



Lo Stretching nella preparazione fisica: tra evidenze scientifiche e indicazioni per la pratica
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Allungamento e stretchin' in ambiente acquatico



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Niang-Obi: le perle nere




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Aquatic-based rehabilitation and training for the elite athlete.


Elite athletes are competing for longer seasons, training more hours, and taking less time off. This schedule may predispose the elite athlete to overuse injuries. When an injury occurs, aquatic-based rehabilitation may expedite the recovery process, as effective cardiovascular and musculoskeletal training may be accomplished by aquatic exercise. The pool may be used both during rehabilitation and postrecovery as an adjunctive tool. Knowledge of the unique physical properties of water, as well as the physiological responses to immersion both at rest and during exercise, will aid the physical therapist when designing a rehabilitation or training program for the athlete. Understanding the principles of movement in water will provide a foundation for creative use of water's unique properties.





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High levels of competitive running entail several hours of training each week, with the majority of this training being carried out on hard surfaces. This will increase the levels of load placed on the musculoskeletal system. The need to lower impact loading as well as provide non-weight-bearing exercise for rehabilitation has meant that deep-water running (DWR) has become an increasingly acceptable form of exercise. The non-weight-bearing nature of deep-water running raises issues of specificity of training for land exercise. Prior familiarity, running style and protocol design influence the degree to which running in water simulates orthodox running on land. This review presents current research into the comparisons between running in water and on land, and the specificity of training responses.



L'acqua come ambiente di esercizio

- Situazione tendenzialmente antigравitaria (*Harrison et al, 1992*)
- Sfruttamento della spinta idrostatica (*Edlich et al, 1987*)
- Resistenza del mezzo al movimento (*Resnik et al, 1993; Hall, 1999*)
- Effetti creati da vortici e turbolenze (*Newman, 1997*)

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"L'immersione è considerata un mezzo semplice per produrre significative variazioni nei parametri cardiovascolari e respiratori" (*Lin et al, 1984*)

Influenza le risposte fisiologiche (*Arborelius et al, 1972; Agostoni et al, 1966; Lin et al, 1984*) e condiziona gli adattamenti biomeccanici (*Edlich et al, 1987; Onodera et al, 2003*)

Water exercise – Considerazioni ACSM

- L' acqua fornisce una adeguata resistenza per un allenamento di forza e per incrementare la funzionalità cardiaca
- Il minor carico meccanico e la diminuzione di peso favoriscono un esercizio modulato senza rischi per l' apparato osteoarticolare
- L' acqua costituisce una ulteriore opportunità per sviluppare la capacità di esplorare differenti tipi di movimento
- L' ambiente acquatico costituisce una opportunità per modificare il ROM di molti esercizi e movimenti

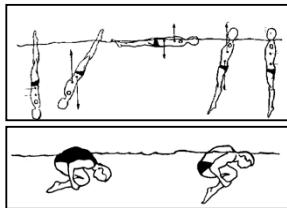
Modes of aquatic exercise

- DW exercise (no contact floor)
- SW exercise (xiphoid level)
- WA exercise (Water Aerobics)
- WC exercise (water calisthenics)
- Water small equipment exercise
- UT exercise (underwater treadmill / water stationary bikes / etc)



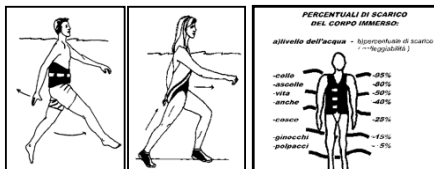
Diversificazione e modulazione del lavoro in acqua

- Posizioni



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- Temperatura

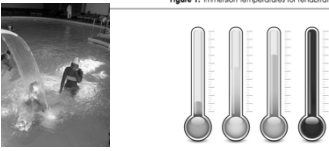


**CONSIGLI
TEMPERATURA**

- 26/28° CAMMINAMENTO FREDDO
- 30/32° CAMMINAMENTO CALDO
- 28/32° RIABILITAZIONE ORTOPEDICA
- 32/34° RIABILITAZIONE NEUROLOGICA
- 28/30° AQUAGYMN

Suitable activities	Aquatic Temperature			
	Cold (10°-15° C)	Cool (20°-25.5° C)	Neutral (33.5°-35.5° C)	Hot (37.5°-41° C)
Post-exertional recovery	✓			✓
Common bath	✓			✓
Vigorous exercise		✓		
Aerobic exercise			✓	
Typical Aquatic Therapy			✓	
Cardiac Rehab			✓	
Multiple sclerosis exercise		✓		
ICD programs			✓	
Pushover programming			✓	
Relaxation				✓

Figure 1. Immersion temperatures for rehabilitative issues.



Metabolic and Cardiovascular Responses During Aquatic Exercise in Water at Different Temperatures in Older Adults

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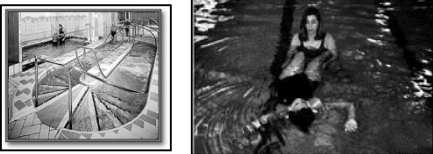
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Purpose: The aim of this study was to investigate the physiological responses during upper-body aquatic exercise in older adults with different pool temperatures. **Methods:** Eleven older men (aged 65 years and older) underwent 2 identical aquatic exercise sessions that consisted of 3 upper-body exercise using progressive immersion (10, 25, and 40 neoprene heat suits) on separate visits. Water temperatures for the visits were 20°C (cold water [CW]) and 30°C (hot water [HW]), and water depth ranged from 1.2 to 1.4 m. Measurements for heart rate (HR), blood pressure (BP), oxygen consumption (VO₂), and rate of perceived exertion (RPE) were compared between the CW and HW conditions. **Results:** The comparison between temperatures showed a higher HR response during exercise in HW, particularly when participants exercised at the highest immersion. During a 30-min postexercise period in resting conditions, HR was statistically significantly higher for the HW condition compared with the CW condition, with a large effect size (15.9%, $d = 1.23$). Systolic and diastolic BP were found to be lower for the HW condition ($-3.2%$, $d = -0.65$; $-10.1%$, $d = -0.63$), while VO₂ and RPE showed no differences. The effect size between double products (DR = systolic BP) for the 2 conditions was small (CW = $8,649 \pm 1,281$; HW = $8,340 \pm 1,672$; $d = 0.30$), suggesting similar myocardial oxygen requirements. **Conclusion:** This study showed that HR response was higher in an HW condition for older men. Warmer environments may add additional stresses to the body, which may impact training strategies and should be considered when estimating the effort of performing aquatic exercise.

Keywords: aerobic response, oxygen cost of exercise, perceived exertion, water-based exercise

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- Posizioni
- Profondità
- Temperatura
- Presenza di flussi, vortici, correnti, turbolenze



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- Posizioni
- Profondità
- Temperatura
- Presenza di flussi e/o correnti
- Utilizzo di attrezzi



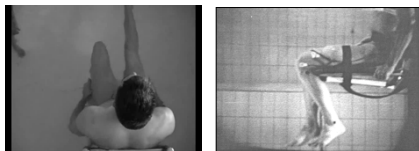




Classificazione per caratteristiche

- Attrezzi galleggianti (giubbotti o cinture, hydromanubri, hydrocavigliere, tubi, etc.)
- Attrezzi zavorranti (Pesetti, step, cavigliere zavorrate, etc.)
- Attrezzi neutri (Bastoni, elastici, guanti e palette, pinnette, etc.)
- Grandi attrezzi (hydrobike, treadmill acquatico, moon walker, etc.)

Adattamenti dell' apparato locomotore in acqua

- Maggiore vascolarizzazione a livello distrettuale muscolare
- Diverso modello di reclutamento muscolare
- Differente dinamica muscolatura agonista ed antagonista
- Lavoro in scarico gravitazionale - Minor carico osteoarticolare
- Diverse modalità di contrazione



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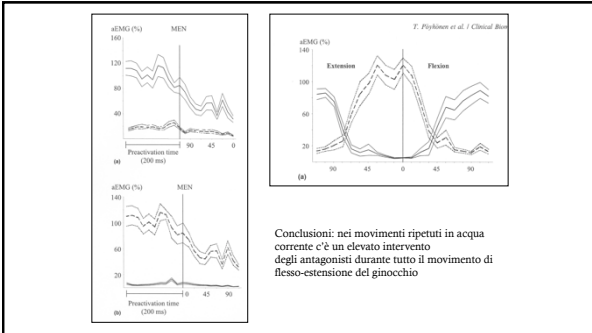
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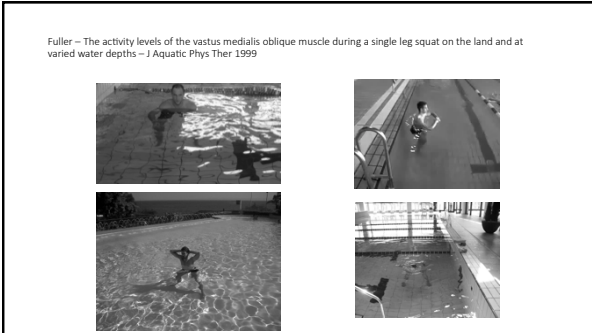
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Protocollo sperimentale (disegno sperimentale entro soggetti):

- 18 soggetti;
- 1 singolo movimento di **flesso-estensione** massimale della gamba in acqua ferma; 6-8 flesso-estensioni della gamba in acqua corrente
- EMG** del vasto mediale e laterale, del bicipite femorale e semitendinoso; **velocità angolari** della gamba






Obiettivi del trattamento in acqua

- Mobilizzazione
- Flessibilità articolare
- Elasticità muscolare
- Riduzione edema
- Rinforzo muscolare
- Core-stability
- Controllo neuromuscolare
- Rilassamento
- Allungamento
- Recupero



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Effectiveness of Aquatic Therapy vs Land-based Therapy for Balance and Pain in Women with Fibromyalgia: a study protocol for a randomised controlled trial



Both interventions include 60-min therapy sessions, structured into 4 sections: Warm-up, Proprioceptive Exercises, Stretching and Relaxation

Original Research

Aquatic Versus Land-based Exercises as Early Functional Rehabilitation for Elite Athletes with Acute Lower Extremity Ligament Injury: A Pilot Study

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Objective: To compare outcomes between aquatic and land-based exercises during early phase recovery from acute lower extremity ligament injuries in elite athletes.

Design: A single-blinded, crossover adaptive randomised, controlled study.

Setting: National training centre for elite athletes.

Participants: Twenty-two athletes with isolated grade I or II ligament injury in ankle or knee were randomised into either an aquatic or land-based exercise group.

Interventions: Early phase rehabilitation program (range, strengthening, proprioceptive training, and functional exercises) was performed in both groups. All exercises were identical except for the training environment.

Main Outcome Measurements: Data were collected at baseline and at 2 and 4 weeks using a visual analogue scale (VAS) for pain, ankle stability (cortical stability index (CSI) level 1 and 3), dynamic stability (TS1), and percentage single limb support time (SLST).

Results: Both groups showed decreases in VAS, CSI 1 and 3, and TS1, with a concurrent increase in SLST at 2 and 4 weeks ($P < .05$). No significant differences were detected between the 2 groups in any of the outcome measures. However, the time graphs for VAS, CSI 1, TS1, and SLST in the aquatic exercise group were steeper than those in the land-based exercise group indicating superior recovery time improvement ($P < .05$). These data indicate that the aquatic exercise group improved more rapidly than the land-based exercise group.

Conclusions: For the athletes with acute ligament injuries in the lower limb, aquatic exercises may provide advantages over standard land-based therapy for rapid return to athletic activities. Consequently, aquatic exercise could be recommended for the initial phase of a rehabilitation program.

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AquaStretch Overview
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SUMMARY: AquaStretch is a new form of individual and facilitated aquatic exercising which may be used in Wellness programs and also as an aquatic therapy. It's like being stretched by an athletic trainer, only with movement in various depths of water (3'-5'), and with 5 to 15 lb weights attached to your body. It's also like a "cranial unloading" in water, with verbal psychological encouragement to "Move, if you feel the need to move".


BASIC PROCEDURE: The basic AquaStretch procedure consists of four steps:
1. Play 2. Freeze 3. Pressure 4. Move (if you feel the need to move)


Finding Pressure Points: There are four ways to find pressure points or fulcrums to AquaStretch: 1. Playing 2. Palpation 3. Intentional Movement 4. Gravity Aggravated

AquaStretch Theories: Many people ask, "Why does AquaStretch work?" In summary, there are four basic explanations that may systematically be interesting to account for the many physiological changes observed with AquaStretch exercising:
1. The body's enhanced flexibility in water; 2. The use of variable "stress Resistance"; 3. The Fascial Adhesion Theory; and, 4. Intuitive Movement.



The second theoretical explanation for why AquaStretch works is that AquaStretch combats "stretch resistance" with three variables, by: 1. Attaching 5 to 15 lb weights;
2. Changing buoyancy; 3. Varying facilitator pressure either directly or isometrically.

AquaStretch is a breakthrough in aquatic therapy, pain management and physical medicine. It often succeeds when other traditional treatments have failed. In addition, the benefits have been reported to last up to 3 to 4 times longer. Immediately, I realized it blew all other techniques (i.e., aquatic and land







What is AquaStretch™?
AquaStretch™ is a one-on-one, assisted, stretching and myofascial release technique performed in shallow water using weighted resistance.


How Does AquaStretch™ Work?
AquaStretch™ is a 10-step procedure that can be extrapolated upon. Therapists have a great understanding of physiology and anatomy, which will assist, in the level of effectiveness that can be achieved with this technique. The purpose of this technique is to release myofascial adhesions. Adhesions can form between the muscle fibers, the tendons, ligaments, nerves, organs, lymph glands, blood vessels, or anywhere within the body that has fascia. In other words, they can form anywhere. They are temporary hardenings particularly around injured or overused areas.



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Comparing AquaStretch with supervised land based stretching for Chronic Lower Back Pain



Results & conclusion
Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) was observed in the AquaStretch group for pain reduction ($P = 0.006$), kinesiophobia ($P = 0.029$), and perceived disability ($P = 0.001$). Both techniques are suggested to be beneficial for CLBP patients however AquaStretch has key additional benefits including time efficiency, cost effectiveness and the ability to be performed by qualified individuals other than physiotherapists. A reduction in pain post eight weeks of treatment using AquaStretch versus twelve weeks of land based stretching could result in potentially less treatment time needed and a possibility of less medication.



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Efficacy of aquatic exercises for patients with low-back pain

The exercises employed consisted of strengthening exercises for the abdominal, gluteal, and leg muscles, stretching of the back, hip, hamstrings, and calf muscles, walking in water, and swimming

The improvement in physical score was independent of the initial ability in swimming. The results obtained suggested that exercises in water may be one of the most useful modes of exercise for a patient with low-back pain.

Hydrotherapy—a new approach to improve function in the older patient with chronic heart failure

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Abstract

Aims: Hydrotherapy, i.e. exercise in warm water, as a rehabilitation program has been considered potentially dangerous in patients with chronic heart failure (CHF) due to the increased venous return caused by the hydrostatic pressure. However, hydrotherapy has advantages compared to conventional training. We studied the applicability of an exercise programme in a temperature-controlled swimming pool, with specific reference to exercise capacity, muscle function, quality of life and safety.

Methods and results: Twenty-five patients with CHF (NYHA II–III, age 72.1 ± 6.1) were randomised into either 8 weeks of hydrotherapy (*n* = 15), or into a control group (*n* = 10). The training program was well tolerated with no adverse events. Patients in the hydrotherapy group improved their maximal exercise capacity (+6.5 vs. -5.9 W, *P* = 0.001), isometric endurance in knee extension (+4 vs. -9 s, *P* = 0.01) together with an improvement in the performance of heel-lift (+4 vs. -3 min, *P* = <0.01), shoulder abduction (+12 vs. -8 s, *P* = 0.01) and shoulder flexion (+6 vs. +4, *P* = 0.01) in comparison to patients in the control group. **Conclusion:** Physical training in warm water was well tolerated and seems to improve exercise capacity as well as muscle function in small muscle groups in patients with CHF. This new approach broadens the variety of training regimes for older patients with CHF.

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Aerobic exercise

1. Jumps in place: contra lateral knee towards contra lateral elbow. Body twisting with the arms working under surface in the opposite direction. Jog in place with high knees while swimming breaststroke with the arms (120 b/min).

Endurance and strength training

1. Eight exercises each performed for 2 min (60 b/min):
 - Sitting: reciprocal knee flexion and extension using a chair with water level to the sternal notch.
 - Standing: unilateral knee extension and flexion with a hip angle of approximately 45°.
 - Standing: unilateral hip flexion and extension (fast small movements).
 - Standing: reciprocal shoulder flexion and extension with paddles.
 - Standing: bilateral shoulder abduction (90°) fast small movements with weights.
 - Standing: reciprocal shoulder flexion and extension with floating weights.
 - Standing: bilateral elbow extension (upper arms held towards thorax) with floating weights.
 - Standing: unilateral heel-lift with water level to waist.

Aerobic exercise:

1. Jumps in place: contra lateral knee towards contra lateral elbow. Bicycling forwards and backwards with the legs in a supine position (120 b/min).
2. Jumps in place: side jumps with reciprocal arm movements. Walking/jumping side to side (120 b/min).

Strength


1. Stretching exercises for leg and arm muscles.

Relaxation:

1. Supine position with floating devices and soft musical music.

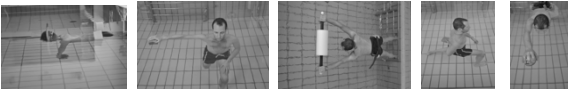


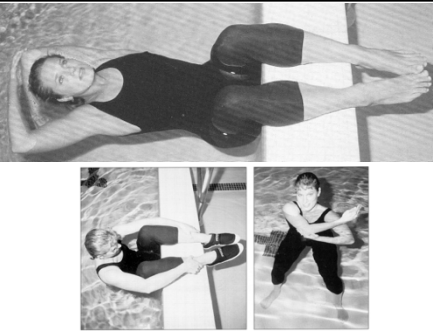
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Lavoro in acqua - Riabilitazione spalla

- Esercizi attivi e passivi nelle differenti posizioni per sfruttare la spinta di galleggiamento, con elevazione della spalla, incrementando la mobilità e la stabilità della stessa riducendo il lavoro della cuffia dei rotatori in elevazione





Esperienze personali 1 (dati da tesi)

PREMESSE: i soggetti traumatizzati tendono a perdere parte della propria escursione articolare; uno dei metodi che sembrerebbe contribuire maggiormente per il recupero di un adeguato ROM (Range of Motion) è l'idrokinesiterapia

SCOPO: valutare quanto sia efficace una seduta di idroterapia per il recupero della mobilità articolare e per il rilassamento muscolare in soggetti che hanno subito traumi agli arti inferiori (in particolar modo a carico del ginocchio)

VALUTAZIONI: misurazioni delle modificazioni che si ottengono, a breve termine (subito dopo una seduta di idrokinesiterapia, in termini di flessibilità e stiffness)

MATERIALI E METODI

GLI STRUMENTI UTILIZZATI

- *FlexAbility (TechnoGym)*

Macchinario per valutare e stimolare l'allungamento della catena flessoria degli arti inferiori

- *Myoton*

Piccolo dispositivo, portatile e totalmente non invasivo che permette di rilevare Tono, Elasticità e Resistenza di un muscolo sollecitato.

- *Gyko (Microgate)*

Strumento di misura inerziale per l'analisi del movimento. Viene applicato al segmento corporeo da valutare e ciò permette il monitoraggio della funzionalità articolare e della forza muscolare durante il processo di acquisizione dati





TONO
STIFFNESS
RILASSAMENTO
ELASTICITA'
SCORRIMENTO



	DATA	ARTO LESO
SOGGETTO 1	Età: 80 Altezza: 169cm Peso: 70kg	Destro Ricostruzione del ginocchio mediante protesi
SOGGETTO 2	Età: 25 Altezza: 178cm Peso: 73kg	Sinistra Rotura del Vaso radiale
SOGGETTO 3	Età: 31 Altezza: 175cm Peso: 70kg	Destro LCA + menisco
SOGGETTO 4	Età: 20 Altezza: 192cm Peso: 88kg	Sinistra LCA (trattamento pre-operatorio)
SOGGETTO 5	Età: 15 Altezza: 162 Peso: 63kg	Destro LCA (combustione con stampella)
SOGGETTO 6	Età: 69 Altezza: 133cm Peso: 65kg	Destro Gonartrosi
SOGGETTO 7	Età: 21 Altezza: 168cm Peso: 59kg	Destro LCA + menisco
SOGGETTO 8	Età: 26 Altezza: 170cm Peso: 59kg	Destro LCA + menisco
SOGGETTO 9	Età: 71 Altezza: 171cm Peso: 97kg	Sinistra Rotura del femore: operato chirurgicamente

PROTOCOLLO DI LAVORO IN ACQUA

La vasca è stata predisposta con una temperatura di circa 32°C.
È importante notare come queste sedute siano particolarmente efficaci in acqua calda, poiché oltre agli aspetti prettamente funzionali dell'elemento, l'effetto termico provoca un generale rilassamento muscolare nel soggetto, il quale si troverà in una situazione di benessere psico-fisico.

Per quanto riguarda l'aspetto tecnico, la seduta ha avuto una durata individuale di 45 minuti ed ogni soggetto è stato sottoposto agli stessi esercizi a prescindere dalla personale situazione lesiva.

La seduta è stata così suddivisa:

- Un riscaldamento generale
- Esercizi con piccoli movimenti senza attrezzi
- Esercizi di allungamento e stabilizzazione con attrezzi (tubi, cavigliere, etc)
- Esercizi dinamici con tavoletta e step
- Esercizi con diverse andature in acqua bassa (140cm).
- Stretching per muscoli flessori ed estensori.

RISULTATI

Le seconde misurazioni fatte, hanno permesso di quantificare le modificazioni avvenute in seguito alla seduta idroterapica
La media dei dati raccolti ha evidenziato che:

<i>FlexAbility</i>	Destro = 8,1°
	Sinistra = 8°
	Bipedalica = 6,4°
<i>Myoton</i>	Retto Femorale: Rilassato DX = -1,2%
	SN = -4%
	Contratto DX = -5,8%
	SN = -2%
	Bicipite Femorale: Rilassato DX = -4%
SN = -2%	
	Contratto DX = -1,2%
	SN = +1,2%
<i>GyKo (ROM)</i>	Flessione = +3,2%
	Estensione = +6,4%

CONCLUSIONI



I risultati ottenuti mostrano un andamento positivo riguardo l'escursione articolare e la rigidità muscolare (stiffness)

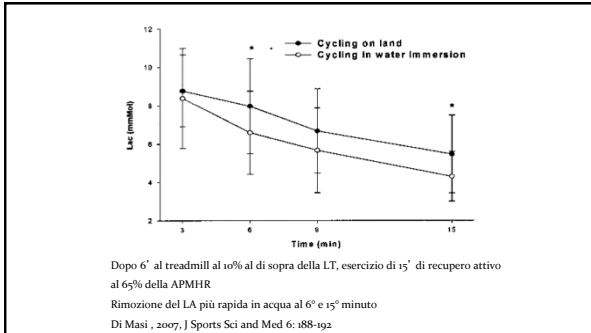
Relativamente alla tipologia dei traumasmi, gli effetti più significativi sono stati quelli relativi a soggetti con traumi a livello articolare rispetto a quelli con traumi muscolari o ossei

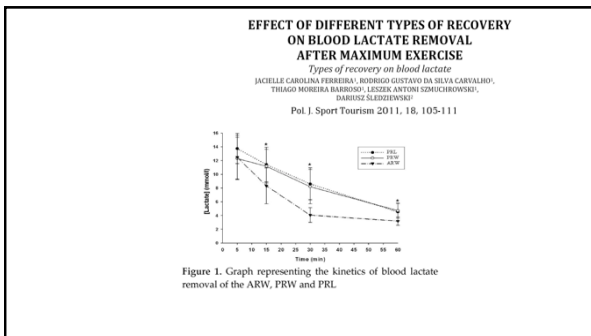
Da questi primi dati sembra che una seduta di attività acquatica mirata incrementi l'escursione articolare e riduca la rigidità articolare e il tono muscolare in soggetti con traumasmi dell'arto inferiore, dopo pochi minuti (15') dalla fine della seduta stessa. Ulteriori studi sono necessari per verificare effetti più duraturi e per ottimizzare i protocolli di lavoro, sia per gli atleti sia per altre tipologie di soggetti

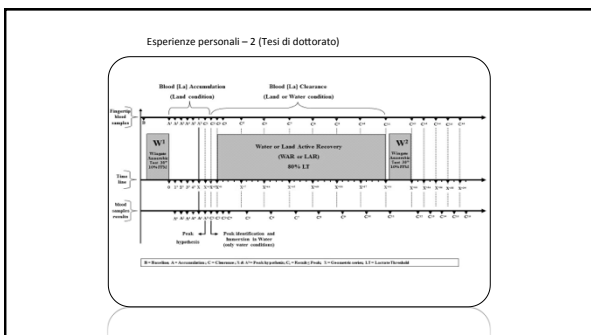
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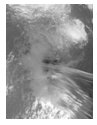












Stretchin' in acqua

- Esercizi in scarico parziale e totale (variazione profondità)
- Stretchin' alternato a mobilizzazione blanda (stretchin' dinamico in acqua?)
- Utilizzo di idrogetto
- Ricerca e lavoro sulle rigidità
- Utilizzo di più tecniche (es.PNF)

Stretchin' in acqua

- Sfruttare le caratteristiche dell'ambiente acquatico
- Tenere conto dell'azione combinata di spinte idrostatiche, resistenze, flussi, correnti, turbolenze
- Finalizzare il lavoro all'obiettivo
- Utilizzare attrezzi dedicati
- Coordinarsi con le altre attività

Conclusioni

- La pratica di tecniche di allungamento, rilassamento, mobilizzazione in acqua (stretchin', aquastretchin', aquarelax, watsu, ai-chi, etc) possono essere inserite in sessioni specifiche o alla fine di sessioni più o meno articolate, o fra esercitazioni specifiche.
- Le caratteristiche dell'ambiente acquatico sembrano essere particolarmente favorevoli per ottenere effetti, almeno parziali, più significativi rispetto ad esercitazioni simili a secco; peraltro, è interessante anche sperimentare l'effetto combinato delle due tecniche
- Non essendoci ancora protocolli e indicazioni strutturate, sono necessari ulteriori studi e ricerche che tengano conto delle varie proposte

