

# Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

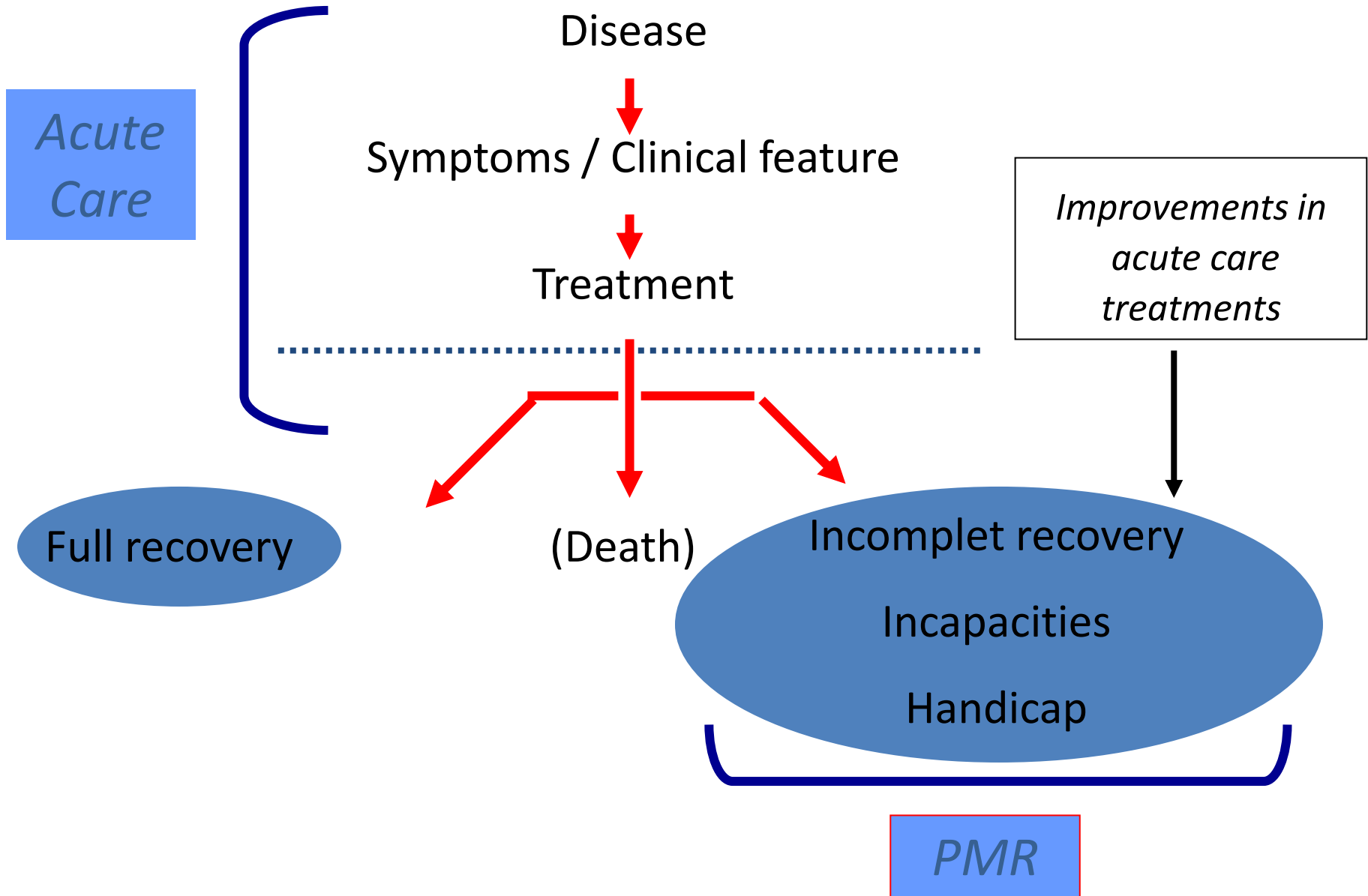
## Rehabilitation of the PAD patient and beyond

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# PMR in Care pathway ?



# So, why referring PAD patients to PMR?

**Let's remind main our goals in PAD patients management...**

- **Decrease morbidity and mortality**

- Drugs
- Surgery
- Regular Exercise
- Cardiovascular risk factors control

**Exercise training**

**Patient Education**

- **Improve quality of life**

- Decrease symptoms
- Improve exercise tolerance
- Socio-professional (re)insertion

**Rehabilitation  
Reinsertion**

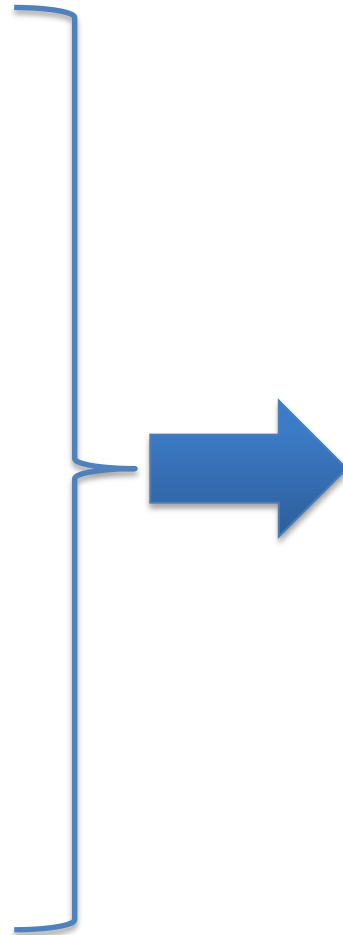
**= MAIN GOALS OF  
PMR**

*But remains under  
prescribed in PAD...*

# So, why referring PAD patients to PMR?

Multiple caregivers....

.PMR Dr  
.Nurse  
.Physiotherapist  
.Occupational therapist  
.Physical activity teacher  
.Dietician  
.Social worker  
.Neuropsychologist  
.Cardiologist  
*+ network with Psychiatrist,  
Diabetologist, angiologist,  
vascular surgeon...*



- **Exercise:**  
evaluation + training
- **Education**
- **Reinsertion**
- Management of other  
vascular diseases
- Amputation: *healing,  
pain prevention, prosthetic fitting*

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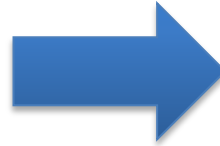
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**GLOBAL  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
COMPREHENSIVE  
APPROACH**

**FUNCTIONAL  
EVALUATION  
EXPERTISE**

**TRAINING DEVICES**

**EDUCATION SKILLS**

**SPECIFIC MEDICAL  
CARES**

# Evaluation – Physical capacity / Risks

- Multiple devices available in PMR unit
- Tailored to functional status
  - Treadmill
  - Cycloergometer
  - Arm cranking



- 1- Other cardiovascular conditions screening
- 2- Exercise capacity ?
  - → **Prognosis**
  - → **Functionnal Status** : Initial and Absolute claudication distance
  - → **Global Training objectives**: HR / Power / RPE / Speed

# Functionnal Evaluation: Walk tests

**Self-paced walk test:** Initial / Absolute Claudication Distance  
More reliable than self-estimated distance

## 6MWT +++

Highly reliable

Self-selected speed = best energetic efficiency

Related to functional / haemodynamic severity of PAD

*Montgomery PS, J Am Geriatr Soc. 1998*

Often used to assess functionnal decline

*Garg PK, Circulation 2009*



*Treadmill 6 MWT*

*Treadmill walk distance Continuous / Graded (Gardner)*

# Global Exercise training

« Endurance/aerobic training » → =large muscle masses working

- Indoor / Outdoor walking
- Treadmill ++ (↓ triceps surae work)
- cycloergometer, stepper
- Arm cranking: Cross effect



Best modalities ?  
Usually intermittent  
Intensity : Stop before pain?  
Passive / Active recovery?



**Main Barrier = Longterm compliance > intensity problem....**



# Analytic Exercise training = Resistance training

→ Manual resistance / training machines



→ Auto-exercises

1/ determination of n° of reps to cramping (N)

2/ Exercises : 70 % of N



# Additional Physiotherapeutic techniques

- **Low frequency electric stimulation**
  - Improves muscular metabolism and perfusion
  - Improves walk distance

*Anderson SI, Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2004*



= in addition to active training or alternative if pain, or major deconditionning

# Additional Physiotherapeutic techniques

- Manual draining if veno-lymphatic edema
- Passive stretching in cutaneous / muscular / tendon retractions (diabetes)



Respiratory physiotherapeutic techniques (COPD)



# Education

## Education $\neq$ Information

- . Educational diagnosis: disease knowledge + readiness to change
- . **Shared goals setting**
- . Implementation
- . Re-evaluation

### → **Multidisciplinary**

≈ Same education as CAD patients

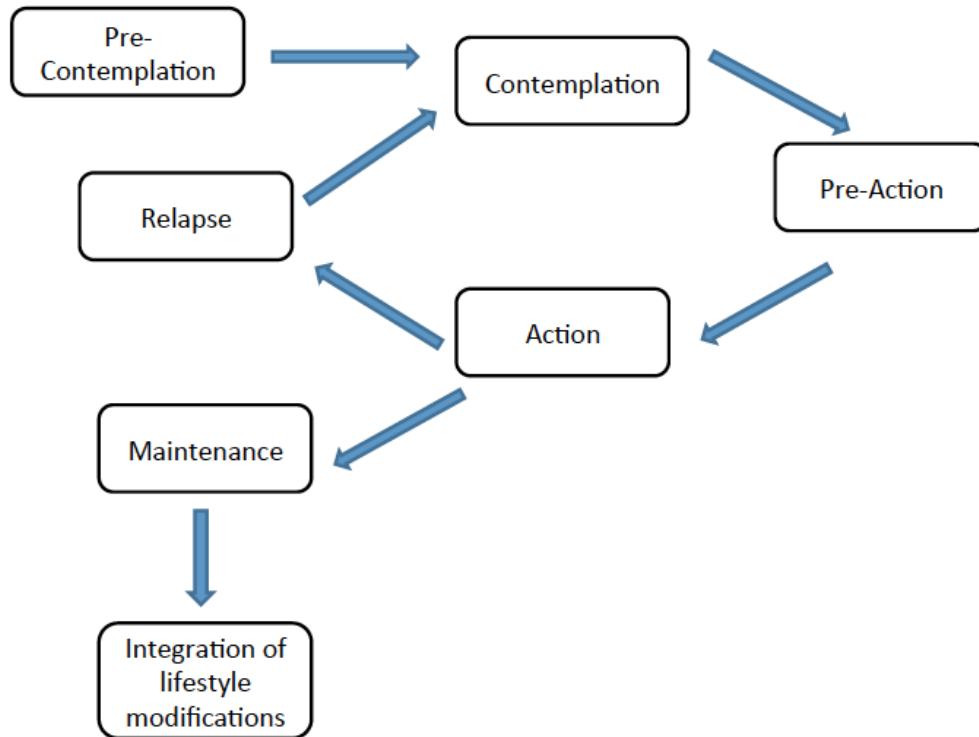
But lower compliance to lifestyle modifications ...

- . Specific psychological profile : « Type D »
- . Frequent cognitive decline



# Education

Using Prochaska Model of motivation for change can help in developing strategies to induce motivations for lifestyle modifications



- Tobacco cessation
- Drug compliance
- Regular exercise
- Mediterranean diet

# Amputation – Rehabilitation program

- Main Goal : **Autonomy**
- Control of stump viability : TcPO<sub>2</sub>
- **Early prosthetic fitting +++**
  - Improves scar healing
  - Decreases neuropathic pain
  - Improves body scheme recovery
  - Allows early verticalisation



# Amputation – Training program

- **High energetic cost of prosthetic walking**
  - Thigh amputation :  $VO_2 = + 50\%$
  - Leg amputation :  $VO_2 = + 10 - 30\%$



*Waters RL. J Bone Joint Surg 1976*

- . Associated conditions leading to low fitness: CAD, COPD, sedentarity...  
→ **need for exercise training +++ , whatever its type**





# Amputation – Rehabilitation program

- **Early prosthetic walking ++ = early fonctionnal exercise training**
- Same framework as PAD with claudication
  - + balance training
  - + **education** for prosthesis self-fitting
- **Functionnal evaluation = walk tests ++**
  - 2 MWT = best fonctionnal test in this specific population

*Gremeaux V, Prosthet Orthot Int. 2012*





# CONCLUSION – Rehabilitation programs for PAD

- **Goals : EXERCISE + EDUCATION**
- **Same material that CAD rehab**
- **Specific exercise technics and educationnal aproaches**
- **Needs to be be more prescribed and integrated in a health care network to optimize long term compliance**

***SO, WHO EVER MAY LEAD A VASCULAR CENTER....***

***CARDIOVASCULAR PMR UNIT APPEARS TO BE AN OPTIMAL PLACE  
TO IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
SUPERVISED PROGRAMS FOR PAD ...***

Thank you

*To be continued at 5:15 pm....*