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## Can home therapy replace hospital intravenous antibiotic therapy in patients with cystic fibrosis in Germany?.

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### Study design (if review, criteria of inclusion for studies)

Prospective observational study

### Participants

24 Adult CF subjects in stable condition.

### Interventions

Autogenic drainage (AD).

### Outcome measures

Changes in respiratory system resistance (Rrs), reactance (Xrs), and spirometry . Spirometry and Rrs and Xrs measurements using the forced oscillations technique at 5, 11, and 19 hertz (Hz) were performed before and 30 min after a 20-min AD session. Control CF subjects were tested at baseline and 50 min without AD.

### Main results

13 subjects were included in the physiotherapy group (age 29 [25-34] years, forced expiratory volume in 1 s (FEV1) 40.3 [30.1-57.9]% predicted) and 11 in the control group (age 31 [28.5-36.5] years, FEV1 43.6 [31.1-51.9] % predicted). No significant changes in any parameter were observed in the control group. AD modestly but significantly increased the forced vital capacity (FVC) and FEV1 (p

### Authors' conclusions

A single session of AD improved inspiratory airway resistance, except in the distal airways. The forced oscillations technique provides a new tool for understanding the pathophysiological effects of airway clearance physiotherapy in CF.

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### Keywords

Airway clearance technique; Child; Drainage; non pharmacological intervention - devices OR physiotherapy; Self-Management; Chest physiotherapy; Postural Drainage; Percussion; Active Cycle of Breathing Technique -ACBT-; forced expiration technique; Positive-Pressure Respiration- PEP- pep mask; High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation -HFCWO-; VEST Airway Clearance System; oscillating devices; Acapella; flutter; Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilation; Vibration; exercise; Autogenic drainage;