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# Inhaled mannitol improves lung function in cystic fibrosis.

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

randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover study.

# Participants

Thirty-nine subjects with mild-to-moderate CF lung disease

#### Interventions

Patients inhaled 420 mg of mannitol or placebo twice daily for 2 weeks. Following a 2-week washout period, subjects were entered in the reciprocal treatment arm.

#### **Outcome measures**

Lung function, respiratory symptoms, quality of life, and safety were assessed.

## Main results

Mannitol treatment increased FEV(1) from baseline by a mean of 7.0% (95% confidence interval [CI], 3.3 to 10.7) compared to placebo 0.3% (95% CI, - 3.4 to 4.0; p

## **Authors' conclusions**

Inhaled mannitol treatment over a period of 2 weeks significantly improved lung function in patients with CF. Mannitol therapy was safe and well tolerated.

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## See also

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## Keywords

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