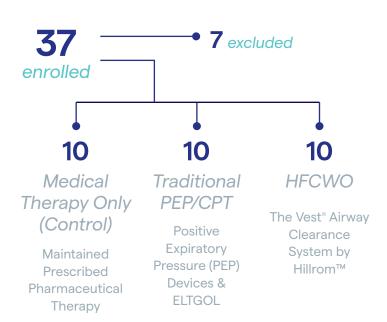


Case Study: NICOLINI, ET AL. STUDY<sup>1</sup>

# EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENT WITH HFCWO

in patients with Bronchiectasis



### **OVERVIEW**

High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation (HFCWO) provides an improvement both in pulmonary function and quality of life in patients with chronic hyper-secretive bronchiectasis. Since those patients need daily airway clearance, HFCWO should be included among the principal options in chest physiotherapy.

#### NICOLINI, ET AL. STUDY

The aim of the study was to find the more efficacious treatment in patients with bronchiectasis.

The intent of the study was to measure:

- Breathlessness & quality of life (QOL)
- Respiratory lung function
- Sputum production
- Sputum cellularity

It incorporated traditional techniques of chest physiotherapy (CPT) vs. HFCWO in patients with bronchiectasis.

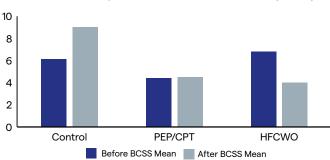
Fifteen-day randomized control trial (RCT) used computer randomization to divide patients into three groups:

- Medical therapy only, as prescribed
- CPT/PEP 45 mins/session, twice daily
- HFCWO 30 mins/session, twice daily

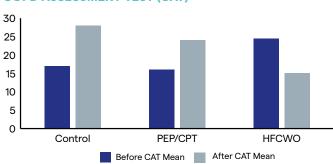
# PATIENTS SHOWED SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN DYSPNEA AND QOL WITH HFCWO

HFCWO showed a significant improvement in BCSS (p  $\leq$  0.001) and CAT (p  $\leq$  0.001).

### **BREATHLESSNESS, COUGH & SPUTUM SCORE (BCSS)**

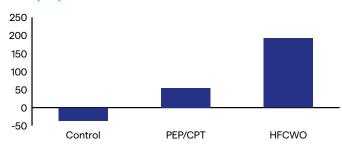


### **COPD ASSESSMENT TEST (CAT)**

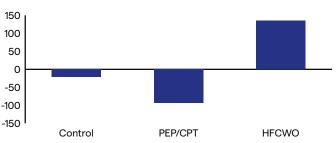


## BRONCHIECTASIS PATIENTS SHOWED SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN RESPIRATORY FUNCTION WITH HFCWO VS PEP/CPT

#### **FVC (ML) DIFFERENCE BEFORE & AFTER TREATMENT**



### FEV1 (ML) DIFFERENCE BEFORE & AFTER TREATMENT



# IMPROVEMENT OBSERVED IN MARKERS OF INFLAMMATION



- HFCWO group showed a significant reduction of blood inflammatory parameter C-Reactive Protein, compared to the PEP/CPT group (p ≤ 0.019).
- HFCWO showed a significant reduction of neutrophils percentage in sputum ( $p \le 0.002$ ).
- HFCWO also produced a significant difference in sputum volume at the end of treatment from  $52.0 \pm 16.9$  ml to  $72.5 \pm 24.0$  ml (p  $\geq 0.011$ ).

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