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Can a lower limb-centered movement training inhibit overactive bladder? Systematic review of literature

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METHODS

Search strategy: (((((("overactive"[All Fields] OR "overactivity"[All Fields]) AND ("urinary bladder. neurogenic"[MeSH Terms] OR ("urinary"[All Fields] AND "bladder"[All Fields] AND "neurogenic"[All Fields]) OR "neurogenic urinary bladder"[All Fields] OR ("neurogenic"[All Fields] AND "bladder"[All Fields]) OR "neurogenic bladder"[All Fields]) AND ("rehabilitation"[MeSH Terms] OR (("lower extremity"[MeSH Terms] OR ("lower"[All Fields] AND "extremity"[All Fields]) OR "lower extremity" [All Fields] OR ("lower" [All Fields] AND "limb"[All Fields]) OR "lower limb"[All Fields]) AND ("exercise"[MeSH Terms] OR "exercise"[All Fields] OR "exercises"[All Fields] OR "exercise therapy"[MeSH Terms] OR ("exercise"[All Fields] AND "therapy"[All Fields]) OR "exercise therapy"[All Fields] OR "exercise s"[All Fields] OR "exercised"[All Fields] OR "exerciser"[All Fields] OR "exercisers"[All Fields] OR "exercising"[All Fields])) OR (("stand"[All Fields] OR "standing position"[MeSH Terms] OR ("standing"[All Fields] AND "position"[All Fields]) OR "standing position"[All Fields] OR "standing"[All Fields] OR "standings"[All Fields] OR "stands"[All Fields]) AND ("education"[MeSH Subheading] OR "education"[All Fields] OR "training"[All Fields] OR "education"[MeSH Terms] OR "train"[All Fields] OR "train s"[All Fields] OR "trained"[All Fields] OR "training s"[All Fields] OR "trainings"[All Fields] OR "trains"[All Fields])) OR (("activable"[All Fields] OR "activate"[All Fields] OR "activated"[All Fields] OR "actives"[All Fields] OR "activating"[All Fields] OR

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Filters: From 2016 to 2022

Database: Pubmed, Pedro, Cochrane database, trip database, Cinhal, Google Scholar, EDS base index.

Participant or population: Inclusion: Studies about patients affected by central nervous system's disease with diagnosis of overactive bladder, who undergo an intensive rehabilitation program focused on lower limb exercise training. Exclusion: Studies about patients who undergo a program centered only on pelvic floor training/ PTNS (posterior tibial neurostimulation)/ FES (functional electrostimulation)/Sacral neuromodulation; Studies about patients treated with botulinum toxin-Studies about children.

Intervention: Our goal is to find literature about lower limb physiotherapy applied on overactive bladder; particularly we'll search about: Resistance /strength exercise; Stand position training;Gait training; Cycloergometer training.

Comparator: N/A.

Study designs to be included: Inclusion criteria will be as follow: Randomized controlled clinical trials (RCTS); Cohort studies; Case/control studies. Exclusion criteria will be as follows: Animal research report; Pre-clinical studies; Case report/ case series; Conference acts, book chapters

Eligibility criteria: None additional criterion.

Information sources: Additional data will be selected by:

- electronic database
- trial register
- grey literature (if present)
- scientific organization website

Main outcome(s): The focus is about exercise application on overactive bladder management; our outcome measure will be as follow:

- Improvements of OAB (Over Active Bladder) assessment tool

- Improvements of urodynamics exam Data will be carried out in order to conduct a systematic review of literature.

Additional outcome(s): Gap in the literature for identifying research relaunches for future investigations. **Data management:** We will use a data extraction table including the following studies' characteristics:

- author(s) and year;
- country (where the study was conducted);
- study design;
- aim (s) of the study;
- participants characteristic (sample type and size);
- setting;
- sampling strategy
- data collection strategy;
- data analysis strategy;
- summary of findings;
- study limitations.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: We will use The Cochrane tool for risk of Bias (RCTs/observational studies variant depending on results). We will use Pedro scale for scientific appraisal of evidence.

Strategy of data synthesis: A narrative systematic review will be carried out; no meta-analysis will be done.

Subgroup analysis: None planned.

Sensitivity analysis: None.

Language restriction: English.

Country(ies) involved: Italy.

Keywords: Overactive bladder; lower limb; neurological disease; rehabilitation; lower limb exercise.

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