy ▪ Inhaler meds if bronchial hyperresponsiveness ▪ Anti-fibrotic if progressive FLD |
| Cough | <p>Dry: Hydration, gargle, lozenges, menthol crystal steam inhalation</p> <p>Productive: Postural drainage, percussion, active cycle breathing technique, huffing methods</p> | <p>Dry: Suppressant, if sensory neural cough neuropathic medication</p> <p>Productive: Mucolytics, expectorants</p> |



Intervention for rehabilitation of Post COVID-19 condition – An integrated approach

| Post- COVID condition | Non-pharmacological | Pharmacological |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Anxiety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Educate with facts on recovery process ▪ Cognitive Behavioral Therapy ▪ Sleep hygiene ▪ Relaxation and breathing techniques ▪ Psychoeducation & psychotherapy ▪ Facilitate access to mental health support | Anxiolytics Benzodiazepines Anti depressants SSRIs SNRIs TCAs |
| Brain Fog | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sleep hygiene ▪ Breathing and relaxation technique ▪ Cognitive re-orientation ▪ Compensatory strategies - memory aids, checklist, alarm ▪ Brain exercise – puzzle, word and number game, gradual complexity ▪ Personalized graded exercise program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stimulants Methyl-phenidate if attention deficit |
| Chronic pain | Desensitization techniques Physical modalities – TENS, cryotherapy, ultrasound etc Cognitive behavioral therapy Relaxation and breathing techniques Personalized graded exercise program | Neuropathic Gabapentin, Pregabalin Nociceptive NSAIDS topical / oral Opioids |

Note : Integration of non pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical approach are adopted from alike symptoms management in other pathological condition. Effectiveness of its application in post-COVID-19 condition requires scientific validation.



Systematic Review

Rehabilitation Interventions for Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome: A Systematic Review

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La riabilitazione delle persone non autosufficienti nella pandemia COVID-19: riflessioni dal XIV Forum della Non Autosufficienza e dell'Autonomia possibile

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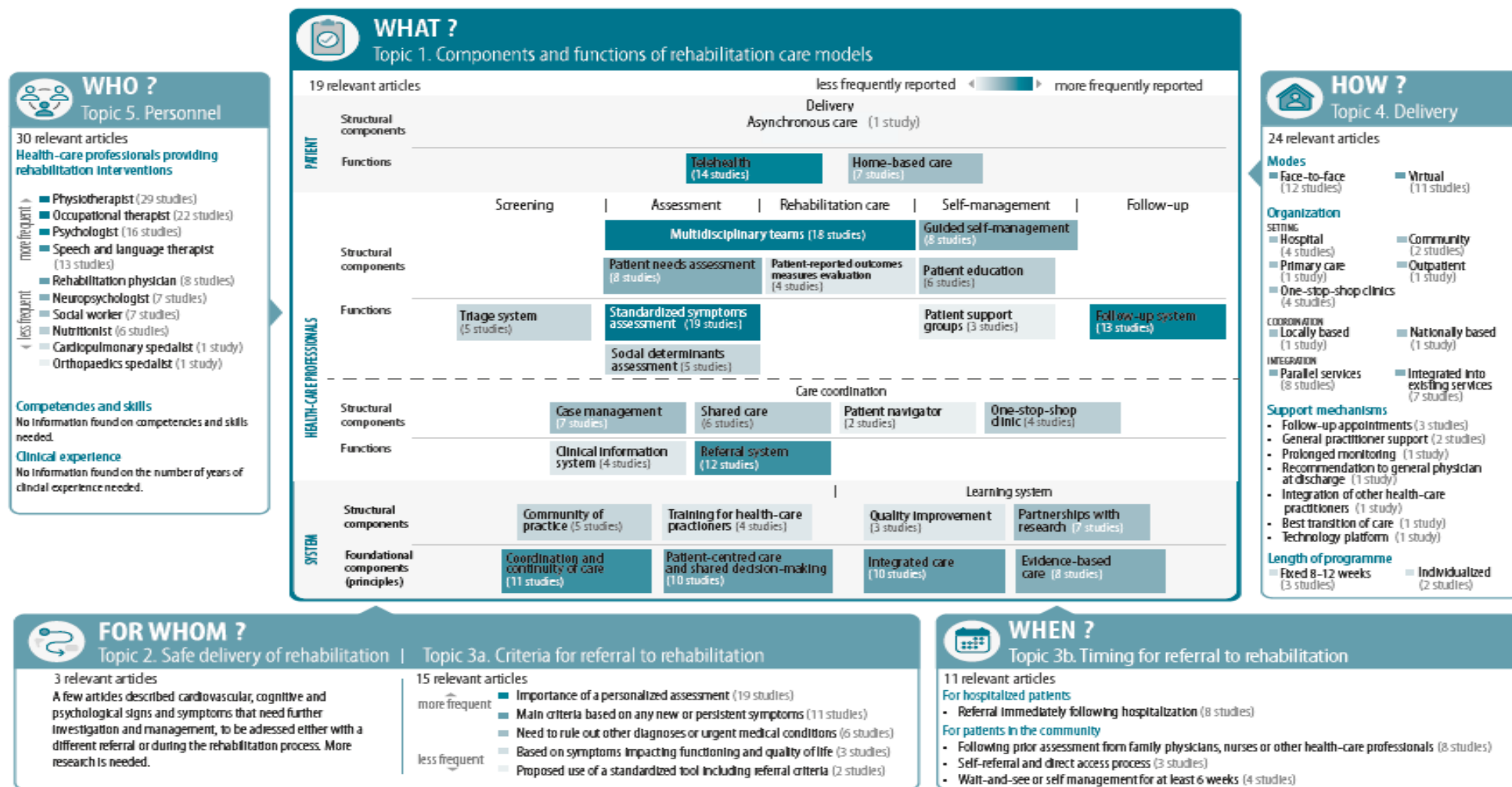


Systematic reviews

Scoping review of rehabilitation care models for post COVID-19 condition

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Fig. 4. Concept map for the design of a rehabilitation care model for post COVID-19 condition



COVID-19: coronavirus disease 2019.

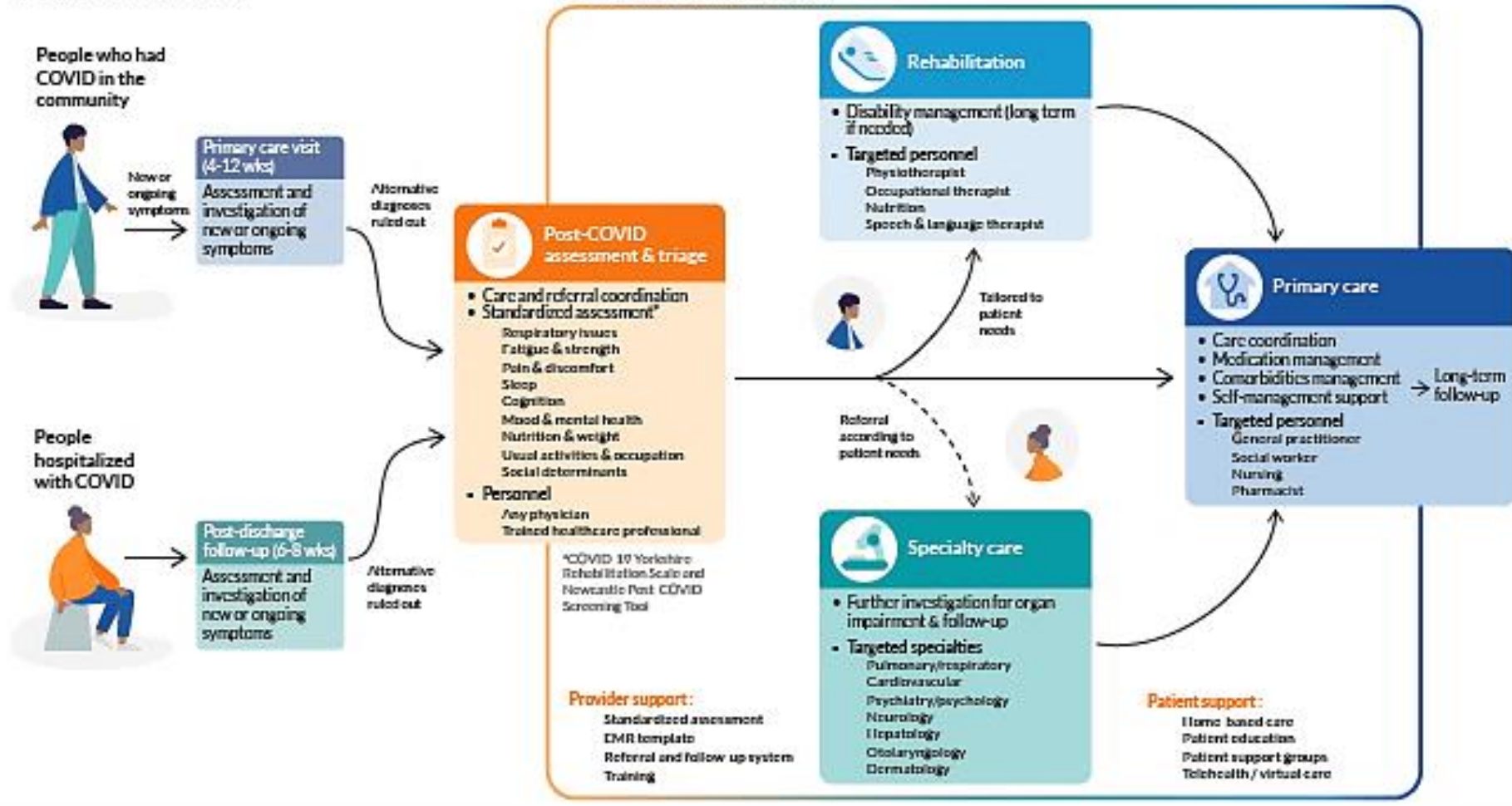
A proposed care pathway for Long COVID

based on a rapid systematic review of care models for Long COVID - June 2021



OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES: Patient-centered care, Patient empowerment, Evidence-based care, Integrated & coordinated care, Shared & multidisciplinary care

Patient Pathway



OUTCOMES: Quality of life, Patient experience, Provider experience, Sustainable cost

Components were included in the proposed pathway based on the frequency of their occurrence in the literature; efficacy data was not available at the time of the review. Source: Decary S, Dugas M, Stefan T, Langlois L, Skidmore B, Bhaurat A, and LeBlanc A. (2021). Care Models for Long COVID - A Rapid Systematic Review. SPOR Evidence Alliance, COVID-END Network.

Box 2. **Key policy messages on care models for post COVID-19 condition**

1. Rehabilitation care for post COVID-19 condition should not be limited to one specific approach or profession; we suggest a multilevel and multiprofessional care model.
2. Due to the complexity of post COVID-19 condition, decision-makers should leverage all available strengths of their own health system, learn and adapt from experience with other conditions to provide appropriate rehabilitation.
3. Financing for rehabilitation of people with post COVID-19 condition should include funding programmes and research using standardized measurements that target contextualized and prioritized health system needs for optimal rehabilitation outcomes.
4. Policy-making for rehabilitation of people with post COVID-19 condition should include guidance for researchers and clinicians to develop and adopt appropriate mechanisms to increase patient safety.

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MULTIPROFESSIONALE

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RICERCA UTILIZZINO SISTEMI DI
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2 CONSIDERARE LA COMPLESSITA'
DEL POST COVID E ADATTARE
ESPERIENZE DA ALTRE CONDIZIONI
PER LA RIABILITAZIONE

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THE NEED FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES IN THE WHO EUROPEAN REGION

COUNTRY NEED FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES



Total population: **60 313 168 inhabitants**
World Bank classification: **High income**

27 117 057

people have at least one condition that would benefit from rehabilitation services, contributing to **3 660 525** years lived with disability.

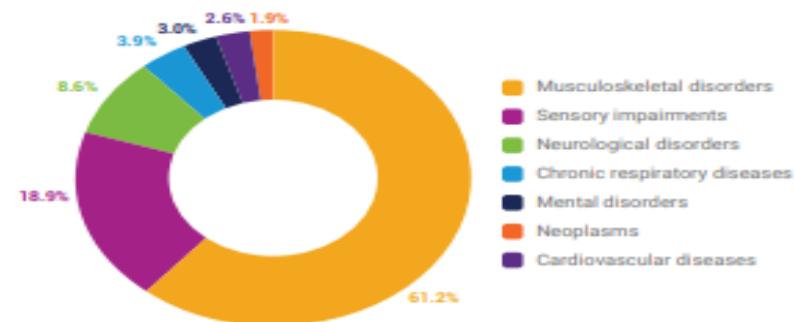
Who?

Prevalence of people with at least one condition that would benefit from rehabilitation services, according to age and sex

| 0-14 years | | 15-64 years | | ≥65 years | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| 326 724 | 386 150 | 7 431 739 | 7 906 404 | 6 322 574 | 4 743 446 |
| 712 874 | | 15 338 163 | | 11 066 020 | |
| 27 117 057 | | | | | |

What?

Health conditions contributing to the prevalence of the need for rehabilitation services



All data are from 2019
Data source: (4, 46)

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