Integrating Care for Chronic Conditions: Toward a Systems Medicine Approach

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Need for Health System Redesign deploying the Chronic Care Model



Better Outcomes for Chronic Conditions

An Evolving Scenario

Integrated Care supported by ICT

ICT as enabler of a new model of care

4C medicine Continuous processes Communication Collaboration Confidentiality

4P medicine

Predictive Personalized

Preventive

Participatory

Efficient patient management Modulation of disease progress

Paradigm Change



Redefinition of roles



Deployment at Barcelona-Esquerra Transferring Complexity to Primary Care and Home



Service model



Linkcare vision



- Web-based application addressed to management of chronic patients
- Platform supporting extensive use of services: modular, scalable
 and robust
- Potential for integration with a diversity of HIS and mobile systems
- Facilitating organizational interoperabiliy
- Prepared to support knowledge management applications

Scheme



Integrated Care Programs



Current Deployment at Barcelona Esquerra (AISBE)



Wellness & Rehabilitation BCN data

 <u>Results</u>: Sustainability of aerobic capacity, increased daily life activities and enhanced health-related quality of life



Need for stratification by patient's risk profile

current practice

Based on patient's use of healthcare resources

Early identification of determinants of disease phenotypes

~ 20% Smokers show susceptibility for COPD

~ 20% COPD patients show low muscle mass (poor prognosis)



Biobridge project (FP6-2005-LIFESCIHEALTH-7, Contract n° 037939) www.biobridge.eu

December 2006 to June 2009



Skeletal Muscle Bioenergetics

Health & COPD



Next steps

COPD patients Naimi et al Clin Physiol Func Imaging 2011;31:124-31 Rabinovich et al Eur Respir J 2007;29(4):643-50. Wagner PD Eur Respir J 2008; 31(3):492-501. Semenza GL N England J Med 2011;365:537-47. Rabinovich RA et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2001; 164(7):1114-1118. Rabinovich RA et al Respiration 2006; 73(6):757-761. Barreiro E et al Thorax 2009; 64(1):13-19.

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Heunks LM et al Am J Physiol 1999; 277(6 Pt 2):R1697-R1704.

Rodriguez DA et al Free Radic Biol Med. 2011 Oct 4. [Epub ahead of print]

Is Oxidative Stress a Causal Event ?

Are the effects dependent upon patient susceptibility ?

There is evidence that nitroso-redox unbalance in COPD patients may generate muscle dysfunction

(mechanical-energetic uncoupling)

through post-translational mechanisms (inhibition of s-nitrosylation)

likely involved in key underlying mechanisms of the systemic effects of the disease

A Systems Biology Approach Identifies Molecular Networks Defining Skeletal Muscle Abnormalities in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

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Turan N et al PLoS Comput Biol. 2011;7(9):e1002129.

\checkmark Abnormal interactions among bioenergetics, inflammation and tissue remodelling

✓ Lower and abnormal expression of genes in skeletal muscle

✓ Epigenetic changes associated to cell oxygenation

Abstract

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is an inflammatory process of the lung inducing persistent airflow limitation. Extensive systemic effects, such as skeletal muscle dysfunction, often characterize these patients and severely limit life expectancy. Despite considerable research efforts, the molecular basis of muscle degeneration in COPD is still a matter of intense debate. In this study, we have applied a network biology approach to model the relationship between muscle molecular and physiological response to training and systemic inflammatory mediators. Our model shows that failure to coordinately activate expression of several tissue remodelling and bioenergetics pathways is a specific landmark of COPD diseased muscles. Our findings also suggest that this phenomenon may be linked to an abnormal expression of a number of histone modifiers, which we discovered correlate with oxygen utilization. These observations raised the interesting possibility that cell hypoxia may be a key factor driving skeletal muscle degeneration in COPD patients.

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✓ Mitochondrial function is altered in advanced
 COPD with systemic effects

 \checkmark Physical activity and muscle training should be early interventions in COPD patients

 ✓ Early identification of patients with increased susceptibility to develop systemic effects should trigger personalized interventions

✓ An integrative approach to disease understanting is needed

Disease Modification to Modulate Disease Progression



Well established clinical recommendations

ACTIVE LIFE STYLE

MUSCLE TRAINING AT EARLY DISEASE STAGES



Identification and prospective validation of clinically relevant chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) subtypes

Garcia-Aymerich J et al Thorax 2011 May;66(5):430-7

Hypothesis

- ✓ COPD at the time of a <u>first hospital admission</u> shows a wide variability on its physio-pathological and clinical characteristics
- Phenotypical heterogeneity in COPD can be classified in clinical / epidemiologically relevant subtypes
- These subtypes will differ on its clinical and functional course, use of services and survival

6 main dimensions



Analysis

- \checkmark List of dimensions and variables in each dimension
- ✓ Factor analysis to reduce the number of variables in each dimension (still keeping most of the variance)
- Cluster analysis to group subjects according to distance between factors selected





Summary results

Group 1 - Severe Respiratory COPD (n=126, 67 yrs, FEV1 38% pred) all respiratory domains severely altered

Group 2 - Moderate Respiratory COPD (n=125, 69 yrs, FEV1 63% pred) with emphysema

Group 3 - Systemic COPD

(n=91, 67 yrs, FEV1 58% pred) with obesity cardiovascular disorders, diabetes, and systemic inflammation. Patterns of hospital admissions and mortality during follow-up, according to the three COPD groups identified by cluster analysis



Group 1 had more frequent hospitalizations due to COPD (HR 3.28, p<0.001) and higher all-cause mortality (HR 2.36, p=0.018) than the other two groups Group 3 had more admissions due to cardiovascular disease (HR 2.87, p=0.014).

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Next steps

Synergy (COPD) – Systems Medicine



Predictive Analytics

(recognition of patterns & inference analysis)



Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) (clinical application)





Interoperability between formal and informal healthcare

