Stroke Rehabilitation Research

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Introduction

• Birmingham School of Health Sciences
• New but rapidly expanding research centre
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  Professor of Physiotherapy Research
  Majority posts funded by project grants
• Focus on MOBILITY
Freedom

Activity

Maintaining health
Research areas

• Laboratory based studies
  Movement analysis / Motor control
  Development for clinical applications

• Pragmatic trials of interventions
• Epidemiology of stroke
Sue Kelly, Kristen Clarke, Alan Wing

Sit to stand and stabilisation in stroke subjects vs controls

Symmetric and asymmetric foot positions

Time taken to stand

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Mediolateral CoP excursions following StS

Anteroposterior CoP excursions following StS
Discussion:

Premise for stroke subjects in asymmetric stance that time to stand might decrease and velocity of movement increase due to larger anteroposterior base of support.

In stroke subjects time to stand and velocity of movement remained the same with no real difference between symmetric and asymmetric foot positions.

Subjects selected all living independently in the community and were able to stand without any assistance.

Need to find alternative measurement for less able subjects to evaluate sit to stand.
Video profiling and characterisation of sit to stand in stroke and control subjects.

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Computer vision and image processing of moving profiles.
Aim of project is the utilisation of simple video recordings with complex automated analysis to provide outcome measure applicable to clinical trials.
Anterior and lateral video images for sit to stand and stand to sit.
Can Principal Component Analysis (PCA) be used to quantify dance movements?

Movement data collected with a motion analysis system and then used for PCA, identifying 9 components to fully describe the movement.
PC’s 1-3 describe 60% of whole movement

Strong coupling upper and lower limbs identified

Development with PCA to identify how the mechanisms of movement control in stroke are altered

PC 1

PC 2

PC 3
Paulette van Vliet – Research Fellow
Temporal coordination of reach-to-grasp in patients with parietal stroke

Monitor performance with Proreflex motion tracking system.
Large and small objects in different positions

Hypothesis: Neural processes controlling expected durations of transport and grasp trajectories operate more independently than in healthy controls.
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External focus feedback in training reach-to-grasp after stroke (Pilot RCT)

Internal focus – movement itself
External focus – effect of movement on environment

Actual performance and retention shown to be improved with intrinsic training in sport (external focus)

Stroke patients patients – internal v external feedback
Movement duration and peak velocity
David Punt - Research Fellow in Schools of Health Sciences and Psychology

Work centres around patients with neglect following stroke

Kinematics
Motor neglect (clinical diagnosis)

Motor extinction (affected limb performance unilateral v. bilateral)

Subject can perform task of picking up cup with each hand (quality not as good with hemiparetic arm). But cannot pick up cup with hemiparetic arm when task attempted bilaterally.

Unilateral v bilateral movements as means of understanding attentional/intentional deficits contributing to performance
Is the intervention of an Occupational Therapist effective in increasing independence in residents with a stroke living in residential or nursing homes?

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How do residents spend their day?

- Sitting (eyes open or closed): 97.0%
- Walking without assistance: 0.3%
- Standing: 1.0%
- Walking with assistance: 1.7%
Mobility changes after OT

Rivermead Mobility Index

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Discussion:

Population: Residents are deteriorating

Therapy:
- Function is slightly improved during intervention
- Reduced number of deaths (50%) in the intervention compared with control group
- Small trial but similar patterns seen with ADL and mobility improvement as in the other RCTs
A randomised trial of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy in a care home setting

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OXVASC- the Oxford Vascular Study

All new incident cases of acute coronary syndrome, myocardial infarction, transient ischaemic attack (TIA) and stroke in eight Oxfordshire GP practices

Recording ascertainment and measuring recovery 1, 3, 6 and 12 months.
Change in incidence-


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