Cardiac Rehabilitation Should be Paid in Korea?

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NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO DECLARE
Before & After
Before & After
Before & After, in Korea

Angioplasty Number (annual)

Mortality from Coronary Artery Disease

Rapid expansion of Coronary Artery Disease
3rd Cause of Overall Mortality

1. Malignancy
2. Cerebro-vascular Disease
3. Cardiac Disease
   : 80~90% Coronary Artery Disease
Patients with significant coronary stenoses are at increased risk of future cardiac events. However, in the absence of acute coronary syndrome or recent MI and residual ischemia, elective PCI has not been shown to improve prognosis.
48% of CVD mortality reduction since 1980 has come from reductions in smoking.

32% of reduction comes from secondary prevention and other primary prevention.

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<td>Smoking reduced</td>
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<td>Blood pressure lowered</td>
<td>9.5%</td>
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<td>Fat reduced</td>
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<td>Reduced deprivation</td>
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<td>Increased risk of obesity/physical inactivity</td>
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11% Secondary prevention
8% Thrombolysis & other AMI
5% Surgery or drugs for angina
3% Treatment for hypertension
13% Other

Informed assessment from analysis of English language literature in England, US, and Europe

Primary sources: Belgin et al [2004], Capewell et al [1999], McPherson [2001]
Contemporary Clinical Management

• Early diagnosis and rapid revascularization of myocardial infarction and unstable angina

• Ischemia producing lesion-only intervention (FFR)

• Shortened hospitalizations for CABG patients

• Early mobilization and discharge for most coronary patients

• Minimal loss of physical conditioning
The Modern Paradigm in Coronary Disease Management

**Reduce Risk**
- Aggressive Lipid Management
- Smoking Cessation and Abstinence
- Hypertension Control
- Diabetic Control
- Ideal Body Weight

**Restore Confidence**
- Physical Capability
- Occupational Capacity
- Sexual Activity

**Increase Knowledge for Self-Care**
Cardiac Rehabilitation

Best “Medicine” for your patients with Coronary Artery Disease

Why you should write the “Prescription” TODAY!
What?

- Medically supervised program designed to,

1. optimize a cardiac patient’s physical, psychological, and social functioning

2. stabilizing, slowing, or even reversing the progression of the underlying atherosclerotic processes

3. reducing death and disability
Goals for Rehabilitation

Focus on 4 aspects of activities of daily living:

1) Somatic goals
   – Teaching individuals to learn one’s optimal exercise limits

2) Social goals
   – Helping individuals to reintegrate into family life with optimal reintegration regarding working, household, hobbies and leisure activities
3). Psychosocial goals
   – empowering individuals by evaluating anxiety levels and concerns towards cardiac exertion during exercise, that may lead to negative emotions.

4). Secondary prevention goals
   – helping individuals to modify risk behavior & reinforce compliance to therapy regimen.
Who should be involved?

- Physiotherapy
- Social Services
- Exercise instructor
- GP
- District Nurses
- Consultant
- Psychologist
- Secondary care
- Dietician
- Practice nurses
- Smoking cessation advisor
- Pharmacist
- Nurse
- Health Visitor
### For whom?

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<td>ALL suitable CHD patient.</td>
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<td>Exertional / Stable angina</td>
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<td>ACS (UA, STEMI or NSTEMI following medical or surgical management.)</td>
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<td>Before and After revascularisation.</td>
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<td>Following valve surgery or ICD insertion</td>
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<td>Stable heart failure and cardiomyopathy</td>
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Cost-effectiveness/Cost-efficiency

- Medicare payments in hospital for CVD in 1997 was $26.9 billion!

- Studies, adjusted for quality of life, show savings of $4,950-$9,200 per year of life saved.

- Reduction in re-hospitalizations and medical costs are well documented.
Why?

- Evidence of benefits
- Reduced symptoms (angina, dyspnea, fatigue)
- Mortality benefit (approximately 20 to 25%)
- Reduction in nonfatal recurrent myocardial infarction over median follow-up of 12 months
- Increased exercise performance
- Improved lipid panel (total cholesterol, HDL [good cholesterol], LDL [bad cholesterol], and triglycerides)
- Increased knowledge about cardiac disease and its management
- Enhanced ability to perform activities of daily living
- Improved health-related quality of life
- Improved psychosocial symptoms (reversal of anxiety and depression, increased self-efficacy)
- Reduced hospitalizations and use of medical resources
- Return to work or leisure activities
Exercise vs. PCI groups

Stable Coronary Artery Disease

# Reviews of Exercise Based Rehabilitation

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<td>Exercise or Exercise plus CR</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>4347</td>
<td>24% (8 to 37%)</td>
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<td>O’Connor 1989</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>4554</td>
<td>20% (4 to 34%)</td>
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<td>Bobbio 1989</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>2260</td>
<td>32% (14 to 47%)</td>
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**Cochrane Review: Joliffe et al. 2000**

- Exercise only: **27%** fall in all cause mortality; **31%** fall in cardiac mortality
- Exercise + CR: **13%** fall in all cause mortality; **26%** fall in cardiac mortality
Cardiac Rehabilitation - after PCI

- 2008
  - 213 patients post PCI
  - Non-randomised: 133 received CR, 80 no CR
  - Mean follow-up 4.5 year

- Results:
  - Readmission for CAD event: 45% CR vs. 75% no CR
  - Revascularization: 7% CR vs 17% no CR
  - Total health care cost: 4862 Eu/pt vs 5498 Eu/pt
  - MACE 24% CR vs. 42% no CR

Dendale P. et.al. Acta Cardiol 2008
Cardiac Rehabilitation (CR) - after CABG

Benefits of cardiac rehabilitation after coronary artery bypass surgery

Death, myocardial infarction, bypass surgery or angioplasty

hsCRP levels

Depression

• Depression is the most proven psychosocial risk factor and consequence of heart disease.

• Estimates of depression range from 15-65% in cardiac patients.
  14-47% - depressive symptoms
  15-20% - DSM criteria

• Some depression may be expected
  - Guilt over lifestyle contributions
  - Difficulty adjusting to physical limitations
Prevalence Rates of Major Depression in Patients with Cardiovascular Illness

- **Unstable Angina**: 15-20%
- **CHF**: 14-36%
- **MI**: 16-20%
- **CAD**: 15-23%

Depression & Future Cardiac Problems

• Negative mood and depression significantly predicted cardiac-related deaths independent of the severity of heart disease.¹

• Depression after an acute MI was found to be a significant predictor of further cardiac events one year later, especially for elderly patients.²

• In patients six months after a heart attack, depression was associated with more than a 400% increase in the risk of cardiac related death after adjusting for other risk factors, such as left ventricular dysfunction and previous heart attacks.³

Cardiac Rehabilitation Improves Depression

$n=338$; Prevalence of depression: $20\%$ ($n=69$);

Phase II Rehab: 12 weeks, 36 sessions

Change in Depression by Initial Severity

“Optimal dose”
Cardiac rehabilitation

Death 30,161 patients  MI

Number of cardiac rehabilitation !!

Circulation. 2010;121:63-70
The ACC/AHA Guideline

• STEMI : Class IC
  - New ACC/AHA Guidelines for the Management of Patients with STEMI: 2004
• Acute Coronary Syndrome : CLASS IB
  • ACC/AHA 2007 Guidelines for the Management of Patients With Unstable Angina/Non–ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction
• Stable angina : Class IB
  • ACC/AHA 2002 Guideline Update for the Management of Patients With Chronic Stable Angina
• CABG or PCI : Class IB
  • ACC/AHA Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery (CABG): Guideline Update for Date: 2004
Standard Interventions

Cardiac rehab staff will meet patient prior to discharge from hospital and address the rehabilitation program protocol.

In accordance with the American College of Sports Medicine guidelines for exercise prescription for rehabilitation; rehabilitation consists of 40 exercise sessions;

**24 sessions (#3 per week)** endurance training on a cycle ergometer (with 5 minute warm up) 20 min training with constant workload, 5 minute cool down, and 5 min post exercise monitoring. In addition 16, (2/per week) 1 hour sessions of stretching and flexibility exercises.
PCI or CABG without comprehensive risk factor modifications is a sub-optimal therapeutic strategy.
Barriers to Rehabilitation

• Lack of Knowledge
• Poor Motivation
• Insufficient understanding
• Lower perceived self-efficacy
• Forgetfulness
• Decrease support from family and other care givers
• **Cost**
• Poor Patient referral by doctors
• Time conflict between work and rehabilitation program.
Current status

• In the United States of America

Reimbursement
  : Medicare and most private insurance

AACVPR (American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation)
  : from 1985
Current status

Cardiac Rehab

Only 15-25% of eligible patients participate!

Am Heart J 2006; 152:835-841
Current Practice

• Treated disease very well using PCI or CABG

• But, don’t care patients and the modifiable risk factors

We have focused on only disease,
But patients wants individualized manage.

The era of **Quantity** is going,
The era of **Quality** is coming…….
Current Practice

• Cardiac Rehabilitation in Korea

  1. Not covered government-initiated insurance or private insurance, just from the patient’s pocket

  2. Increasing interest among physicians, but still low insight “why?”

  3. No leading group and hegemony argument

  4. Asan medical center is waiting the certification of AACVPR firstly in Korea using multidisciplinary CR program

  5. Korea (KACVPR.com)
We must prepare for the “The new wave” in Korea

Program

System & Facility

Feasibility (Payment)

Physician
We must overcome the several barriers

Not just only me and our colleagues, also with the government and administration
Payment - The First Impediment

• Medicare Reimbursement
  - $30 - $40 per patient per session
  - $1000 - $1400 for complete program

• Private Insurance
  - $80 - $100 per patient per session
  - $2800 - $3600 for complete program

• Medicare Supplements
  - Intermediate payment to bring total program reimbursement closer to private insurance level
Payment - The First Impediment

In Korea,

Now - 임의 비급여

Tomorrow - 법정 비급여

The day after tomorrow - 보험 급여
System – Another Impediment

Standard Model for Korea

Model
Doctor
Faculty
Intensity
Prognosis

With our efforts,
Back-up support from government: really necessary
Thank you for your attention!