

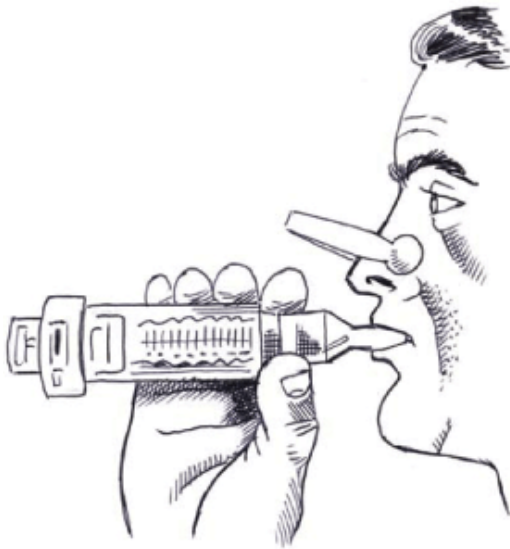
# L'allenamento dei muscoli respiratori

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## MUSCLES OF INSPIRATION

Sternocleidomastoid

Scalenes

External  
intercostals

Diaphragm

## MUSCLES OF EXPIRATION

Internal  
intercostals

External  
oblique

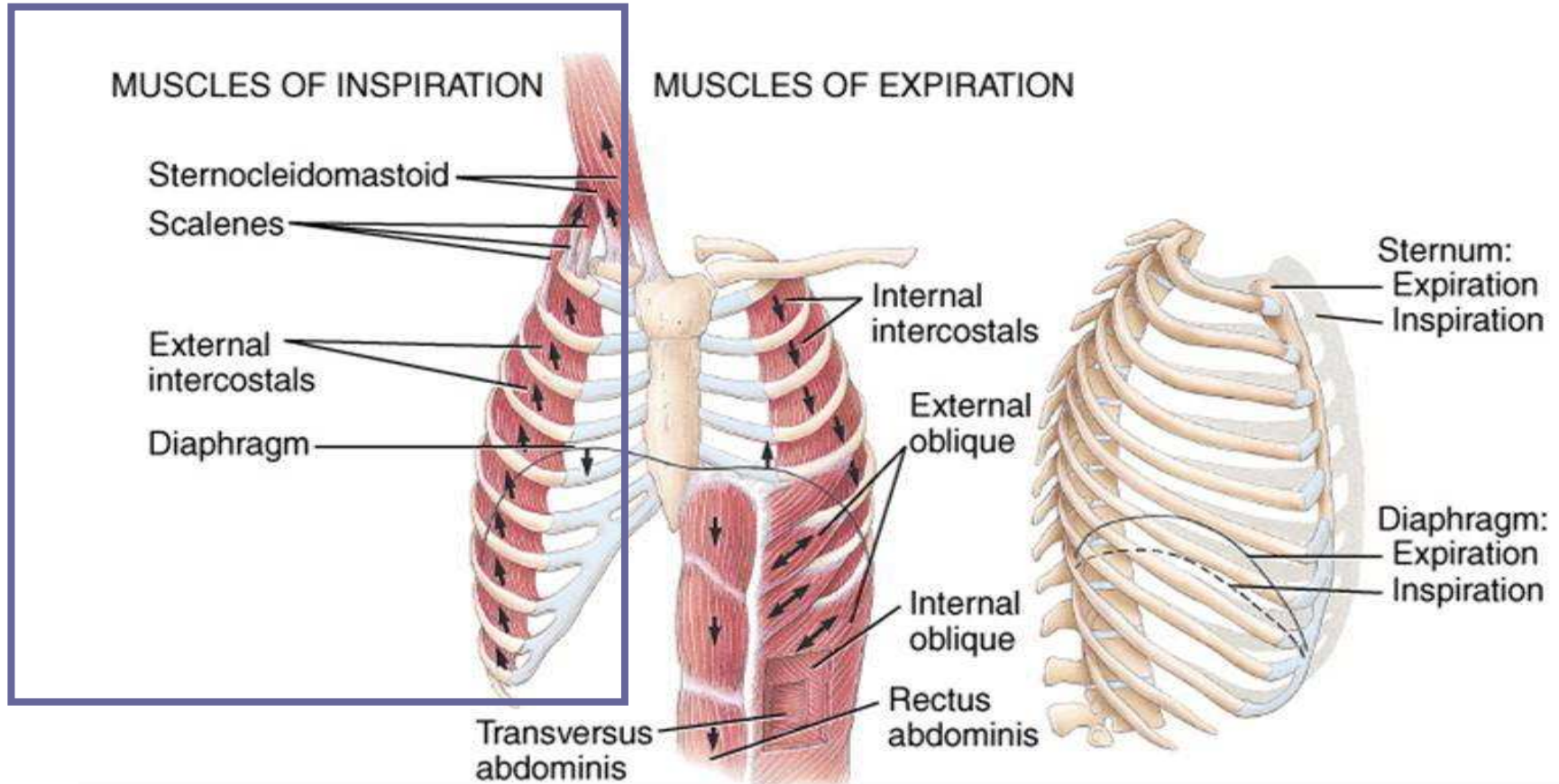
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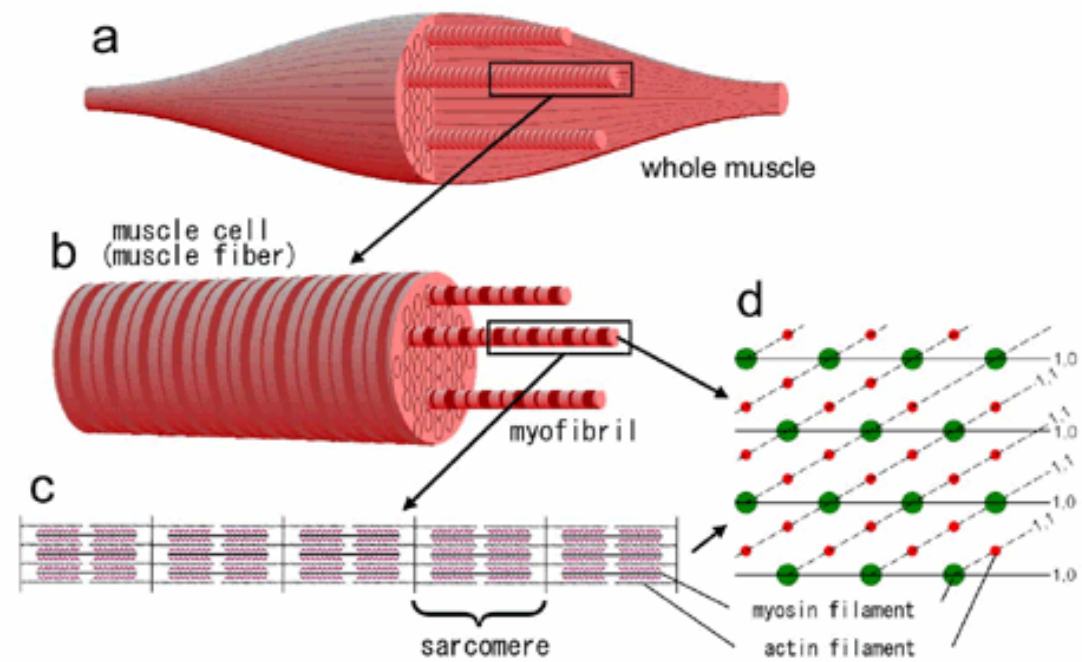
Rectus  
abdominis

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abdominis

Sternum:  
Expiration  
Inspiration

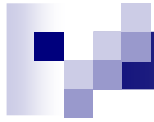
Diaphragm:  
Expiration  
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La risposta del muscolo all'allenamento è:

- specifica
- reversibile

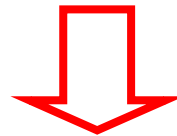


# **L' allenamento**

isotonico e/o isometrico e/o isocinetico

aerobico – anaerobico - misto

forza - resistenza - misto



**modifiche della struttura**

**modifiche della funzione**

# I muscoli respiratori: un limite all'esercizio?

fisiologia

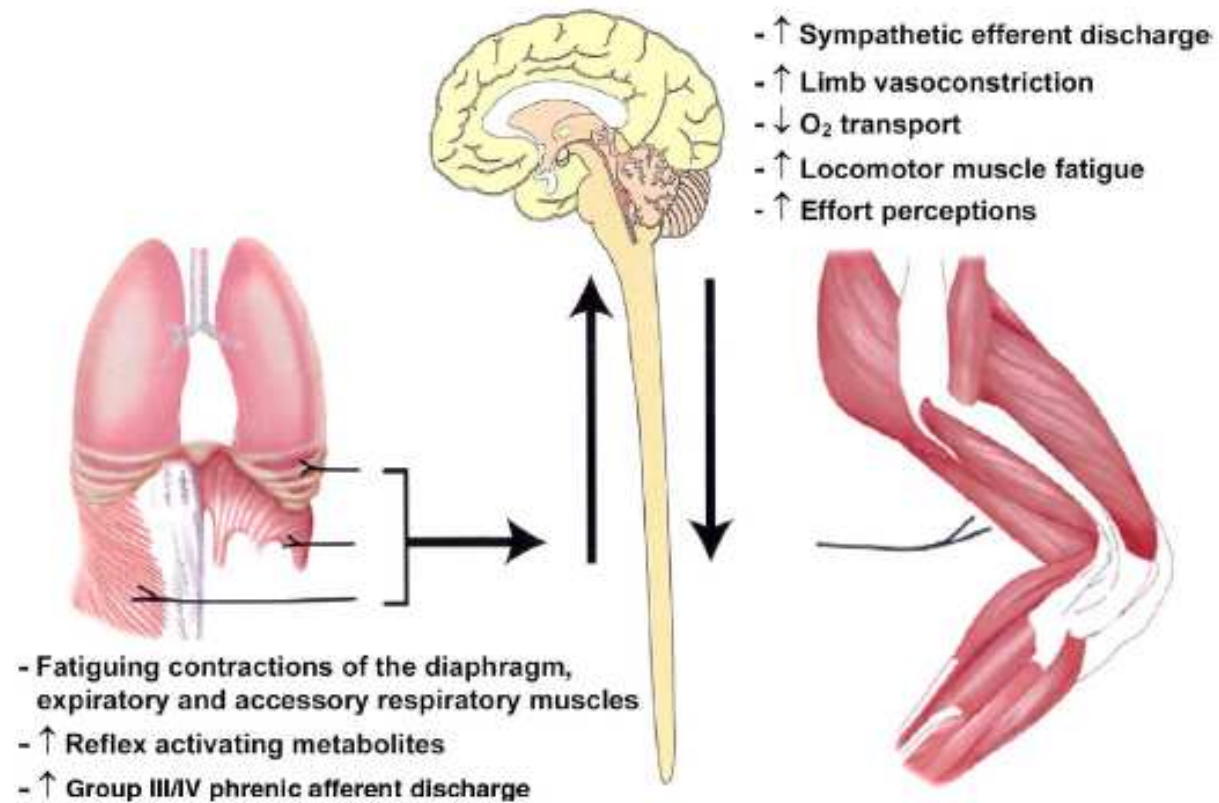


Gli scambi A-a e il trasporto dell'O<sub>2</sub> sono limitati durante esercizio strenuo.  
Si descrive **exercise-induced arterial hypoxemia** che può limitare la performance dei muscoli periferici: probabilmente anche dei muscoli respiratori

La fatica muscolare interessa anche i muscoli respiratori.  
Viene osservata **exercise-induced respiratory muscle fatigue**: può essere coinvolta nel limite all'esercizio

La fatica dei muscoli inspiratori riduce l'apporto circolatorio ai muscoli periferici mediante un **metaboriflesso**: i muscoli respiratori e periferici si influenzano reciprocamente nel generare percezione di fatica

## RESPIRATORY MUSCLE METABOREFLEX



# I muscoli respiratori: un limite all'esercizio?

## BPCO



*J Appl Physiol* 105: 749–757, 2008;  
doi:10.1152/jappphysiol.90336.2008.

Point:Counterpoint

Point:Counterpoint: The major limitation to exercise performance in COPD is: 1) inadequate energy supply to the respiratory and locomotor muscles, 2) lower limb muscle dysfunction, 3) dynamic hyperinflation

**Aliverti A, Macklem P.** Point:Counterpoint: The major limitation to exercise performance in COPD is inadequate energy supply to the respiratory and locomotor muscles.

**Debigaré R, Maltais F.** Point:Counterpoint: The major limitation to exercise performance in COPD is lower limb muscle dysfunction. /

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## Ventilatory muscle strength and endurance training

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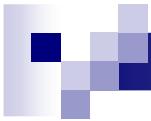
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*J Appl Physiol*. 2010 Aug;109(2):457–68. Epub 2010 May 27.

**Inspiratory muscle training enhances pulmonary O<sub>2</sub> uptake kinetics and high-intensity exercise tolerance in humans.**

Bailey SJ, Romer LM, Kelly J, Wilkerson DP, DiMenna FJ, Jones AM.



↑  
Resistenza



← Threshold  $\pm$  resistenza



↑  
Iperventilazione isocapnica  $\pm$  resistenza



# Allenamento dei muscoli respiratori in atleti

Nonostante un forte razionale teorico in favore dell' IMT pochi studi hanno indagato i meccanismi per un possibile effetto ergogenico

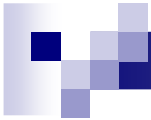


**Bailey SG, Romer JL et Al J Appl Physiol (May 27, 2010) ; 10, 1152**

**Disegno:** 16 soggetti fisicamente attivi, sottoposti a esercizio moderato intenso e massimale, randomizzati in IMT e controllo : sono misurati MIP, lattati, percezione di dispnea e fatica , **dinamica e cinetica VO2**

**Risultato:** ↑ la forza inspiratoria, ↓ la fatica dei RM, ↑ la prestazione e la tolleranza allo sforzo ↑ **dinamiche e cinetiche del VO2 durante sforzo massimale**

**Meccanismi ipotizzati:** ↓ fatica dei muscoli respiratori ↓ metaboriflesso ↑ la disponibilità e l'utilizzo di O2 nei muscoli periferici



16 atleti allenati  
prestazione su 20 e 40 Km  
RIMT aumenta la prestazione riduce la fatica dei MR

**Romer LM Med Sci Sport Exerc 2002; 34 (5):785**  
**Romer LM J Sports Sci 2002; 20:547**



15 atleti di elite allenati  
dopo EIMT controllo MIP e VO2  
EIMT aumenta le MIP ma non il VO2.  
nessuna correlazione tra MIP e VO2

**Klusiewicz A. J Sport Phys Fitness 2008; 48:279**



9 atleti agonisti altamente allenati - EIMT + RIMT  
prestazione (3 test) e VO2  
nessuna differenza tra allenati e placebo

**Sonetti DA Respir Physiol 2001; 127:85**



16 atleti randomizzati in un gruppo IMT e uno di controllo

IMT con dispositivo di resistenza / threshold

misura della prestazione, dei lattati della percezione dello sforzo e delle PFR/MIP respiratorie

migliorano le prestazioni sui 100 e 200 metri non sui 400, non cambiano le altre variabili tranne..

**NB: miglioramento significativo delle MIP**

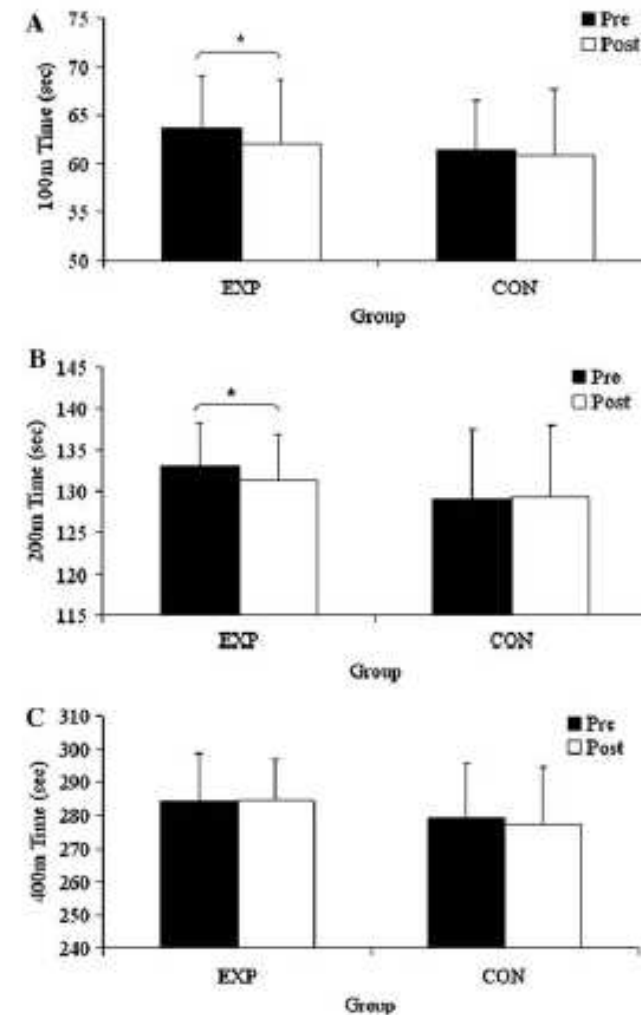
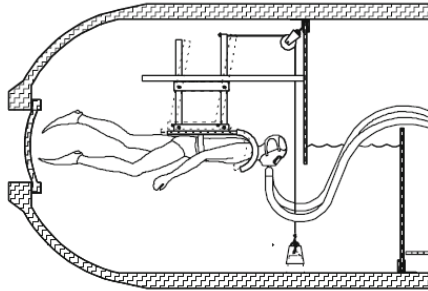


Fig. 1 Pre- and post-performance times for three competitive swimming distances: a 100 m; b 200 m; and c 400 m for both experimental and control groups. \*Pre-post comparison,  $P \leq 0.05$

Wylegala JA et Al Eur J Appl Physiol 2007; 99: 393



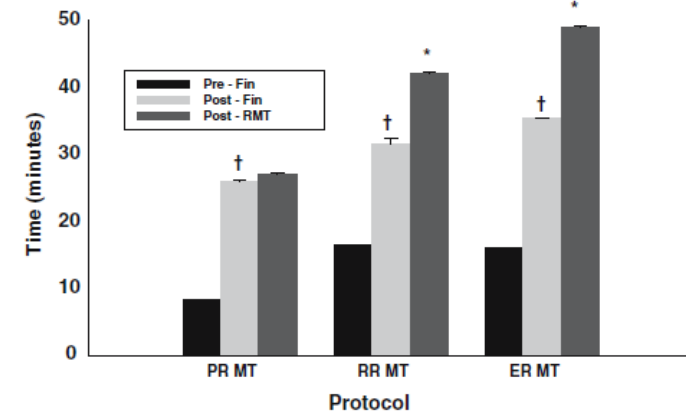
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30 subacquei randomizzati  
in P, ET e RT, tutti pre-allenati

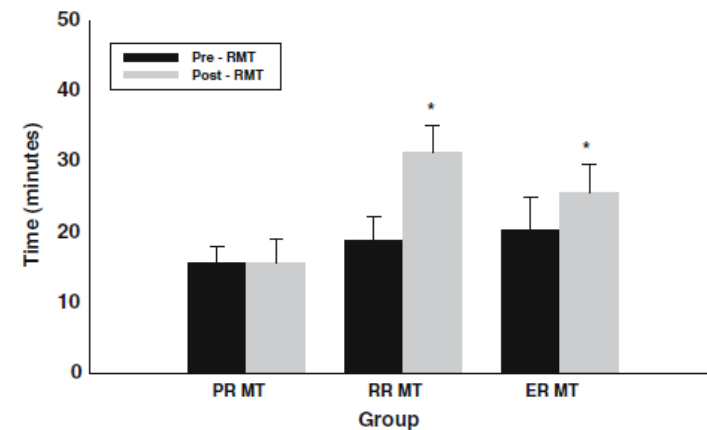
misura della prestazione e della funzione  
in superficie S e in immersione UW (4 ft)

migliorano ET e RT,  $ET > RT$  in S  
 $RT > ET$  in UW. Si riduce il  $VO_2$

lo stesso gruppo nel 2010 conferma  
i risultati per RT e dimostra una riduzione  
del WOB



S swim



UW swim

NB: miglioramento significativo delle MIP solo con RT



## HIGHLIGHTED TOPIC | *Fatigue Mechanisms Determining Exercise Performance*

### Exercise-induced respiratory muscle fatigue: implications for performance

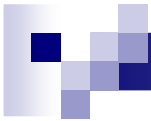
Lee M. Romer<sup>1</sup> and Michael I. Polkey<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Centre for Sports Medicine and Human Performance, Brunel University, Uxbridge; and <sup>2</sup>Respiratory Muscle Laboratory, Royal Brompton Hospital, and National Heart and Lung Institute, London, United Kingdom

*J Appl Physiol* 104: 879–888, 2008.

Studies that have specifically trained the respiratory muscles have reported either an improvement (16, 17, 28, 33, 78, 84, 119, 124, 131) or no change (25, 29, 38, 57, 92, 117, 140) in whole body exercise tolerance. A concern with all of these studies, however, is that endurance performance was evaluated using fixed work-rate tasks sustained to the limit of tolerance. Such tests do not accurately represent competitive endurance performance and are often unreliable (50).

More recent studies have used reliable and externally valid outcome measures (i.e., simulated time-trial performance) in conjunction with a placebo-controlled experimental design, and most (46, 55, 104, 137), but not all (117), findings from such studies indicate that respiratory muscle training has a small but likely significant effect on endurance exercise performance.



***Further studies are needed!***

*Dati non conclusivi*

*ET probabilmente  $> RT$*

*Razionale: ridurre la fatica?*

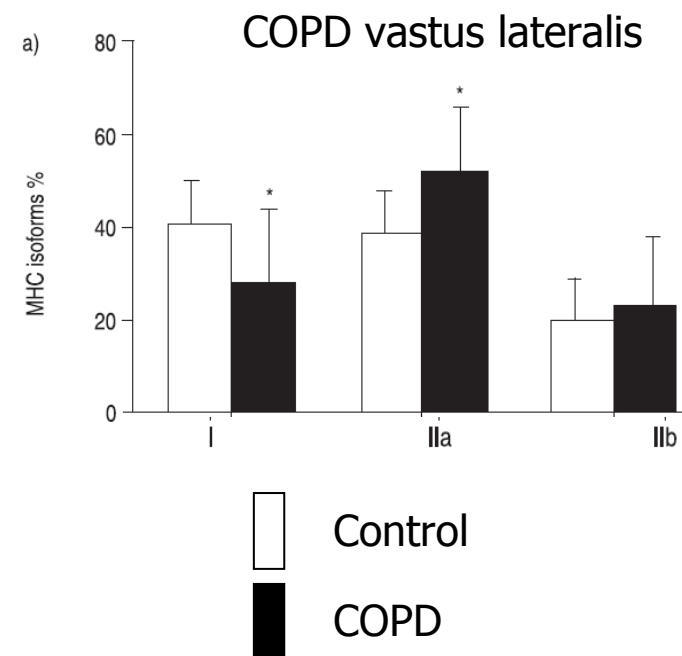
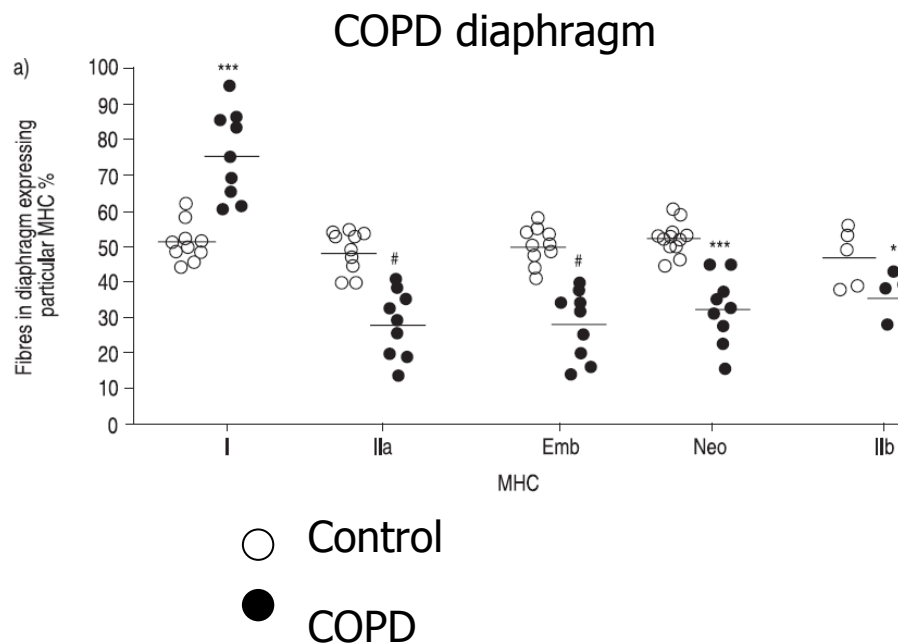
*Ambienti speciali???*



# Allenamento dei muscoli respiratori nella BPCO

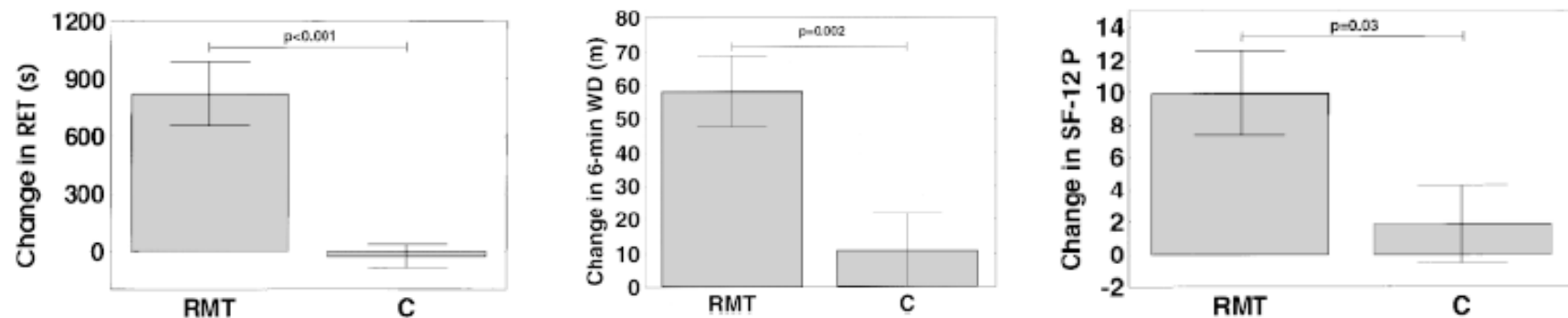
**Il razionale teorico è più controverso.**

Nella BPCO è evidente uno squilibrio tra aumento del carico e capacità meccanica e funzionale da parte dei MR: gli adattamenti sono variabili



## Sherer TA et Al Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2000;162:1709

15 soggetti allenati con RMET (iperventilazione isocapnica) e 15 controlli con spirometria incentiva



In summary, the results of the present study show that respiratory muscle endurance training with normocapnic hyperpnea improves respiratory muscle and exercise performance, health-related quality of life, and dyspnea. The new portable training device used in the study makes home-based endurance training with normocapnic hyperpnea feasible, and allows its widespread application.

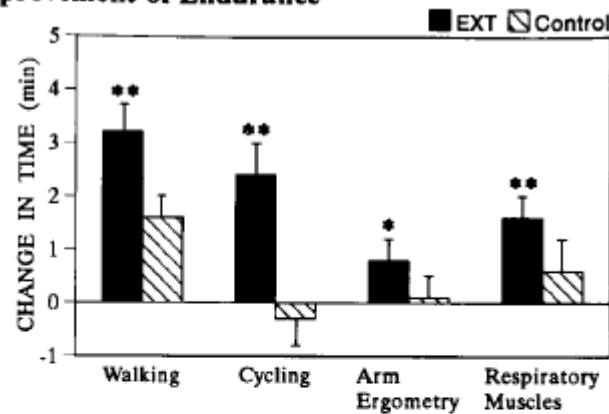
# General Exercise Training Improves Ventilatory and Peripheral Muscle Strength and Endurance in Chronic Airflow Limitation

DENIS E. O'DONNELL, MAUREEN McGUIRE, LORELEI SAMIS, and KATHERINE A. WEBB

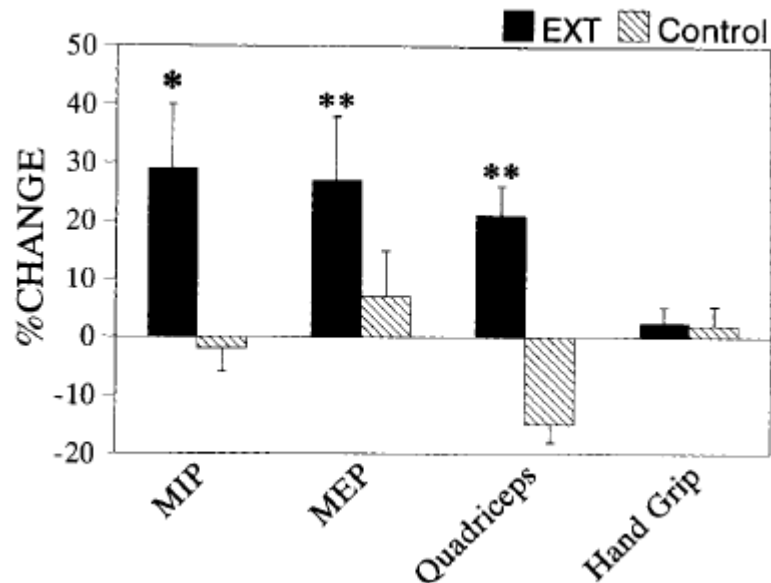
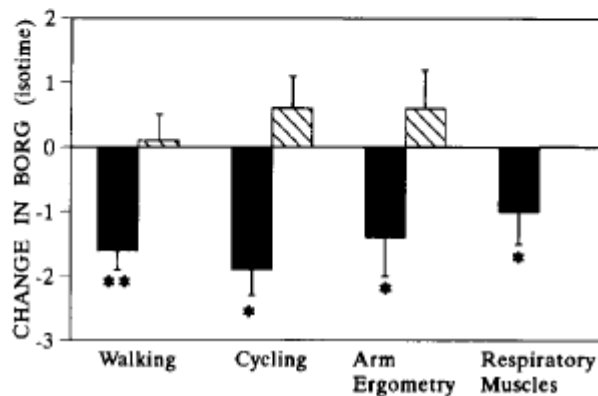
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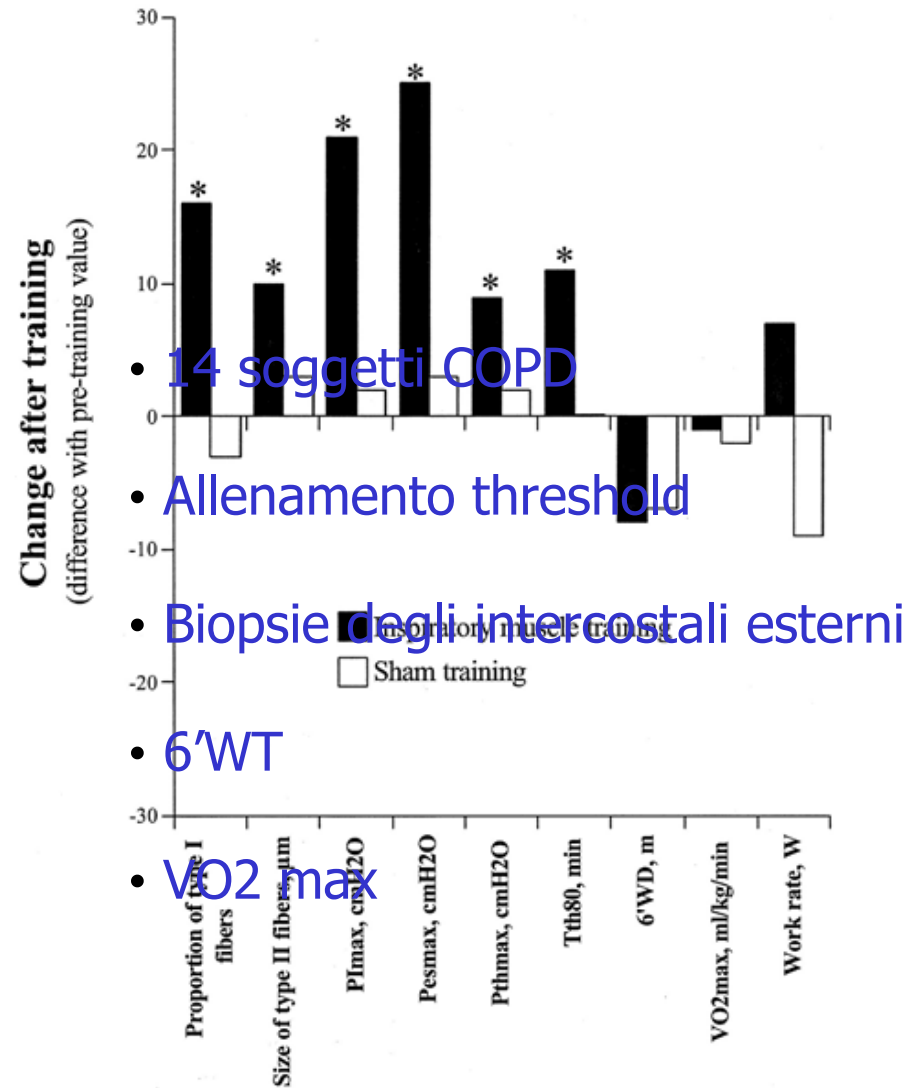
## Improvement of Endurance



## Reduction of Breathlessness



Ramirez-Sarmiento A et Al, Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2002 ;166:1491





Smith K, Cook D, Guyatt GH, Madhavan J, Oxman AD. Respiratory muscle training in chronic airflow limitation: a meta-analysis. *Am Rev Respir Dis* 145: 533–539, 1992.

Nessun effetto significativo su MIP, resistenza RM, capacità di esercizio, capacità funzionale

Sono stati inclusi 73 studi senza tenere conto del controllo del carico e tipo di allenamento

Lötters F, van Tol TB, Kwakkel G, Gosselink R. Effects of controlled inspiratory muscle training in patients with COPD: a meta-analysis. *Eur Respir J* 20: 570–576, 2002.

Table 2. – Overall results of the meta-analysis using the fixed effect model

| Outcome measure                                 | Studies<br>n | Weighted<br>averaged effect-size | Natural<br>units          | 95%<br>CI  | Z-statistic | Homogeneity<br>Q-statistic | Studies<br>needed <sup>#</sup> n |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Inspiratory muscle strength $P_{I,max}$         | 15           | 0.56                             | 10.5 cmH <sub>2</sub> O   | 0.35–0.77  | 5.27* ←     | 16.83                      | ≥77                              |
| Inspiratory muscle endurance MVV                | 4            | 0.21                             | 2.8 L·min <sup>-1</sup>   | -0.29–0.70 | 0.82        | 1.38                       |                                  |
| Inspiratory muscle endurance s                  | 7            | 0.41                             | 154.2 s                   | 0.14–0.68  | 2.94** ←    | 6.67                       | ≥14                              |
| Inspiratory muscle endurance cmH <sub>2</sub> O | 4            | 1.16                             | 10.3 cmH <sub>2</sub> O   | 0.67–0.15  | 4.67* ←     | 5.39                       | ≥10                              |
| Functional exercise capacity 6- or 12MWD        | 8            | 0.22                             | 48.1 m                    | -0.05–0.48 | 1.58        | 2.58                       |                                  |
| Laboratory exercise capacity $\dot{V}O_{2,max}$ | 5            | 0.04                             | -0.04 L·min <sup>-1</sup> | -0.36–0.29 | -0.24       | 2.50                       |                                  |
| Laboratory Exercise capacity $\dot{V}E_{max}$   | 5            | 0.03                             | -1.5 L·min <sup>-1</sup>  | -0.03–0.35 | 0.16        | 5.49                       |                                  |
| Dyspnea-Borg exercise-related                   | 5            | -0.55                            | -1.5                      | -0.90–0.19 | -3.10** ←   | 3.69                       | ≥10                              |
| Dyspnoea-TDI rest                               | 2            | 2.3                              | 2.7                       | 1.44–3.15  | 5.28** ←    | 4.14                       | ≥14                              |

CI: confidence interval;  $P_{I,max}$ : maximum static inspiratory alveolar pressure; MVV: maximal voluntary ventilation; 6- or 12MWD: 6- or 12-min walking distance;  $\dot{V}O_{2,max}$ : maximal oxygen consumption;  $\dot{V}E_{max}$ : maximal minute ventilation; TDI: transitional dyspnoea index. <sup>#</sup>: studies needed for  $p>0.05$ ; \*\*:  $p<0.01$ ; \*\*\*:  $p<0.001$ .

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Table 3.—Subgroup analysis of general exercise reconditioning plus inspiratory muscle training *versus* general exercise reconditioning alone using the fixed-effect model

| Outcome measure                             | Studies<br>n | Weighted averaged<br>effect-size | Natural<br>units          | 95%<br>CI   | Z-statistic | Homogeneity<br>Q-statistic |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Inspiratory muscle strength $PI_{\max}$     | 6            | 0.47                             | 6.7 cmH <sub>2</sub> O    | 0.15–0.79 ← | 2.88**      | 13.28*                     |
| Inspiratory muscle endurance MVV            | 2            | -0.03                            | -0.95 L·min <sup>-1</sup> | -0.77–0.72  | -0.07       | 0.14                       |
| Inspiratory muscle endurance in s           | 3            | 0.55                             | 164.4 s                   | 0.14–0.97 ← | 2.61**      | 0.09                       |
| Functional exercise capacity 6- or 12MWD    | 4            | 0.20                             | 54 m                      | -0.21–0.61  | 0.95        | 0.79                       |
| Laboratory exercise capacity $V'O_{2,\max}$ | 3            | -0.17                            | -0.01 L·min <sup>-1</sup> | -0.69–0.35  | -0.63       | 0.16                       |
| Laboratory exercise capacity $V'E_{\max}$   | 3            | -0.10                            | 1.2 L·min <sup>-1</sup>   | -0.61–0.42  | -0.38       | 0.01                       |

CI: confidence interval;  $PI_{\max}$ : maximum static inspiratory alveolar pressure; MVV: maximal voluntary ventilation; 6- or 12MWD: 6- or 12-min walking distance;  $V'O_{2,\max}$ : maximal oxygen consumption;  $V'E_{\max}$ : maximal minute ventilation. \*:  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*:  $p < 0.01$ .

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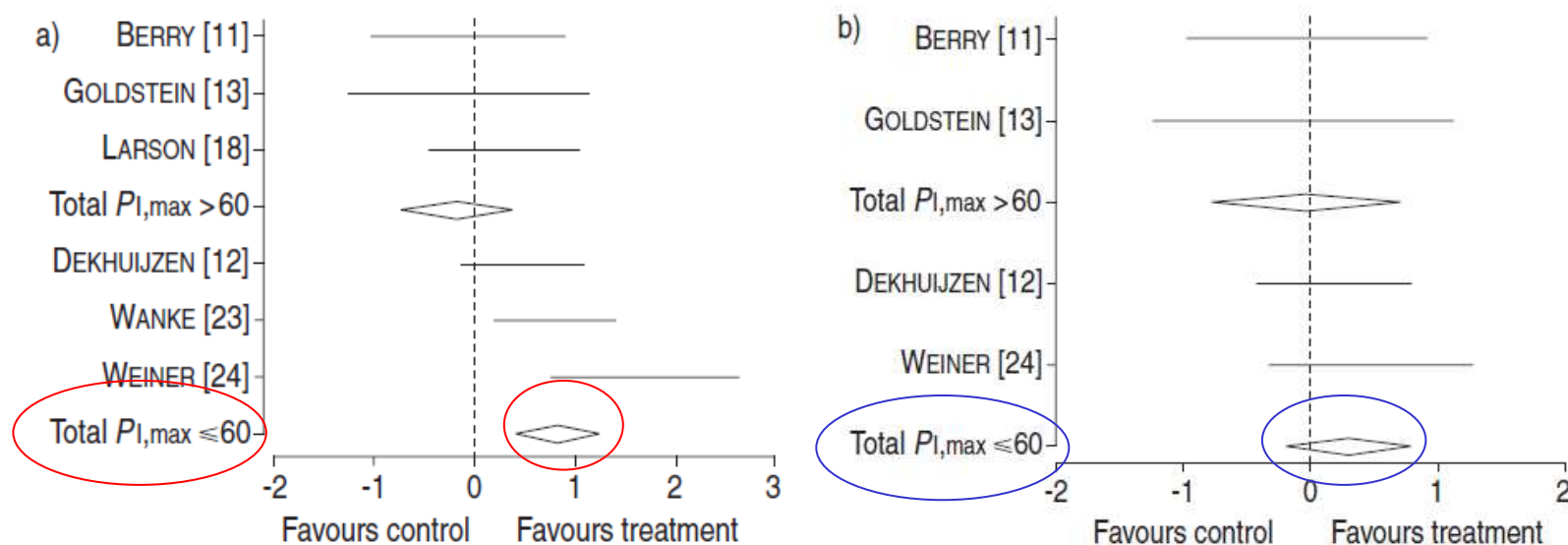


Fig. 1. – Weighted summary effect-sizes of a) inspiratory muscle strength and b) functional exercise capacity (SD units) for the studies with general exercise reconditioning plus inspiratory muscle training.

## Response of the respiratory muscles to rehabilitation in COPD

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### SUMMARY

The role of IMT in respiratory rehabilitation remains controversial. This is particularly due to the absence of clear data on the effects of IMT on outcomes in patients with COPD, such as exercise capacity, functional exercise capacity, and dyspnea during activities of daily living. Large, randomized studies properly designed methodologically are unfortunately not available. It would be particularly important to demonstrate that the addition of IMT to general exercise training would result in greater benefits than exercise training alone. This has not been done convincingly thus far. Future studies would also need to be directed toward patients who are more likely to benefit from IMT, such as patients with low inspiratory muscle force.



# American Thoracic Society/European Respiratory Society Statement on Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 173. pp 1390–1413, 2006

Adding inspiratory muscle training to standard exercise training in patients **with poor initial inspiratory muscle strength** has been shown in some studies to improve exercise capacity more than exercise training alone. In patients with less respiratory muscle weakness, evidence for the addition of inspiratory muscle training to regular exercise training is lacking.

Three types of inspiratory muscle training have been reported: inspiratory resistive training, threshold loading and normocapnic hyperpnea.

At present, there are **no data to support one method over the other.**

Linda Nici, Claudio Donner, Emiel Wouters, Richard Zuwallack, Nicolino Ambrosino, Jean Bourbeau, Mauro Carone, Bartolome Celli, Marielle Engelen, Bonnie Fahy, Chris Garvey, Roger Goldstein, Rik Gosselink, Suzanne Lareau, Neil MacIntyre, Francois Maltais, Mike Morgan, Denis O'Donnell, Christian Prefault, Jane Reardon, Carolyn Rochester, Annemie Schols, Sally Singh, and Thierry Troosters, on behalf of the ATS/ERS Pulmonary Rehabilitation Writing Committee



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PULMONARY REHABILITATION: JOINT ACCP/AACVPR EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

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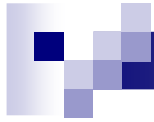
## Pulmonary Rehabilitation\*

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Practice Guidelines

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Richard ZuWallack and Carla Herrerias

*Chest* 2007;131;4-42

**16. The scientific evidence does not support the routine use of inspiratory muscle training as an essential component of pulmonary rehabilitation.**  
*Grade of Recommendation: 1B*



## **BPCO: some underlying questions**

*Il lavoro ventilatorio è cronicamente aumentato:  
***i m.r. sono già allenati?****

*I m.r. sono in situazione meccanica sfavorevole  
***L'allenamento è applicabile?****

*I programmi di R.P. comprendono allenamento muscolare  
***L'allenamento sistemico migliora anche i m.r.?****



# I muscoli respiratori: allenamento?

## altre patologie

- Obesità
- Stroke
- SLA
- CHF
- lesioni spinali (SCI)
- malattie neuromuscolari
- pre post chirurgia toracica - cardiochirurgia

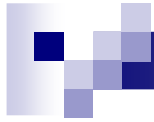
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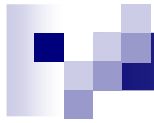
## **Esperienza personale**

### **CHI**

- BPCO: non ipercapnia, non ipercapnia da sforzo, MIP < 60%
- Post chirurgia toracica con segni clinici e/o Rx di ipofunzione RM
- Sindrome obesità - ipoventilazione dopo test iperventilazione

### **COME**

- Dispositivi RT (threshold) con pressione 30% di MIP
- Iperventilazione isocapnica in casi selezionati - giovani non BPCO
- Raramente IMT associato ad allenamento sistemico, possibile alternanza o interval training in PZ BPCO



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