The Perioperative Vision Meet Doug!





PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE THE SOLUTIONS

AN ENHANCED RECOVERY PROGRAMME

OF HOSPITALS IN ENGLAND HAVE IMPLEMENTED

85%



8 IN 10 HOSPITALS OFFER ANAESTHESIA ASSESSMENT BEFORE SURGERY



92 HOSPITALS ARE TAKING PART IN A CLINICAL TRIAL TO DEVELOP PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE FOR PATIENTS WHO **NEED EMERGENCY** ABDOMINAL SURGERY

INTEGRATED CARE FOR **ELDERLY PATIENTS** HAPPENS IN SEVERAL NHS TRUSTS REDUCING COMPLICATIONS AND LENGTH OF HOSPITAL STAY

















HOSPITALS USE EXERCISE TESTING TO ASSESS RISK FOR PATIENTS

> **OVER** 90%

OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES IN THE NHS INVOLUE THE WHO SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Preoperative Assessment

- Assessment of Risk Level
- Shared Decision Making
- Comorbidity (Definition, Optimisation)
- Lifestyle Choices (e.g. Smoking, Alcohol)

Perioperative Reality



"Ageism" in Surgery ?



- No Denominator
 - ? lack of referral
 - ? lack of presentation
 - ? lack of operability
 - ? lack of consent
- ? Risk averse
- Equity of Access











Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing





Cardiorespiratory Fitness Predicts Mortality and Hospital Length of Stay After Major Elective Surgery in Older People



Snowden et al. 2013. Ann Surg 257; 6: 999-1004

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Days in Critical Care

Days in Hospital

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Exercise Testing Evidence

Outcome (Patient Groups)

- Colorectal
- Hepatobiliary
- Pancreatic Surgery
- Vascular
- Liver Transplantation
- Oesophageal
- Obesity
- Renal Transplant

Diagnostic

- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Cardiac Limitation
- Respiratory Limitation
- Pulmonary shunting
- Ischaemia
- Aortic Stenosis

Preoptimisation



Exercise Therapy



(1) Exercise Referral Context

Exercise referral scheme (typically a 10-12 week, leisure centre based).

Comments

- Weak evidence for an long term increase in physical activity
- No evidence to support benefit to other outcomes (e.g. QOL).
- ?Value compared with alternative interventions to promote physical activity (e.g. behaviour change)

BMJ 2011;343:d6462 Pavey TG et al

(2) Physical Activity vs Exercise

Physical Activity

- Bodily Movement via skeletal muscles
- Energy Expenditure
- Correlation with fitness



Exercise

- Bodily Movement via skeletal muscles
- Energy Expenditure
- HIGH Correlation with fitness
- Planned, structured and repetitive movements
- Key objective is to improve physical fitness

(3) Surgical Timescales

- Short surgical timescales
- 4-6 weeks at worst (? Opportunity to prolong)

Vs

- Mostly 12 week exercise courses
- Unmotivated, sedentary patients
- Busy Clinicians

Preoperative Exercise



Preoperative Exercise Therapy

Preoperative aerobic exercise training in elective intra-cavity surgery: A systematic review

• 2443 Abstracts : 10 Studies included

Comments

- Feasible, safe
- Improvement in CRF (5-15%)
- Variability in studies
 - Age and risk groups (CABG, Lung Surgery, Colorectal)
 - Intervention regimes

O'Doherty A.F. et al. 2013. BJA.

Home Based?

Home based

RCT Colorectal Surgery

38 days (median) exercise regimes

Protocolled vs Unstructured Exercise

Results

- N= 133: Mean Age 61 yrs
- 33% Respond; 38% Retain baseline; 29% Deteriorate

Problems

- Poor adherence (15-20%)
- Poor support networks (physical and social)
- Disbelief that fitness aids recovery

Carli F et al. 2010. BJS 97 1187-97 Mayo et al 2011. Surgery; 150; 505-514

Hospital Based?

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- Feasibility RCT
- N=16 (Surgical)
- Older Age > 65 yrs
- 3 x week ; 40 min sessions

Methods

- Qualitative Interviews
- Quantitative CRF results

Qualitative Considerations

Theme 1 – Surgical intervention and shared decision-making

- Respected the surgical team
- Right decisions regarding patient clinical care.

Theme 2 – Activity levels and physical fitness prior to surgery

- Understanding that Physical fitness was important before surgery
- Responsibility to play an active role in their own recovery.
- Needed support and guidance of a healthcare professional.

Theme 3 – Pre-operative exercise programme

- Surgery focused mind and increase motivation.
- Training was manageable and challenging enough to produce subjective physical benefits.
- Attending the hospital gym three times per week was just acceptable over a six-week period.

Exercise in Surgery

- 80% CRF improvement (variable)
- Non-exercisers want to exercise (Hawthorn Effect)
- Recruitment Only 20% of eligible numbers
- Barriers to Preoperative Exercise
 - Travel , Access and Commitments
 - Contactability
 - Fitness

Retention Improves Response

RCT

Hospital Based

- 39 subjects
- Colorectal Surgery
- Pre and post Chemotherapy
- 90% Adherance
- 15% reduction in function
- Negated by Structured training





Community Based

- Community based exercise programs
- Volunteers (65-87 yrs)
- Remove Barriers (Travelling, Access, Contact, Commitments)
- N= 53 : Delayed control study
- Local gyms (Live Well Program (n= 19) and Private Gym (n=34)

Regime:

- Supervised
- Normal Unstructured vs High Intensity Structured
- Up to 6 weeks
- Offered 3 x week



Community (Structured)



Duration

70

Peak Improvement 4 Weeks 7-7% 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 WWWWGCCCCC 0 -10 -20

Peak improvement 6 Weeks 14.1 %



Fitness Matters?



Conclusions

- Community setting removes many barriers
- Structured, Intense program is acceptable
- Variable response (expected)
- Response in 4 weeks (60%)
- 6 weeks exercise improved response
- Initial Fitness unrelated to response

Questions Yet to Answer

- Will it improve Surgical outcome ?
- Will it improve Patient outcomes
 - Rehabilitation ?
 - Functional Recovery
 - QOL
- Will it be maintained ?
- Is it scalable
- ? Economic Value

What we Need to Happen

- Co-design and development of newer pathways and prototypes
- Collaborations key to success
- Primary Acute Care Networks
- Behavioural components to be incorporated