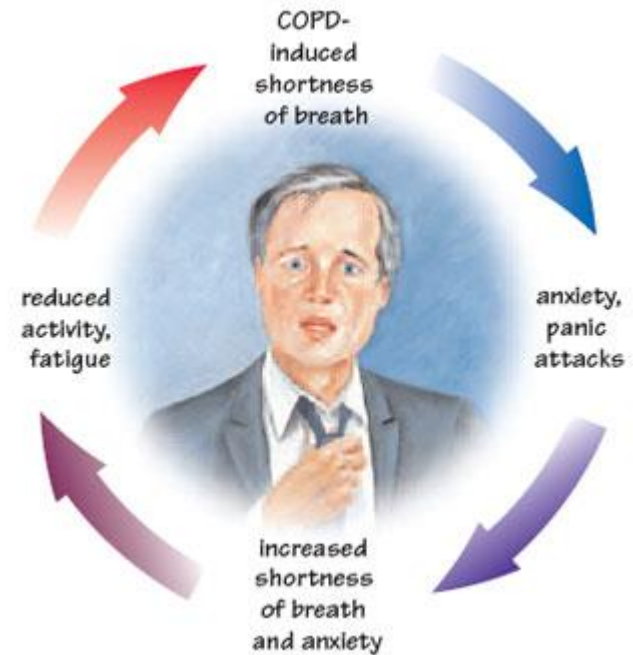


# Update on Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programme

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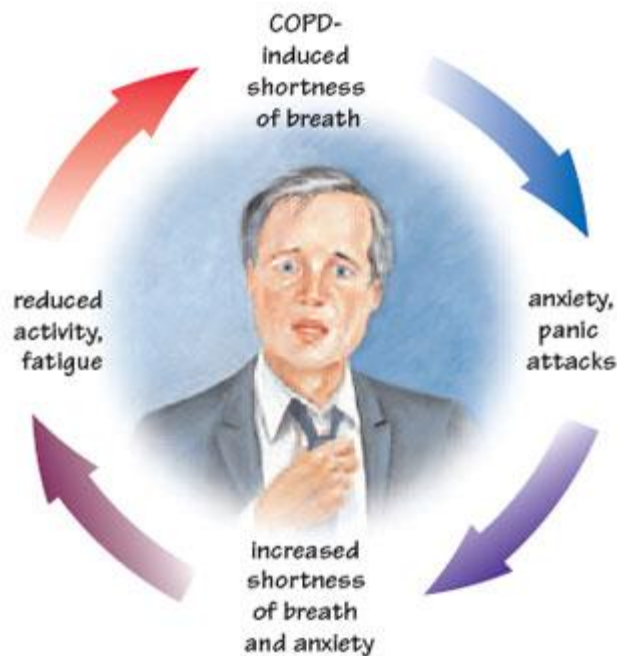
# Impacts of COPD to patients

- Increase dyspnoea
- Limitation of activity
- Decrease quality of life (QoL)
- Feeling of depression or anxiety
- Develop exacerbation → increase risk of death



Source: Living well with COPD

## Impacts of COPD to patients What is Pulmonary Rehabilitation ?



Source: Living well with COPD

A comprehensive intervention based on a thorough patient assessment followed by patient tailored therapies that include, but are not limited to, **exercise training, education, and behavior change**, designed to **improve the physical and psychological** condition of people with chronic respiratory disease and to **promote the long term adherence to health enhancing behaviors**

ATS/ERS guideline 2013

## Duration :

- 6-12 weeks
- Min. 12 supervised sessions

## Endurance training

- Lower limbs (cycling, treadmill, walking)
- Upper limbs

## Strength training

## Breathing exercise

# Mechanism of improvement in PRP

## Training Mode

- High intensity endurance exercise
- Resistance training
- Breathing strategy



## Physiological basis of improvement

- ↑ Skeletal muscle oxidative capacity
- ↑ Skeletal muscle strength
- ↑ Cardiovascular function
- ↑ Mechanical efficiency



## Health Outcome

- ↓ Dyspnoea
- ↑ Exercise capacity
- ↑ HRQoL



# Benefit of PRP for Stable COPD

COPD patients with no acute exacerbation within 4 weeks before commencing PR

- ❖ Improved exercise capacity and functional capacity
- ❖ Reduced symptoms of dyspnoea
- ❖ Improved health-related quality of life (HRQoL)
- ❖ Improved emotional function



Cochrane review 2015 on pulmonary rehabilitation (65 RCTs)

An official ATS/ERS Policy Statement: Enhancing Implementation, Use, and Delivery of Pulmonary Rehabilitation. AJRCC 2015;192:1373-1386

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# Deterioration of limb muscle function during Acute Exacerbation of COPD

## Factors

Disuse    Nutrition    Hypercapnia  
Hypoxemia    Drugs    Inflammation  
Tobacco    Comorbidities



## Inflammatory



IL-6, IL-8

IGF-1, Leptin

## Processes

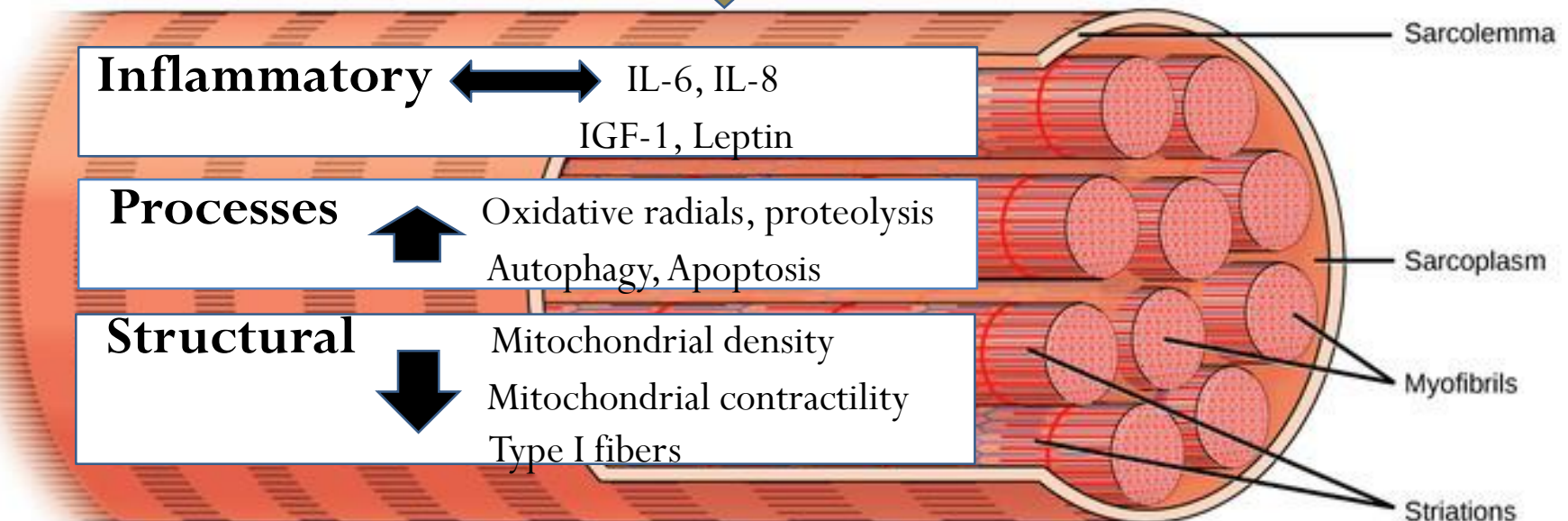


Oxidative radicals, proteolysis  
Autophagy, Apoptosis

## Structural



Mitochondrial density  
Mitochondrial contractility  
Type I fibers



# Benefit of PRP for Post AE COPD

PR commence immediately after initiation of exacerbation treatment or within 3 weeks of initiation of exacerbation treatment

- ❖ Improved exercise capacity and functional capacity
- ❖ Improved health-related quality of life (HRQoL)
- ❖ Reduced hospitalization and unscheduled healthcare visits



Cochrane review 2016 on PR following exacerbation of COPD (20 RCTs)

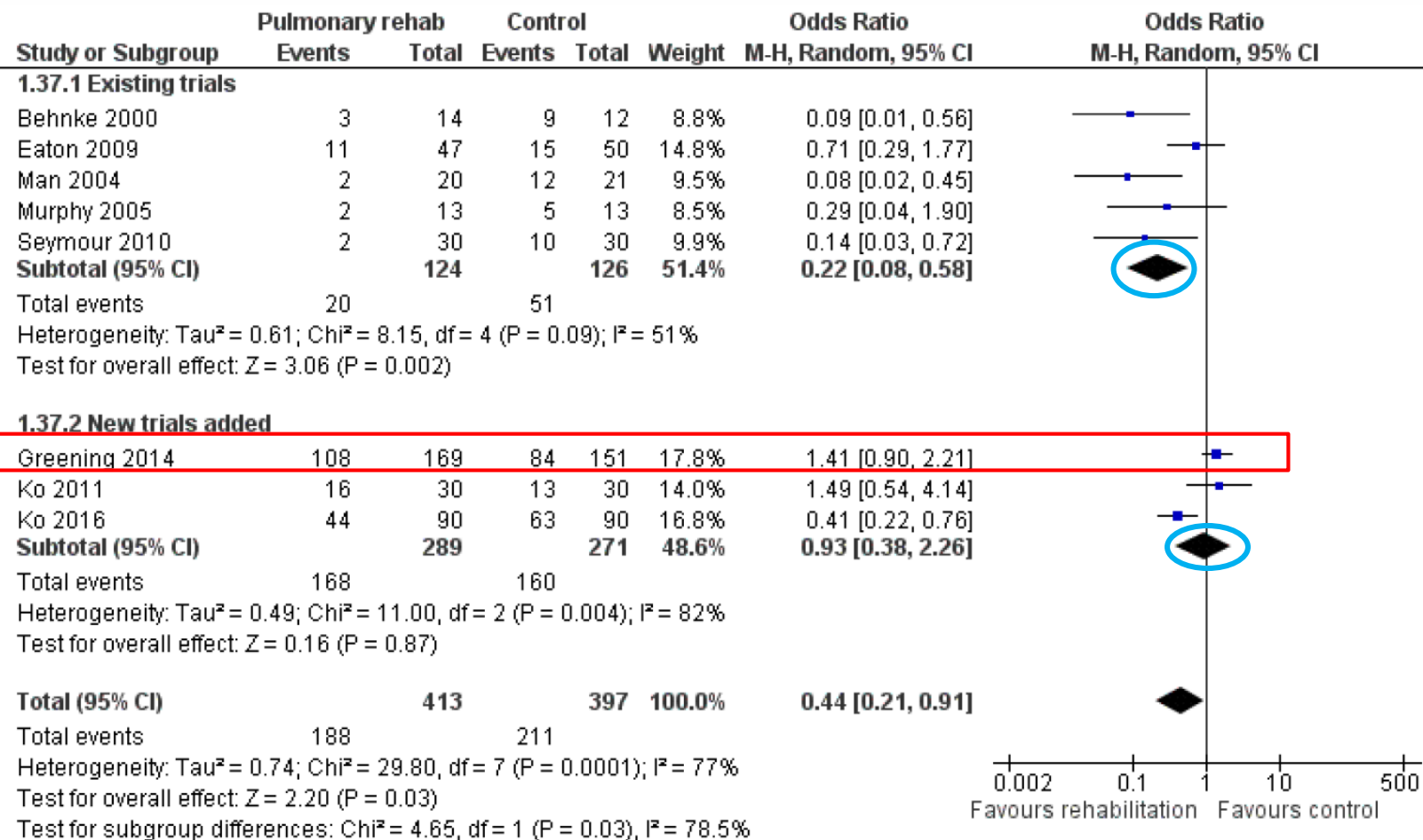


# PR following COPD exacerbation: mortality

Cochrane 2016

Greening NJ 2014

Median of 3 rehabilitative sessions during a median 5 day hospital stay, followed by a 6 week home based program



## Authors concluded that:

- Some recent studies introduced heterogeneity on hospital readmissions and mortality as compared with the last update review on 2011
- The 8 trials that offered an extensive programme showed mostly large and consistent effects on readmissions, HRQoL and exercise capacity while also suggesting an effect on mortality



## ERS/ATS guideline 2017 recommendation:

- For patients who are hospitalized with a COPD exacerbation, we suggest the initiation of PR within 3 weeks after hospital discharge
- For patients who are hospitalized with a COPD exacerbation, we suggest not initiating PR during hospitalisation

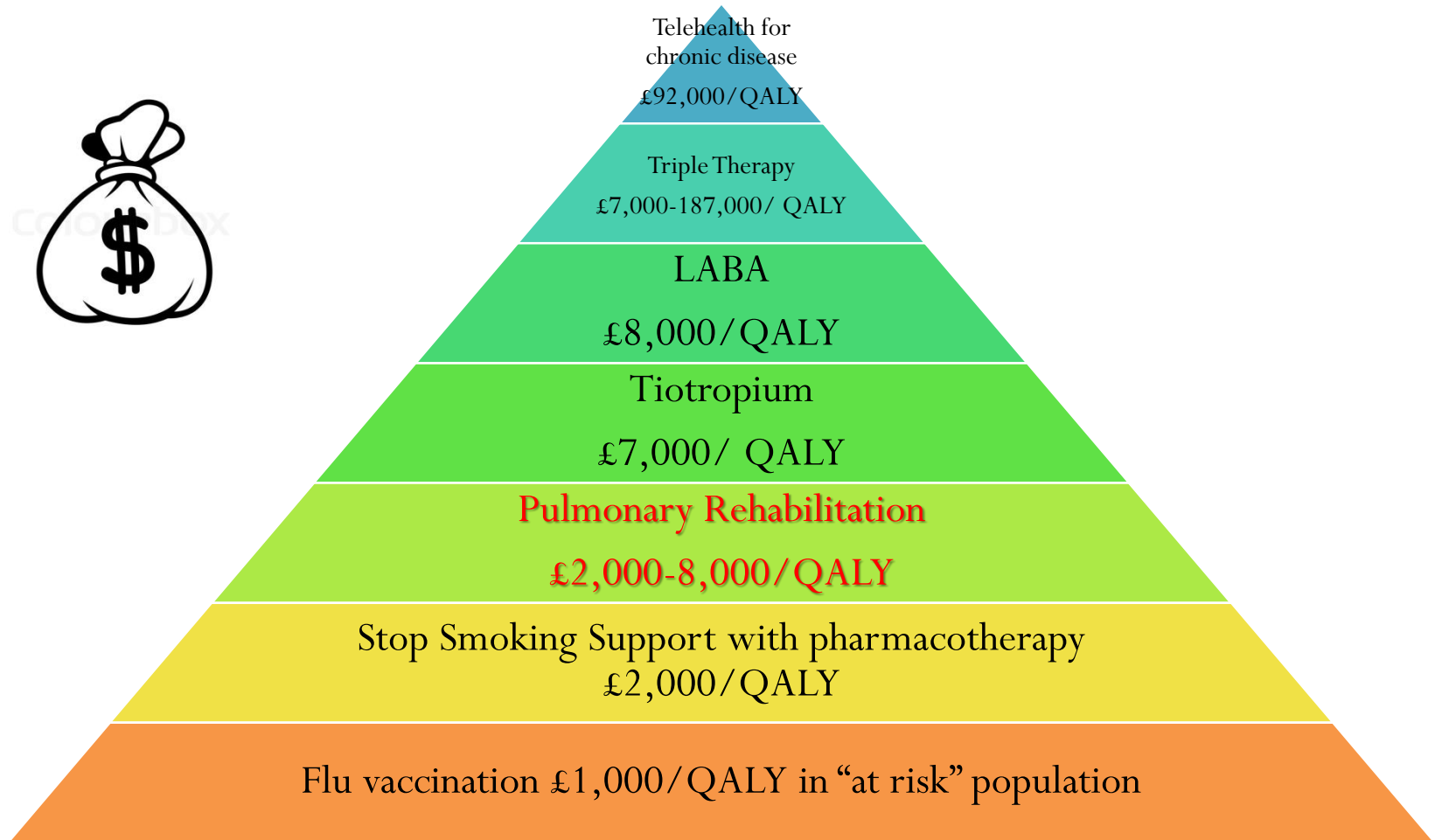


## Respiratory Physicians response published in European Respiratory Journal

Spruit MA et al. ERJ 2018;51

- The recommendation is based on one single study
- The difference in mortality began > 5 months after intervention
- The per protocol analysis did not show a difference in mortality
- Recent RCTs have shown that rehabilitative interventions initiated during patients' hospital stay prevent a decline in lower limb muscle function, balance and exercise performance, and facilitates recovery afterwards

# Evidence of cost effectiveness of PRP relative to other treatments for COPD Cost per quality-adjusted life year (QALY)



The pyramid of value for COPD interventions developed by the London Respiratory Network with the London School of Economics

<https://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/impress-improving-and-integrating-respiratory/documents/IMPRESS%20COPD%20Relative%20Value%20Main%20Report.pdf>

# PR in people with other chronic respiratory diseases

## **Non-cystic bronchiectasis** 3 RCTs (135 patients)

- Increase Exercise capacity, HRQoL
- Included airway clearance technique

## **Interstitial lung disease (ILD)** Cochrane review 2014 (9 RCTs)

- Increase exercise capacity, HRQoL, decrease dyspnoea

## **Pulmonary hypertension (PHT)** Cochrane review 2017 (6 RCTs)

- Increase exercise capacity, HRQoL
- 14-20% adverse events including dizziness and syncope

**Other diseases:** Lung cancer, lung transplantation

# Self Management as key component of pulmonary rehabilitation

COPD self management:

- Structured but **personalized** and often multi-component
- Goals of **motivating, engaging** and supporting the patients
- Positively adapt their health behaviours and develop skills to better **manage their disease**

Effing TW et al. ERJ 2016;48(1):46-54

- To be successful, a self-management intervention **has to lead to behavior change**

Bourbeau J et al. Semin RespirCrit Care Med 2015; 36:630–638

Never think it is simple  
It is not only “what we have to do”  
but “how we do it”



Dr. Bourbeau J

CC (COPD) training program on COPD Self management 23&24 Feb 2018

# Strategies to expand the provision of PR to suitable individuals

## Physician factors

- Increase awareness and knowledge of PR

## Patient factors

- Increase awareness and knowledge of PR
- Rehabilitation according to patient's need e.g. adding PR as a treatment option within existing general rehabilitation program

## System factors

- Increase capacity
- Geographic accessibility
- Increase access to PR including repeated courses, non-COPD respiratory disorders



# Setting of Pulmonary Rehabilitation

## Community based v.s. Hospital based exercise training

Wuytack F A systematic review and metaanalysis 2018 (3 RCTs)

- Similar effective in improving HRQoL and exercise capacity



## Home based v.s. Hospital based exercise training

Australian and New Zealand PR guidelines 2017 (6 RCTs)

Wuytack F A systematic review and metaanalysis 2018 (7 RCTs)

- Similar effective in improving HRQoL and exercise capacity
- Varying degree of supervision or support



## Factors consider when choosing the setting (BTS 2013, ATS/ERS 2013)

- Mechanisms to offer remote supervision
- Patient specific factors
- Determine the extent of supervision (e.g. stable v.s. unstable)
- Need for different modalities of physical exercise and interventions

# Applications of telehealth technologies

- Tele-monitoring
- Teleconsultation
- Tele-education
- Telehealth PR



Selzler AM et al. Chronic Respiratory Disease 2018;15:41-47

Thank you