

The Implementation of Inspiratory Muscle Training to Enhance Weaning from Mechanical Ventilation: A Systematic Literature Review

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ABSTRACT

Background: Mechanical ventilation is very important for the world of critical care. However, the use of mechanical ventilation also affected respiratory muscle weakness.

Objective: The purpose of this study was to identify the implementation of Inspiratory muscle training for weaning mechanical ventilation in patients with mechanical ventilation in the Intensive Care Unit.

Design: A systematic literature review study design was used.

Data Sources: The databases used are CINAHL, PubMed, MEDLINE, Sage Journal, and ScienceDirect.

Review Methods: Articles published from 2009-2020 with the type of randomized research-controlled trial (RCT) in English. The keywords "Inspiratory Muscle Exercise", "Inspiratory Muscle Training", "weaning", "mechanically ventilated", "critical care", and "intensive care".

Results: From four articles analyzed, we found an effect of inspiratory muscle training on ventilator weaning, which was carried out on therapy five times a week, and some were carried out for seven days for two weeks and increased respiratory muscle strength.

Conclusion: Inspiratory muscle training in mechanically ventilated patients is a nursing intervention that requires evidence-based preparation of guidelines to provide best practice. The optimization of inspiratory muscles exercise can help the weaning process and be implemented further.

Keywords: inspiratory muscle training; weaning; ventilator; intensive care unit

INTRODUCTION

Mechanical ventilation plays an important role in the world of critical care. The role of mechanical ventilation can be used as a substitute for ventilation in patients with lung disorders (Giusti et al., 2021; Gupte et al., 2022). However, mechanical ventilation can also cause respiratory muscle weakness among patients in the intensive care unit (ICU) (Walsh et al., 2021). With the use of controlled mechanical ventilation for 18-69 hours, there will be disturbances in the diaphragm proteolysis occurs atrophy and respiratory muscle weakness (Bissett et al., 2016).

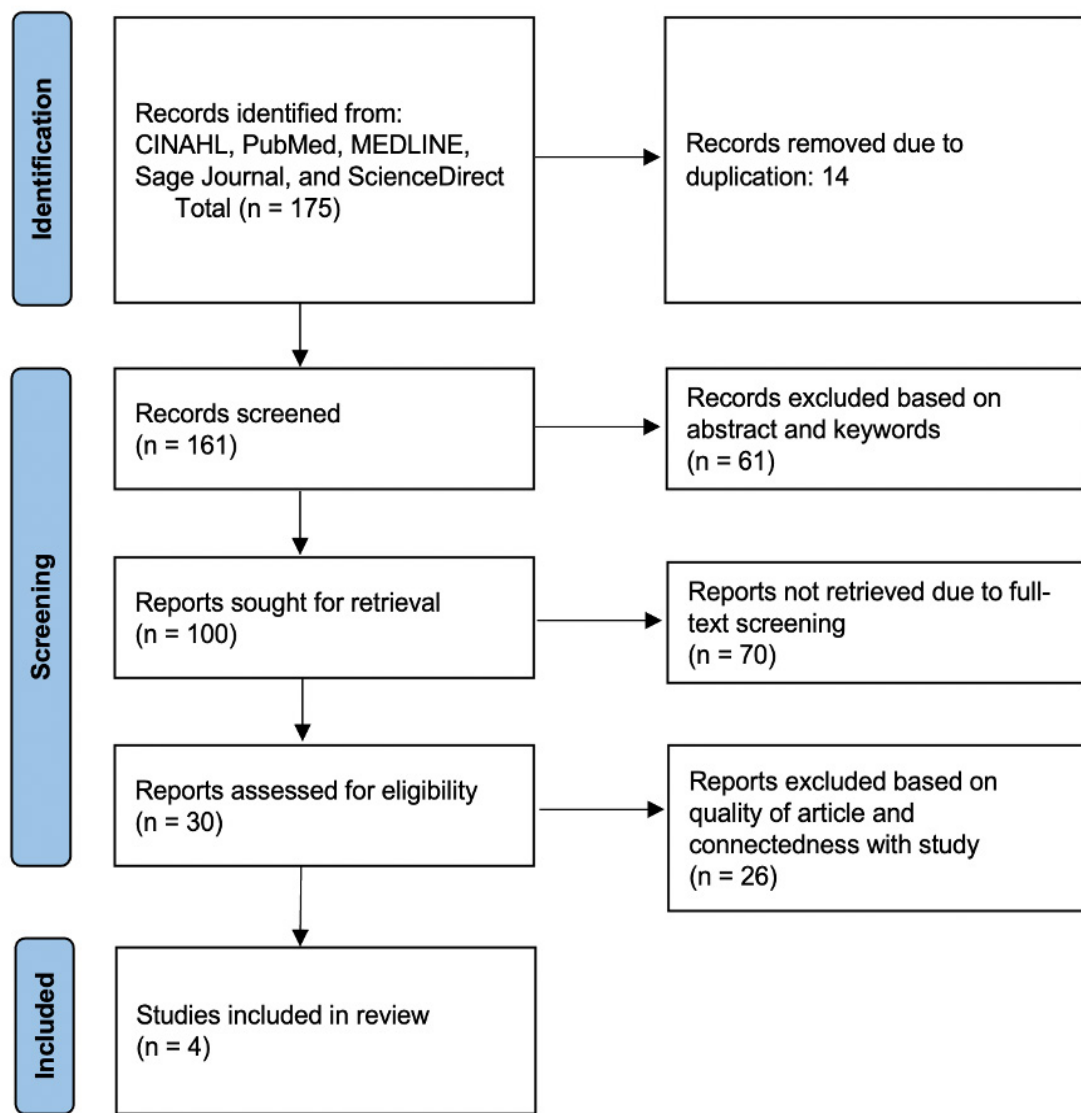


Figure 1. Article Search Strategy

The weakness of the respiratory muscles can contribute to the occurrence of persistent dyspnoea, where the residual physical function disorder will worsen the condition. In addition, if patients use mechanical ventilation, then proteolysis of skeletal muscles and diaphragm occurs, complicating the weaning process (Chiu et al., 2020; Spiesshoefer et al., 2020). The previous studies showed that in patients with ventilators used the strength of the diaphragm significantly affected the process of weaning the patient to breathe independently after the escape of a mechanical ventilator (Bissett et al., 2016). Besides that, the respiratory muscles can be returned to their optimum in several ways, such as by giving an inspiration load and respiratory muscles independent of

mechanical ventilation (Condessa et al., 2013).

In restoring the respiratory muscle strength, the patient needs to be prepared for the weaning process and not depend on the ventilator. The previous studies related to the implementation of Inspiratory Muscle Training is not reported well. Thus, this literature review can provide new information about inspiratory muscle training to improve the weaning process. In addition, this literature review can provide new insight among nurses and other healthcare teams. Thus, the purpose of this study was to identify the implementation of Inspiratory muscle training for weaning mechanical ventilation in patients with mechanical ventilation in the Intensive Care Unit.

METHODS

Study Design

The study design was a systematic literature review.

Search Methods

This literature study was compiled from studies published online. A PRISMA methods was used. The search was conducted in June 2020, with the search criteria covering articles published in English and published from 2009-2020. The databases used are CINAHL, PubMed, MEDLINE, Sage Journal, and ScienceDirect with the keywords “Inspiratory Muscle Exercise”, “Inspiratory Muscle Training”, “Weaning”, “mechanically ventilated”, “critical care”, and “intensive care”. The first identified articles through keywords were 175 articles. Of the 175 articles screened, 165 were excluded from search results because of titles and/or abstracts, such as research designs that were not relevant to the literature review topic. The next check is the feasibility of full-text articles conducted on 30 articles. The results obtained from the selection process are four articles with the type of RCT that will be carried out in the process literature review (Figure 1).

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

The inclusion criteria were an article in English, a full paper, and an RCT study design. We eliminated the articles out of inclusion criteria and did not focus on inspiratory muscle training.

Data Extraction

The selection of reviewed articles focused on the type of experimental research, either controlled trial randomized (RCT) or quasi-experimental study. There are still limited RCT studies on Inspiratory muscle training in mechanically ventilated patients in the ICU. Therefore, the selected articles include research on the implementation, comparison, and effectiveness of Inspiratory muscle training on the successful process of ventilator weaning. The review involved adult patients in the ICU who were intubated and mechanically ventilated. The outcome of this review is the effect of Inspiratory muscle training on the success of ventilator weaning.

RESULTS

Database (CHINAHL, PubMed, MEDLINE,

Sage Journal, and ScienceDirect) with the keywords “Inspiratory Muscle Exercise”, “Inspiratory Muscle Training”, “Weaning”, “mechanically ventilated”, “critical care”, and “intensive care”. The first identified articles through keywords were 175 articles. Of the 175 articles screened, 165 were excluded from search results because of titles and/or abstracts, such as research designs that were not relevant to the topic of the literature review. From the article that describes the effectiveness of respiratory muscle training, it was found that there was an effect of respiratory muscle training on ventilator weaning, which was carried out on therapy 5 times a week, and some were carried out for 7 days for 2 weeks, but in other studies there are also which has no effect on weaning time, only inspiratory muscle therapy can increase respiratory muscle strength, where if the respiratory muscles can work optimally it will help the weaning process (Table 1).

DISCUSSION

This literature review consists of articles that have heterogeneity in therapy—respiratory muscle exercise in patients on mechanical ventilation to achieve weaning on mechanical ventilation. The previous study showed that respondents who completed two weeks of IMT had a more significant increase in respiratory muscle strength than those who did not. This is related to the previous study that ventilation mechanics increase in strength within two weeks of IMT (Bissett et al., 2016). The increase in respiratory muscle strength can be caused by the effects of exercise such as IMT and the MIP (Maximal Inspiration Pressure) test manoeuvre (Cabrita et al., 2021; Han et al., 2020; Tanriverdi et al., 2021)

However, atrophy may occur quickly in ICU patients, especially in skeletal muscle and respiratory muscles (Spiesshoefer et al., 2020), if the patient is attached to a mechanical ventilator for more than five days. With an adequate training stimulus, the possibility of atrophy in the respiratory muscles will decrease in a relatively short period of time, so that it will help the ventilator weaning process. IMT can be considered an effective strategy to reverse some of the common inspiratory muscle weakness after prolonged use of mechanical ventilation and improve the quality of life in these patients with only two weeks of training (Hoffman et al., 2018).

Table 1. Summary Article

Authors	Design	Sample	Intervention	Results
(Martin et al., 2011) USA	RCT	A sample of 129 patients admitted to the ICU but who participated in this study 69 patients were divided into two groups, the first 35 patients giving IMST action and 34 patients with SHAM therapy.	Interventions were randomized and through a double-triple blind study. At the start of the study, each group was allowed to perform four sets of 6 to 10 breaths per day, with a two-minute rest. Mechanical ventilation support between each set and instructed to long breathe, slow inspiratory and expiratory efforts during exercise. Furthermore, hemodynamic testing is carried out. If it is still within normal limits, it can be done. This exercise is carried out for five days with 1.5 hours per day.	When compared with sham therapy (An inactive treatment or procedure that is intended to mimic as closely as possible a treatment in a clinical trial), Inspiration Muscle Strength Training (IMST) is more effective in providing respiratory muscle pressure can assist in the ventilator weaning process.
(Condessa et al., 2013) Australia	RCT	The total sample used in this study was 92 patients who were hospitalized ICU. Forty-five patients were in the intervention group and 47 patients to the control group.	The assigned intervention was randomized and through a double-blind study. The experimental group received the usual care and underwent inspiratory muscle training twice daily throughout the weaning period. The control group received the usual care. Before the exercise, all patients had been mechanically ventilated for more than 48 hours in a controlled mode and were considered ready for weaning with supported pressures ventilation between 12 cmH ₂ O and 15 cmH ₂ O and positive end-expiratory pressures between 5 cmH ₂ O and seven cmH ₂ O. They should be hemodynamically stable without the aid of vasoactive drugs (dopamine, dobutamine or norepinephrine) or sedative agents. Each exercise for the intervention group was given a session consisting of 5 sets of 10 breaths, twice a day for seven days a week.	Although the weaning period was on average 8 hours shorter in the experimental group, this difference was not statistically significant (95% CI -16 - 32). Maximum inspiratory and expiratory pressures increased in the experimental group and decreased in the control group, with significant mean differences of 10 cmH ₂ O (95% CI 5 to 15) and eight cmH ₂ O (95% CI 2 to 13), respectively.

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Table 1. Summary Article (Continued)

Authors	Design	Sample	Intervention	Results
(Bissett et al., 2016) Australia	RCT	The total sample in this study was 70 respondents divided into two groups—intervention (34) and control (36)	The intervention was conducted randomly and through a double-blind study. Respondents attached to a ventilator for more than seven days were randomly assigned to respiratory muscle training therapy for five days a week and overall implementation for two weeks.	Receive in early research. It was also found that respiratory muscle exercise was proven to be effective in increasing respiratory muscle strength.
(Hoffman et al., 2018) Australia	RCT	Respondents in this study were 90 patients in the ICU. Intervention (45) and control (45)	The intervention was randomized and through a double-blind study. Furthermore, the intervention group will be given an exercise session consisting of four sets of 6 to 10 breaths per set with a rest period of at least 2 minutes between sets. Patients in the group treatment group will conduct	Research is early also got results that muscle exercises breathing proven effective can increase respiratory muscle strength,

Inspiratory muscle training during the weaning period can increase maximal inspiratory and expiratory pressures and tidal volume, although it does not significantly reduce the weaning period (Bissett et al., 2012; Condessa et al., 2013). For example, inspiratory muscle training was performed by adjusting the ventilator pressure's trigger sensitivity to 20% of the maximal inspiratory pressure and increased for 5 minutes in each session until it reached 30 minutes. After that, the pressure will increase by 10% of the initial maximum inspiratory pressure to a maximum of 40% of the maximum inspiratory pressure (Martin et al., 2011).

Using a threshold device with an initial load of 30% of the maximum inspiratory pressure can increase by 10% every day for 5 minutes (Boswell-Ruys et al., 2020). A threshold device set at the highest tolerable pressure is between 7 and 12 cmH2O (Martin et al., 2011). A previous study showed a maximal inspiratory pressure could be evaluated before each session, and training load was improved at 40% of this value, which equates to an average of 13 cmH2O initially (Condessa et al., 2013). Therefore, the initial load will be higher than in other studies in this area. It may also contribute to the significant increase in maximal inspiratory pressure, roughly the same as the most significant increase seen in other studies (Syabbalo, 1998). However, the weaning period did not differ significantly between the experimental and control groups. Therefore, inspiratory muscle training with a threshold device may be adequate for increasing respiratory muscle strength and tidal volume in patients receiving mechanical ventilation.

CONCLUSION

Inspiratory muscle training in mechanically ventilated patients is an intervention nursing that requires evidence-based preparation of guidelines to provide best practice. Without evidence-based practice, nurses in critical nursing areas will assist patients in the mechanical ventilation weaning process. This study supports that the perception of inspiratory effort and respiratory drive is disproportionate to inspiratory muscle strength and may help explain why increased MIP (Maximal Inspiration Pressure) contributes to weaning.

Declaration of Interest

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Data Availability

The datasets generated during and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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