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## RESUMO

**Introdução:** Os fatores que podem influenciar a atividade física de vida diária (AFVD), não foram totalmente investigadas em pacientes com doença intersticial pulmonar (DIP). **Objetivos:** Esta dissertação de mestrado teve como objetivo caracterizar a AFVD e investigar a relação entre a AFVD e outros desfechos (capacidade de exercício, função pulmonar, sono) em pacientes com DIP. Além disso, investigar os eventuais fatores determinantes da AFVD nessa população.

**Métodos:** Foram recrutados pacientes com diagnóstico de DIP e indivíduos aparentemente saudáveis (grupo controle). Os indivíduos foram submetidos à avaliação da função pulmonar, capacidade de exercício, força muscular respiratória e periférica, atividade física, sono, dispneia e qualidade de vida relacionada à saúde. AFVD e medidas de sono foram avaliadas usando um monitor de atividade (Actigraph®, wGT3x-BT) em sua cintura por seis dias consecutivos, durante 24 horas. Resultados: Em comparação ao grupo controle, os pacientes com DIP apresentaram menor número de passos ( $5055 \pm 2089$  vs  $8159 \pm 3283$  passos / dia,  $p = 0,0002$ ), menor tempo gasto em atividade moderada a vigorosa ( $8 - 16$  ] vs  $30 [15 - 47]$  min / dia,  $p <0,0001$ ) e menor tempo na postura em pé ( $290 \pm 87$  vs  $392 \pm 65$  min,  $p = 0,0003$ ), e mais tempo gasto na posição deitada ( $288 \pm 91$  vs  $197 \pm 66$  min,  $p = 0,0003$ ). Além disso, os pacientes apresentaram duração significativamente maior do tempo de sono durante o dia ( $56 \pm 108$  vs  $6 \pm 19$  min,  $p = 0,01$ ). Os modelos de regressão identificaram a função pulmonar (capacidade de difusão do monóxido de carbono, DLCO) e a duração do sono à noite e durante o dia para explicar parcialmente os passos diários, o tempo em atividades leves e o tempo em atividades moderadas a vigorosas. ( $0,26 <r2 <0,58$ ;  $p <0,05$  para todos). Conclusão: Pacientes com DIP apresentam menores níveis de atividade física quando comparados a indivíduos saudáveis do grupo. A atividade física diária é influenciada negativamente por pior função pulmonar e maior duração do sono (tanto à noite quanto durante o dia).

**Palavras-chave:** Doenças pulmonares intersticiais. atividade física. Sono.

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** The factors that could influence daily physical activity (DPA) is not fully investigated in patients with interstitial lung disease (ILD). Objectives: This dissertation aimed to characterize DPA and investigate the relationship between DPA and other outcomes (exercise capacity, lung function, sleep) in patients with ILD. In addition, we investigate the possible determinants of DPA in this population. Methods: Patients diagnosed with ILD and apparently healthy individuals (control group) were recruited. The subjects were submitted to evaluation of lung function, exercise capacity, respiratory and peripheral muscle strength, physical activity, sleep, dyspnea and health related quality of life. DPA and sleep measurements were assessed using an activity monitor (Actigraph®, wGT3x-BT) at their waist for six consecutive days for 24 hours. Results: In comparison to the control group, patients with ILD had a lower number of steps ( $5055 \pm 2089$  vs  $8159 \pm 3283$  steps / day,  $p = 0.0002$ ), less time spent in moderate to vigorous activity (8-16) vs 30 [15-47] min / day,  $p <0.0001$ ) and shorter time in standing posture ( $290 \pm 87$  vs  $392 \pm 65$  min,  $p = 0.0003$ ) 91 vs.  $197 \pm 66$  min,  $p = 0.0003$ ). In addition, the patients had significantly longer duration of daytime sleep ( $56 \pm 108$  vs  $6 \pm 19$  min,  $p = 0.01$ ). The regression models identified lung function (diffusion capacity of carbon monoxide, DLCO) and sleep duration at night and during the day to partially explain daily steps, time in light activities and time in moderate to vigorous activities . ( $0.26 <r^2 <0.58$ ,  $p <0.05$  for all). Conclusion: Patients with ILD have a worse profile of physical activity when compared to healthy individuals in the group. Daily physical activity is negatively influenced by poorer lung function and longer sleep duration (both at night and during the day).

**Keywords:** Interstitial lung disease. Sleep. physical activity.

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## LISTA DE ABREVIASÕES

ACSM	American College of Sports and Medicine
AFVD	Atividade física de vida diária
AVD	Atividade de vida diária
DIP	Doença intersticial pulmonar
DPOC	Doença pulmonar obstrutiva crônica
VE/VO <sub>2</sub>	Relação entre volume minuto e consumo de oxigênio
6MWT	six-minute walk test
BMI	body mass index
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
DLCO	diffusion capacity of carbon monoxide
DPA	daily physical activity
FEV1	forced expiratory volume on the first second
FVC	forced vital capacity
HG	handgrip
HRQoL	health-related quality of life
ILD	interstitial lung disease
IPF	idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
MEP	maximal expiratory pressure
MIP	maximal inspiratory pressure
MRC	Medical Research Council Scale
MVIC	maximal voluntary isometric contraction
MVPA	moderate-to-vigorous physical activity
MVV	maximal voluntary ventilation
QF	quadriceps force
SAS	Statistical Analysis System
SF-36	Medical Outcomes Health Survey Short-Form 36-item
TCAR	Tomografia computadorizada de alta resolução
TLC	total lung capacity

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## 1. INTRODUÇÃO

As doenças intersticiais pulmonares (DIP) são um grupo de doenças que apresentam características clínicas semelhantes, como inflamação alveolar crônica, fibrose difusa do parênquima pulmonar e, como consequência, déficit nas trocas gasosas (1–3). Embora a causa primária da maioria das DIPs ser pulmonar, as manifestações não se restringem ao sistema respiratório e resultam em manifestações extrapulmonares. Dentre essas manifestações, os pacientes geralmente apresentam intolerância ao exercício, disfunção muscular e baixos níveis de atividade física de vida diária (AFVD) (3).

Os níveis de AFVD têm se mostrado como um importante desfecho para pacientes com doenças respiratórias crônicas. Na doença respiratória obstrutiva crônica (DPOC), este desfecho aparece como um dos pontos principais para o conhecido ciclo vicioso da doença (i.e. dispneia – inatividade – descondicionamento físico) (4). Além disso, baixos níveis de AFVD estão associados com mortalidade, tanto em DPOC, quanto em DIP (5,6). Desde meados da última década há estudos investigando os níveis de AFVD em pacientes com DPOC (5,7–10). Em contrapartida, a avaliação da AFVD em pacientes com DIP ainda é relativamente recente com apenas poucos estudos publicados sobre o tema (6,11–14). As evidências disponíveis em pacientes com DIP se restringem a descrição de um número menor de passos/dia (independentemente da doença intersticial de base) em comparação com indivíduos saudáveis (11,12,15). Outros aspectos dos níveis de AFVD como tempo gasto em diferentes posturas e tempo gasto em atividades de diferentes intensidades estão diretamente relacionados com pior prognóstico em pacientes com DPOC (5,10). Apesar da semelhança na redução do número de passos entre pacientes com DIP e DPOC (10,16), ainda não há estudos investigando se o comportamento dos níveis de AFVD em DIP são similarmente menores que os de indivíduos saudáveis. Tampouco há informação na literatura sobre eventuais fatores que podem estar relacionados com piores níveis de AFVD em DIP.

Nesta dissertação será apresentado um trabalho desenvolvido durante o mestrado com o objetivo de caracterizar a AFVD de pacientes com DIP além de investigar a relação de outros desfechos clínicos (e.g, capacidade de exercício, força muscular, sintomas e qualidade/quantidade de sono) com a AFVD.

## 2. CONTEXTUALIZAÇÃO

### 2.1. Doenças Intersticiais Pulmonares (DIP)

Doença intersticial pulmonar (DIP) é um termo genérico para um grupo de mais de 200 doenças diferentes que apresentam uma variação considerável em termos de curso clínico, tratamento e prognóstico(1–3). De modo a identificar o diagnóstico, é necessária uma avaliação clínica inicial onde são identificadas características de doença sistêmica (por exemplo, doença do tecido conjuntivo) ou fatores ambientais que possam desencadear a DIP (2,17). Estes fatores ambientais incluem: drogas pneumotóxicas, radioterapia, exposições ocupacionais (e.g. asbestose) ou alérgenos (e.g. pneumonite de hipersensibilidade) (2). Todas as DIPs são caracterizadas por inflamação e fibrose de magnitude variável.

Para avaliação inicial e diagnóstico das DIP, a radiografia do tórax é frequentemente a primeira investigação radiológica e, embora raramente seja suficiente para fazer um diagnóstico confiável diferencial entre as diferentes patologias, a radiografia pode desempenhar um papel no estabelecimento da gravidade e progressão da doença (2,3). Já a tomografia computadorizada de alta resolução (TCAR) do tórax revolucionou o diagnóstico e a classificação da DIP e, em muitos casos, elimina a necessidade de procedimentos diagnósticos invasivos (2,3,18). No entanto, a qualidade das imagens depende do protocolo utilizado. As características e padrões encontrados na TCAR variam de acordo com a patologia, o que auxilia no diagnóstico. Os principais padrões encontrados são: padrão reticular (bronquiectasias), padrão de vidro fosco e faveolamento (fibrose pulmonar idiopática [FPI]) e padrão nodular (sarcoidose) (2,3,18).

Além dos exames de imagem, outros exames complementares são importantes para avaliar a gravidade da doença e auxiliar no manejo clínico destes pacientes. Dentre estes exames podemos incluir os testes laboratoriais (hemograma, gasometria arterial, fatores autoimunes), testes de função pulmonar, incluindo a medida de difusão de monóxido de carbono (DLCO) e medida de saturação periférica de oxigênio (SpO<sub>2</sub>) no esforço (2,3).

## 2.2. Comprometimento Pulmonar

A maioria das DIP apresentam um padrão comum de anormalidade fisiológica, com um distúrbio ventilatório restritivo (19,20). Vários mecanismos, como a perda de volume, redução da distensibilidade alveolar e/ou do tamanho alveolar e aumento da tensão superficial devido a anormalidades do surfactante, podem afetar a mecânica pulmonar nas DIP (3). Consequentemente, as DIP estão associadas à contração da curva estática pressão-volume, reduzindo assim o volume pulmonar e a complacência pulmonar e aumentando a pressão de recuo pulmonar ao longo da amplitude da capacidade inspiratória (19,20).

Como resultado dessas alterações, os volumes pulmonares estáticos são tipicamente reduzidos (3,19,20). Porém a redução dos volumes pulmonares não acontece de forma uniforme (3,19,20). As mudanças na capacidade vital (CV) são geralmente maiores que na capacidade residual funcional (CRF) no volume residual (VR) (3,19,20). A CPT é geralmente menos afetada pelo recuo da parede torácica normal ou quase normal e pela preservação da função muscular inspiratória na maioria dos pacientes (3). O volume residual (VR) geralmente está preservado na maioria dos casos (3,19,20). Assim, a capacidade pulmonar total (CPT) é geralmente menos reduzida que a CV e a relação VR/CPT podem ser estar aumentadas nas DIP (3,19,20).

O mecanismo pelo qual a CRF e o VR podem ser preservados ainda não está claro, porém, isto pode ser uma consequência do fechamento prematuro de pequenas vias aéreas e aprisionamento aéreo ou de alterações císticas no parênquima pulmonar (19). Embora estas pequenas vias aéreas possam ser estreitadas por fibrose ou infiltrados inflamatórios, as vias aéreas de maior calibre são geralmente preservadas (19). Isto faz com que o volume expiratório (volume expiratório forçado no primeiro segundo [VEF1]) corrigido pelo fluxo aéreo (VEF1/CVF) apresentem valores normais (19).

A capacidade de difusão (DLCO) é reduzida em pacientes com DIP, e representa o teste mais sensível da função respiratória por estar diretamente relacionado com a capacidade de troca gasosa (3,19). A redução dos volumes pulmonares e a má distribuição do gás inspirado podem contribuir para a redução da DLCO. Tanto o distúrbio entre a relação ventilação/perfusão quanto o bloqueio alvéolo-capilar são atualmente considerados como os dois fatores determinantes relevantes da troca gasosa anormal nas DIP (3,19). Devido a isto, os pacientes

ambulatoriais com DIP, podem apresentar na gasometria arterial uma hipoxemia em repouso e, especialmente, no exercício (3).

### *2.3. Comprometimento sistêmico nas Doenças Intersticiais Pulmonares.*

Além dos comprometimentos pulmonares e sinais clínicos descritos acima, pacientes com DIP comumente apresentam uma série de complicações sistêmicas que afetam diretamente o estado geral de saúde. A queixa principal de pacientes com DIP costuma ser dispneia, que piora com a realização de atividades físicas, como andar longas distâncias ou subir escadas (3). Nos casos mais avançados, a dispneia pode estar presente durante a realização de atividades de vida diária (AVD), por exemplo, tomar banho ou se vestir(3). Além da dispneia, estes pacientes apresentam tosse, mas geralmente sem presença de secreção (3).

Pacientes com DIP apresentam limitação da tolerância ao exercício. As causas da limitação são multifatoriais e estão geralmente associadas à sensação de dispneia e/ou fadiga muscular dos membros inferiores. Os mecanismos primários da limitação ao exercício nestes pacientes podem ser pulmonares, hemodinâmicos ou musculares (21–23). A figura 1 exemplifica a interação entre esses fatores. Em suma, durante o esforço, a relação entre ventilação e consumo de oxigênio ( $VE/VO_2$ ) é aumentada. Ou seja, para uma determinada taxa metabólica o volume minuto é maior que o observado em indivíduos saudáveis (21). Ao mesmo tempo, o gasto energético por ciclo respiratório é elevado devido ao aumento da pressão de recolhimento estático dos pulmões e consequente maior atividade muscular inspiratória (21). A destruição do leito vascular por fibrose parenquimatosa progressiva, vasoconstrição hipóxica e volumes pulmonares reduzidos contribuem para o aumento da resistência vascular pulmonar na DIP (21,23–25). Esta limitação circulatória resultante da destruição capilar pulmonar e da vasoconstrição hipóxica, leva à hipertensão pulmonar e à disfunção cardíaca, também desempenhando importante papel na limitação do exercício (21,23,24). Além disso, o volume de ejeção está relativamente reduzido nos pacientes com DIP (26). Consequentemente, estes pacientes geralmente apresentam valores de frequência cardíaca acima do normal em níveis submáximos de exercício (26). Por fim, disfunção muscular periférica também é um importante contribuinte para a intolerância ao exercício em pacientes com DIP, já que a força e resistência muscular do quadríceps se

mostraram diminuídas nesta população (29–30). Embora ainda não tenham sido encontradas evidências de relação causal em DIP, vários fatores já foram estabelecidos como agentes causais da disfunção muscular, como: hipoxemia crônica, estresse inflamatório e oxidativo, uso de corticosteroides, inatividade física e desnutrição (29). Esses fatores podem exercer um efeito prejudicial sobre a função muscular, de forma que a hipoxemia de repouso e/ou ao esforço associado com o aumento do trabalho respiratório torna os músculos respiratórios e periféricos mais propensos à fadiga (22,30–33).

#### *2.4. O impacto da doença nas atividades físicas de vida diária*

Uma consequência comum da disfunção muscular e aumento da presença de sintomas observadas nesse grupo de pacientes é a redução dos níveis de atividade física na vida diária (AFVD). A inatividade física leva ao descondicionamento muscular e a um ciclo vicioso de piora da capacidade de exercício e aumento dos sintomas (4). A recomendação do American College of Sports and Medicine (ACSM) é de que indivíduos adultos devem atingir um gasto energético, durante a atividade física, de pelo menos 450 MET/semana (34) para que se obtenha benefícios na saúde e seja considerado ativo. Porém, pacientes com DPI frequentemente adotam um estilo de vida sedentário, que pode exercer efeitos prejudiciais no estado geral de saúde (3).

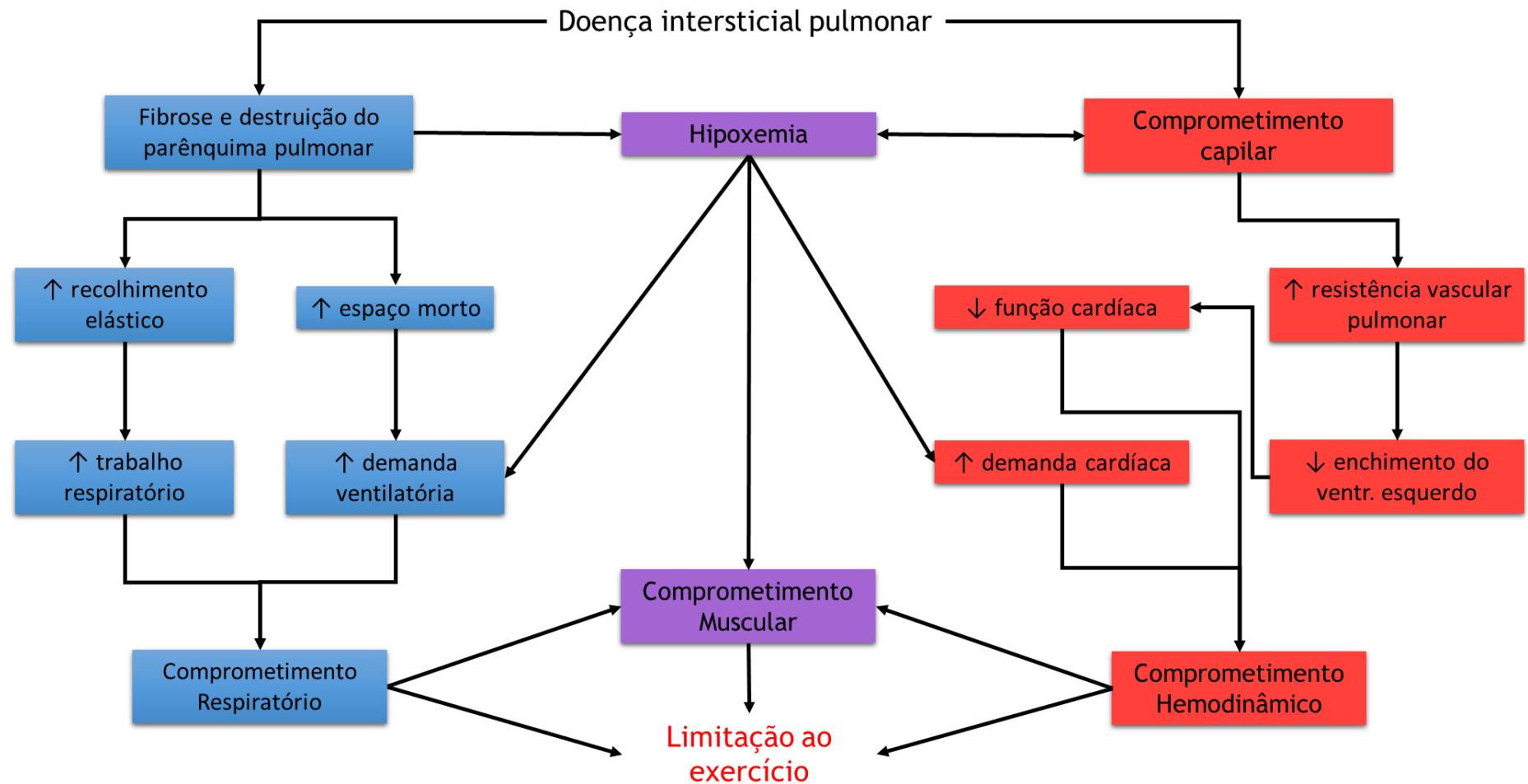
A AFVD é um parâmetro clínico significativo e está relacionado com mortalidade em pacientes com fibrose pulmonar idiopática (FPI) (6,12,35). Além disso, neste mesmo grupo de doentes, a AFVD apresenta correlação com capacidade de exercício (36). Estudos prévios que avaliaram a atividade física de vida diária (AFVD) em DIP demonstraram que há uma redução nos níveis de AFVD em comparação com indivíduos saudáveis (15). Os estudos reportam principalmente a redução no número de passos destes pacientes comparados com controles saudáveis (11,12,15,36). A AFVD, porém, é composta por outros aspectos como o gasto energético, tempo e intensidade durante atividades, além de tempo gasto em diferentes posturas (5). Estes desfechos, que são comumente captados por meio de monitores de atividade física (5), foram pouco investigados até o momento.

Mais recentemente, o sono tem surgido como um fator que também pode influenciar nos níveis de AFVD (37). A incidência de comorbidades relacionada ao

sono em pacientes com DIP é alta (38,39) e pacientes com doenças respiratórias crônicas geralmente apresentam uma qualidade do sono ruim (40). O sono dos pacientes com DIP, assim como a AFVD, pode ser avaliada de forma subjetiva ou objetiva. Existem questionários que permitem avaliar a qualidade do sono e o grau de sonolência diurna (41–44). O método “padrão ouro” para avaliação do sono é a polissonografia. Por se tratar de uma avaliação que necessita de treinamento e colaboração do paciente, o uso de outros dispositivos mais simples, como os acelerômetros, tem sido difundido para auxiliar na avaliação do sono (45). Comparada à polissonografia, o uso destes dispositivos ainda apresenta limitações, principalmente relacionadas ao local do corpo a ser utilizado, sendo que o uso no punho parece ser o mais adequado (46). Para pacientes com doença pulmonar obstrutiva crônica (DPOC) já foi demonstrado a relação entre o sono e a AFVD (47), porém esta relação ainda não foi investigada em DIP.

Diante de todas as repercussões apresentadas, pulmonares e sistêmicas, causadas pela DIP, e, levando em conta a semelhança na redução da AFVD entre pacientes com DIP e DPOC, torna-se importante investigar se os níveis de AFVD em DIP são similarmente menores que os de indivíduos saudáveis. Além disso, há também a necessidade em investigar eventuais fatores que podem estar relacionados com piores níveis de AFVD em DIP. Portanto, o estudo que compõe esta dissertação faz-se importante para tentar elucidar estas questões e permitir uma melhor caracterização da AFVD desta população. Desta forma, em estudos futuros poderão ser realizadas intervenções mais direcionadas à melhorar este desfecho.

Figura 1 - Relação entre fatores que contribuem para limitação do exercício em pacientes com doença intersticial pulmonar.



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## PROFILE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND ITS DETERMINANTS IN INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE

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**Abbreviation List:**

- 6MWT: Six-minute walk test  
BMI: Body-mass index  
COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease  
 $D_{LCO}$ : Diffusion capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide  
DPA: Daily physical activity  
FEV<sub>1</sub>: Forced expiratory volume on the first second  
FVC: Forced vital capacity  
HG: Handgrip force  
HRQoL: Health-related quality of life  
ILD: Interstitial lung disease  
IPF: Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis  
MEP: Maximal expiratory pressure  
MIP: Maximal inspiratory pressure  
MRC: Medical Research Council Scale  
MVIC: Maximal voluntary isometric contraction  
MVPA: Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity  
MVV: Maximal voluntary ventilation  
QF: Quadriceps force  
SF-36: Medical Outcomes Health Survey Short-Form 36-item  
TLC: Total lung capacity

## ABSTRACT

**Background:** The factors that could influence daily physical activity (DPA) is not fully investigated in patients with interstitial lung disease (ILD). **Aims:** To characterize DPA and to investigate the relationship between DPA and clinical outcomes as well as to identify determinants of DPA. **Methods:** Patients with diagnosis of ILD and apparently healthy subjects were recruited (Control group). Subjects underwent evaluations of pulmonary function, exercise capacity, respiratory and peripheral muscle strength, physical activity, sleep, dyspnoea and health-related quality of life. DPA and sleep measures were assessed using an activity monitor (Actigraph®, wGT3x-BT) on their waist for six consecutive days, during 24 hours. **Results:** In comparison with the control group, patients with ILD presented lower number of steps ( $5055 \pm 2089$  vs  $8159 \pm 3283$  steps/day,  $p = 0.0002$ ), less time spent in moderate-to-vigorous activity (8 [3 – 16] vs 30 [15 – 47] min/day,  $p < 0.0001$ ) and in standing position ( $290 \pm 87$  vs  $392 \pm 65$  min,  $p=0.0003$ ), and more time spent in lying position ( $288 \pm 91$  vs  $197 \pm 66$  min,  $p=0.0003$ ). Additionally, patients presented significantly larger duration of sleep time during the day ( $56 \pm 108$  vs  $6 \pm 19$  min,  $p=0.01$ ). Regression models identified lung function (diffusion capacity of carbon monoxide,  $D_{LCO}$ ) and sleep duration at night and during the day to partially explain daily steps, time in light activities and time in moderate to vigorous activities. ( $0.26 < r^2 < 0.58$ ;  $p < 0.05$  for all). **Conclusion:** Patients with ILD present a lower levels of physical activity compared to a group healthy subjects. Daily physical activity is negatively influenced by worse lung function and longer sleep duration (both at night and during the day).

**Keywords:** Interstitial lung disease, sleep, physical activity

Daily physical activity (DPA) has been the focus of many studies in respiratory chronic diseases in the last years. Inactivity in daily life presents a major health issue and is consistently described as both cause and consequence of different chronic diseases (e.g., obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer)<sup>1</sup>. Moreover, physical inactivity is responsible for a substantial economic burden worldwide<sup>2</sup>.

Patients with interstitial lung disease (ILD) present extrapulmonary manifestations, such as exercise intolerance, muscle dysfunction, and lower levels of daily life participation<sup>3,4</sup>. The reduced daily levels of physical activity is a known feature in respiratory patients<sup>5</sup>. Inactivity is also one of the key-factors of the vicious cycle of chronic respiratory diseases (including ILD). Reduced daily activities due to symptoms of dyspnoea induce a muscle dysfunction that in turn worsens the exercise capacity increasing symptoms of dyspnoea during activities of even lower intensities<sup>5-7</sup>. The downward spiral of symptom-induced inactivity may eventually lead to worse prognosis, as reported in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)<sup>8,9</sup>.

Although there is some preliminary evidence of a reduced number of daily steps in patients with different ILD<sup>10-12</sup>. Other domains of DPA such as time spent in different body positions, intensity of activities and sedentary time remain to be unveiled in this group of patients. DPA has a multidimensional approach and may be influenced by many factors, such as environmental, social, climatic and behavioural factors<sup>5</sup>. Recently, the measurements of nocturnal sleep appear as a factor that could impact DPA of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)<sup>13</sup>. In spite of the high prevalence of sleep disturbances<sup>14</sup> the relationship between DPA and sleep measurements in patients with ILD, remains unclear.

This study aimed to characterize the different domains of DPA in patients with ILD and to investigate the relationship between DPA and different clinical outcomes

including sleep measures. Moreover, potential determinants of DPA in this population were investigated. We hypothesized that patients with ILD are less active than a group of apparently healthy subjects and that sleep plays a role on daily activity levels in subjects with ILD.

## Methods

This was a cross-sectional study performed at the University Hospital of the Londrina State University (Londrina, Brazil). This study is part of a larger ongoing trial (BELIEVE-ILD) which was approved by the local ethic committee of the institution (#2.484.871). All subjects provided a written consent prior to their participation in the study. Patients with diagnosis of interstitial lung disease according to international guidelines<sup>15,16</sup> were included if they had stable clinical condition (absence of exacerbations) for at least 1 month prior the recruitment and if they did not present any clinical condition that could interfere on the assessments (e.g. musculoskeletal limitations, severe or unstable cardiovascular disease and neuromuscular disease). A group of apparently healthy subjects were recruited as a control group. Participants in the control group would be excluded from the study if presented any evidence of lung disease which was unknown prior to the inclusion. Only participants in both groups with valid data of the primary outcome were included in the statistical treatment.

After the inclusion, patients performed a set of evaluations including complete pulmonary function, exercise capacity, respiratory and peripheral muscle strength, daily physical activity, sleep measures, symptoms and health-related quality of life. Details of the tests are described below.

Lung function was assessed using pre and post bronchodilator spirometry, whole-body plethysmography and diffusion capacity of carbon monoxide ( $D_{LCO}$ ) (Vmax, CareFusion®) according to international guidelines <sup>17–20</sup>. Obtained values were compared to normative data of the Brazilian population <sup>21–23</sup>.

Exercise capacity was evaluated by the 6-minute walk test (6MWT). The test was performed twice, and the highest values used for the analysis. The adopted protocol followed international guidelines for field tests <sup>24</sup>. Obtained values were compared to normative data <sup>25</sup>.

Respiratory muscle strength was assessed by the maximal respiratory pressures (inspiratory [MIP] and expiratory [MEP]) using a digital manometer (MVD300®, Globalmed, Brazil). The test was performed according to the international guidelines <sup>26,27</sup> and obtained values compared to normative data <sup>28</sup>.

Peripheral muscle strength was assessed by handgrip and quadriceps force. The handgrip force of the dominant member was evaluated with a hand dynamometer <sup>29</sup>. (SH1001, Saehan Corporation, Korea). Quadriceps force was assessed by the maximal voluntary isometric contraction (MVIC) of the dominant limb using a strain gauge (EMG System®, Brazil) attached to a stationary multigym device (CRW 1000, CRW, Brazil) <sup>2930</sup>.

Symptoms of dyspnoea were assessed by the Medical Research Council (MRC) scale <sup>31</sup> and Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQoL) by the Medical Outcomes Health Survey Short-Form 36-item (SF-36) <sup>32</sup>.

#### *DPA and sleep assessment*

Subjects were instructed to wear an activity monitor (Actigraph®, wGT3x-BT) on their waist for six consecutive days, during 24 hours, including sleeping time. This activity monitor is validated in other patients with respiratory diseases as a reliable

method to assess DPA<sup>33,34</sup>. The device measures wearing time and records continuous DPA, daily steps, time spent in different postures (lying, sitting and standing), daily energy expenditure, time spent in different intensities (sedentary, light, moderate to vigorous) and duration of the sleep. DPA assessment was considered valid if the subject wore the monitor for at least 8 hours/day for at least 4 days<sup>35</sup>. DPA and sleep measurements data were analysed by the software ActiLife® (Actigraph).

#### *Statistical analysis*

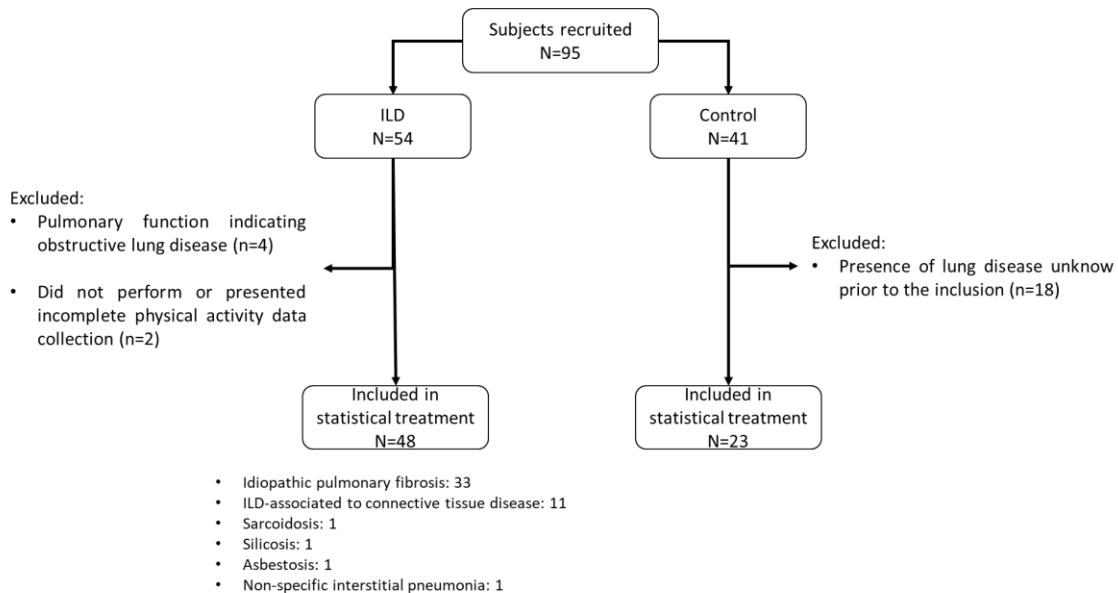
Normality of data was verified using the Shapiro-Wilk test. Data was expressed as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation or median [interquartile range] according to its distribution. Comparisons of outcomes between ILD patients and the control group were done using the unpaired t tests or its equivalent non-parametric test (Mann-Whitney). Correlations between DPA variables and all other clinical outcomes were done were done using Pearson's or Spearman's coefficient correlation according to the distribution of the data. Specifically, the relation between sleep measurements and DPA in patients with ILD were done as follows: 1- correlations between the weekly average of the duration of sleep at night and the weekly average of DPA variables was done using Pearson or Spearman's coefficient as mentioned above; 2- correlations between the duration of sleep at night and DPA variables of the very following day were done using a day-by-day analysis with the generalized estimating equations. In patients with ILD, variables presenting significant correlation with DPA outcomes were included in a stepwise linear multiple regression model to identify variables that could explain DPA. In the presence of collinearity in the model, only the variable with the highest significant correlation coefficient was retained in the model.

All statistical tests were performed using Statistical Analysis System (SAS<sup>®</sup>) Studio 9.4. Statistical significance was set at  $p < 0.05$ .

## Results

Ninety-five participants were recruited and evaluated for inclusion. Of these, seventy-one (ILD=48 and Control=23) were included in the final analysis of the study (Figure 1).

*Figure 1 - Flowchart of recruitment and inclusion of the subjects in the study.*



*ILD: interstitial lung disease.*

Characteristics of all participants are described in **Table 1**. As expected, patients with ILD presented worse: lung function, exercise capacity, muscle strength and HRQoL compared to the control group.

**Table 1. Characteristics of studied subjects**

Outcomes	ILD (n=48)	CONTROL (n=23)	p value
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Age, years	61 ± 11	58 ± 9	0.22
Sex, Male (%)	20 (42)	9 (39)	0.83
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	27.9 ± 4.8	26.9 ± 5.1	0.32
Comorbidities, n	3 [1 – 5]	2 [1 – 3]	0.02
<b>Pulmonary function</b>			
FVC, L	2.47 ± 0.75	3.73 ± 1.09	<0.0001
FEV <sub>1</sub> , L	2.03 ± 0.59	2.98 ± 0.80	<0.0001
FVC, % of predicted	74 ± 18	100 ± 11	<0.0001
FEV <sub>1</sub> , %	77 ± 19	101 ± 11	<0.0001
FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC	82 ± 5	80 ± 4	0.08
MVV, L	95 ± 31	129 ± 38	0.0007
MVV, % of predicted	82 ± 21	99 ± 13	<0.0001
TLC, L	4.61 ± 1.73	6.15 ± 1.76	0.0003
TLC, %	86 ± 31	99 ± 13	0.0006
D <sub>L</sub> CO, mL/mmHg/min	12.9 ± 5.4	24.4 ± 6.1	<0.0001
D <sub>L</sub> CO, %	49 ± 20	85 ± 11	<0.0001
<b>Exercise capacity</b>			
6MWT, m	470 ± 97	588 ± 78	<0.0001
6MWT, % of predicted	87 ± 16	109 ± 11	<0.0001
<b>Peripheral muscle strength</b>			
QF, N	358 ± 155	451 ± 175	0.01
HG, kgf	26 ± 10	32 ± 12	0.05
<b>Respiratory muscle strength</b>			
MIP, cmH <sub>2</sub> O	89 ± 37	109 ± 32	0.02
MEP, cmH <sub>2</sub> O	104 ± 34	130 ± 47	0.03
MIP, % of predicted	98 ± 34	116 ± 25	0.01
MEP, % of predicted	111 ± 30	137 ± 47	0.02
<b>Health-related quality of life (SF-36)</b>			
Physical functioning, % of impact	35 [25-60]	75 [65-85]	<0.0001
Physical role, % of impact	25 [0-100]	100 [100-100]	<0.0001
Pain index, % of impact	51 [36-62]	61 [51-72]	0.006
General health perceptions, % of impact	47 [32-57]	67 [57-72]	<0.0001
Vitality, % of impact	60 [45-70]	75 [60-80]	<0.001
Social functioning, % of impact	33 [0-100]	88 [63-100]	0.01
Emotional role, % of impact	63 [50 -100]	100 [67-100]	0.001
Mental health index, % of impact	68 [56-76]	76 [64-84]	0.03

BMI: body mass index; FVC: forced vital capacity; FEV<sub>1</sub>: forced expiratory volume on the first second; MVV: maximal voluntary ventilation; TLC: total lung capacity; DLCO: diffusion capacity of carbon monoxide; 6MWT: six-minute walk test; QF: quadriceps force; HG: handgrip; MIP: maximal inspiratory pressure; MEP: maximal expiratory pressure, SF-36: Medical Outcomes Health Survey Short-Form 36-item.

Patients with ILD were less active in daily life compared to controls, presenting lower number of steps ( $5055 \pm 2089$  vs  $8159 \pm 3283$  steps/day,  $p = 0.0002$ ) and less time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA – 8 [3 – 16] vs 30 [15 – 47] min/day,  $p < 0.0001$ ) (**Table 2; Figure 2**).

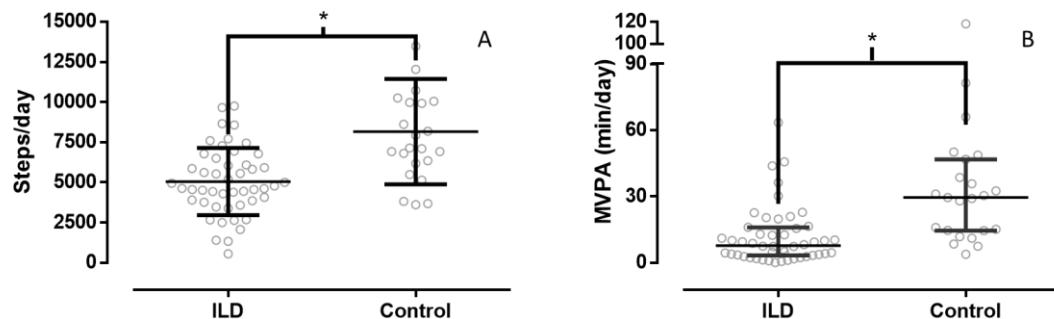
**Table 2. Comparisons of daily physical activity and sedentarism variables between groups**

VARIABLE	ILD (n=48)	CONTROL (n=23)	p value
Steps, n/day	5055 ± 2089	8159 ± 3283	0.0002

Sedentary activity, min/day	777 [712 - 897]	785 [721 - 937]	0.48
Sedentary activity, %/day	72 [66 - 77]	67 [64 - 75]	0.17
Light activity, min/day	311 [243 - 355]	342 [293 - 362]	0.15
Light activity, %/day	28 [21 - 34]	30 [23 - 32]	0.47
MVPA, min/day	8 [3 - 16]	30 [15 - 47]	<0.0001
MVPA, %/day	0.6 [0.3 - 1.2]	2.5 [1.3 - 3.9]	<0.0001
Lying, min/day	288 ± 91	197 ± 66	0.0003
Sitting, min/day	467 ± 108	452 ± 91	0.62
Standing, min/day	290 ± 87	392 ± 65	0.0003

MVPA: moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. %/day : time spent corrected by wearing time.

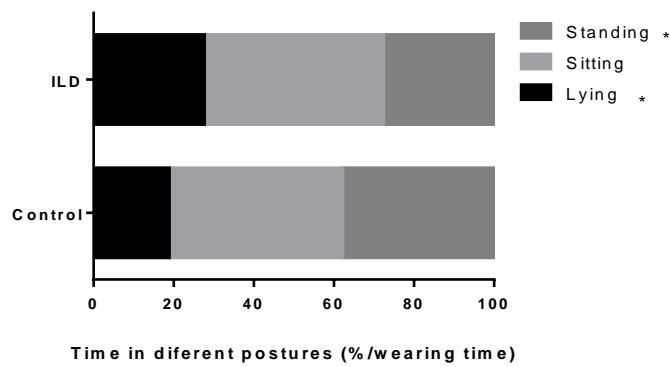
Figure 2 - Comparison of mean steps/day (A) and moderate to vigorous physical activity (B) between groups.



ILD: interstitial lung disease. MVPA: moderate to vigorous physical activity. \*p<0.05.

No differences were found in time spent in sedentary and light activities between groups. Patients with ILD spent more time in lying position ( $288 \pm 91$  vs  $197 \pm 66$  min,  $p=0.0003$ ) and less time in standing position ( $290 \pm 87$  vs  $392 \pm 65$  min,  $p=0.0003$ ) compared to controls (Table 2). When adjusted the time in different postures by the wearing time, the difference of time in standing and lying position remained (Figure 3).

Figure 3 - Time spent in different postures adjusted by wearing time.



ILD: interstitial lung disease. \* $p<0.05$

There were no differences regarding the time spent sleeping during the night ( $521 \pm 101$  vs  $523 \pm 97$  min,  $p=0.98$ ) between ILD and control subjects, respectively. However, patients with ILD spent significantly ( $p=0.01$ ) more time sleeping during the day ( $56 \pm 108$  min) in comparison with the control group ( $6 \pm 19$  min).

In patients with ILD, significant correlations were found between daily steps and: D<sub>LCO</sub> ( $r=0.38$ ,  $p=0.01$ ), handgrip force ( $r=0.38$ ,  $p=0.008$ ), 6MWT ( $r=0.40$ ,  $p=0.006$ ) and MRC ( $r=-0.36$ ,  $p=0.01$ ). Time spent in light activities (min/day) correlated with 6MWT ( $r=0.30$ ,  $p=0.04$ ). Additionally, the time spent in MVPA (min/day) correlated with: D<sub>LCO</sub> ( $r=0.47$ ,  $p=0.002$ ), handgrip force ( $r=0.49$ ,  $p=0.0004$ ), quadriceps force ( $r=0.38$ ,  $p=0.008$ ), 6MWT ( $r=0.39$ ,  $p=0.009$ ) and MRC ( $r=-0.40$ ,  $p=0.007$ ).

When analysed as weekly average, duration of sleep at night correlated with steps counts ( $r=-0.52$ ,  $p=0.0002$ ), time spent in light activities ( $r=-0.61$ ,  $p<0.0001$ ) and MVPA ( $r=-0.42$ ,  $p=0.002$ ). Day-by-day correlation analysis (using generalized estimating equations) was done using a total of 241 nights in ILD. There was a significant correlation between duration of sleep at night and the time spent in light activities in the following's day ( $r= -0.35$ ,  $p<0.0001$ ).

Finally, regression models (Table 3) showed that the DLCO, duration of sleep at night and during the day partially explained variations in daily step counts ( $R^2 = 0.49$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ ), whilst time spent in light activities was partially explained by the duration of sleep at night and during the day ( $R^2 = 0.58$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ ), and the time spent in MVPA was partially explained by the DLCO ( $R^2 = 0.26$ ,  $p = 0.001$ ).

**Table 3. Factors associated with daily physical activity in interstitial lung disease (univariate and multivariate linear regressions).**

Model	Variable	Univariate		Multivariate	
		$R^2$	p value	$R^2$	p value
<b>Steps/day</b>	Day sleep (min/day)	0.24	0.0005	0.27	0.0008
	DLCO (mL/mmHg/min)	0.14	0.01	0.41	0.006
	Night sleep (min/day)	0.24	0.0005	0.49	0.03
	6MWT (m)	0.16	0.006	0.53	0.11
<b>Light activity</b>	6MWT (m)	0.09	0.04	-	-
	Night sleep (min/day)	0.39	<0.0001	0.45	<0.0001
	Day sleep (min/day)	0.25	0.0003	0.58	0.0013
<b>MVPA</b>	Night sleep (min/day)	0.24	0.0005	-	-
	Day sleep (min/day)	0.24	0.0005	-	-
	DLCO (mL/mmHg/min)	0.14	0.01	0.26	0.001
	6MWT (m)	0.16	0.006	0.33	0.07

DLCO: diffusion capacity of carbon monoxide; 6MWT: six-minute walk test.

## DISCUSSION

Patients with ILD present worse daily physical activity profile compared with apparently healthy subjects, showing lower number of steps, less time spent in MVPA and in standing position, and more daily time spent lying. Longer sleep durations influence negatively the time spent in light activities and the number of steps specially if this pattern is consistently repeated along the week.

Previous studies showed an inactive profile of patients with ILD<sup>9–12,36–38</sup>. Typical findings comprise reduction of daily steps<sup>9–12,39</sup> and reduction of intensity of daily activities<sup>10,36</sup>. Our study confirms these findings and add to the discussion that

patients with ILD also spend more time in sedentary behaviour (i.e. higher time spent in lying position and sleeping during the day). This is particularly important as both inactivity and sedentarism have been linked with negative outcomes in other respiratory diseases<sup>40,41</sup>. Interestingly, the behaviour observed in our patients do not appear to be a novelty considering respiratory diseases. Studies in other respiratory chronic diseases, such as COPD, have vastly pointed global reductions in daily physical activities<sup>5</sup>. Similar to our findings, Pitta et al.<sup>42</sup> reported that patients spent more time lying and less time standing on daily life when compared to healthy elderly subjects.

Previous studies investigating the association between the number of steps and other clinical outcomes demonstrated a moderate correlation with DLCO<sup>12</sup> and 6MWT<sup>10,12,43</sup>. Our study found a similar correlation with DLCO ( $r= 0.49$ ) and with 6MWT ( $r=0.35$ ). In addition, this is the first study that investigated possible relation with other variables of DPA different than number of daily steps (i.e. time in different postures and in different physical activity intensities) with clinical outcomes.

A recent study in patients with COPD investigated the association between nocturnal sleep measures and DPA<sup>13</sup>. They found an inverse correlation between the number of steps performed during the day and the number of sleeping bouts and the minutes spent awake after the sleep onset. In addition, it was reported that patients who slept  $> 480$  minutes/night walked less in the following day<sup>13</sup>. The sleep analyses in our study showed a correlation between the duration of the sleep at night and number of steps, time spent in light and MVPA on following day, showing that sleep disturbances are likely to be a common affecting factor of DPA in respiratory diseases.

A reduction in lung diffusion capacity and prolonged sleep duration at night were associated with different DPA outcomes. This is not particularly surprising as a reduction in  $D_{LCO}$  implies the use of a less efficient metabolic pathway (i.e. anaerobic metabolism) to generate energy for daily tasks. In fact, physiological variables, such as those of pulmonary function, directly impact the activities that require greater effort. A novelty of this study is the association of a prolonged sleep duration at night and worse DPA in the following day. At first, this finding may seem counterintuitive, as longer nights of sleep are related to better overall health status. Longer nights, however, do not necessarily mean “better nights”. There is evidence that prolonged sleep duration at night in both respiratory patients and healthy subjects are related to worse overall health status<sup>13,44</sup>. Albeit our findings do not allow to extrapolate on the quality of the sleep, it is likely that sleep quality is also impaired in this group of patients. Future studies need to confirm whether both duration and quality of sleep play a role on the amount of DPA in ILD.

This study has some limitations and therefore our results need to be interpreted with caution. There was a disbalance between the number patients with different diagnosis in our study. Although this is in line with previous investigations<sup>45</sup>, the extrapolation of our results to the population of patients with ILD may be inadequate. The instrument chosen to assess sleep measurements is widely used in other populations<sup>13,46</sup>. The sleep analysis provided by the Actigraph® is highly reliable when the device is used on the wrist (and not on the waist as in the present study). Albeit we acknowledge this as a limitation to interpret sleep data, the duration of sleep recorded from the device in our study is somewhat in line with previous investigations using both actigraph<sup>46</sup> and other devices<sup>13</sup> in other studies. To

mitigate misinterpretation of the data, all data related to quality of sleep from the Actigraph was not included in the present investigation.

In conclusion, patients with ILD present a worse physical activity profile compared to a group healthy subjects. Daily physical activity is negatively influenced by worse lung function and longer sleep duration (both at night and during the day).

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#### **4. CONCLUSÃO GERAL**

Podemos concluir que pacientes com DIP apresentam um pior perfil de atividade física, ou seja, são mais inativos que indivíduos saudáveis da mesma idade. A atividade física na vida diária é um fator importante e que está relacionada com outros desfechos clínicos, o que demonstra a necessidade de estudos com intervenções direcionadas à AFVD nesta população. Interessantemente, verificamos que, em pacientes com DIP, a AFVD pode ser influenciado pela noite anterior de sono. Nossos achados destacam que dormir por um período prolongado em uma noite não tem um grande impacto na AFVD do dia seguinte. No entanto, quando isso ocorre repetidamente (por exemplo, 4 vezes/semana), pode prejudicar significativamente os níveis de AFVD desta população.

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## APÊNDICES

### APÊNDICE A

#### TERMO DE CONSENTIMENTO LIVRE E ESCLARECIDO

Conforme a Resolução 466 de 12 de Dezembro de 2012, do Conselho Nacional de Saúde/Ministério da Saúde.

Prezado(a) Senhor(a):

O(A) Sr(a) está sendo convidado para participar de um projeto de pesquisa chamado “**Associação entre progressão da doença e desfechos clínicos em pacientes com doenças intersticiais pulmonares**”, realizado no Laboratório de Pesquisa em Fisioterapia Pulmonar da Universidade Estadual de Londrina (Londrina, Brasil). O objetivo do estudo é avaliar por um período de até 2 anos o impacto de possíveis mudanças na função pulmonar em diferentes aspectos clínicos (incluindo os níveis de atividade física na vida diária) em indivíduos com doenças intersticiais pulmonares e em indivíduos sem a doença. A sua participação é muito importante e ela se daria da seguinte forma: Os participantes realizarão algumas avaliações em cinco momentos: no início do protocolo, após 6 meses, 1 ano, 18 meses e 2 anos. Em cada momento serão realizadas as seguintes avaliações:

- Avaliação da função pulmonar por meio de plethysmografia/espirometria e capacidade de difusão de monóxido de carbono (DLCO);
- Atividade física na vida diária que será realizada durante 6 dias consecutivos pelo aparelho Actigraph® (aparelho pequeno e leve, utilizado na cintura, de manuseio extremamente simples que monitora todas as atividades físicas realizadas pelo participante, permitindo saber o quanto ativo ele é). Nos 6 dias de avaliação, o participante permanecerá durante 24 horas com o aparelho, havendo a necessidade de retirá-lo apenas durante o banho e atividades realizadas em piscina (por exemplo: natação, hidroginástica).
- Força muscular por meio de dinamometria de membros superiores e inferiores e teste de 1 repetição máxima; força muscular respiratória por meio de manovacuometria; fadiga muscular periférica por meio eletromiografia de superfície;
- Capacidade funcional de exercício por meio do teste da caminhada de 6 minutos e; capacidade máxima de exercício por meio do teste cardiopulmonar de esforço;
- Capacidade funcionais por meio dos testes: Teste de caminhada de 4 metros, teste de Sentar e levantar por 30 segundos e Teste do degrau de 6 minutos
- Composição corporal por meio do teste de bioimpedância elétrica;
- Ansiedade e depressão por meio da *Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS)*; Qualidade de vida relacionado à saúde por meio dos questionários: *Short Form Health Survey (SF-36)* e *Saint George Respiratory Questionnaire* específico para pacientes com doença intersticial pulmonar (SGRQ-I); Função cognitiva por meio do Mini Exame do Estado Mental (MEEM); sono e sonolência por meio do Índice de Qualidade de Sono de Pittsburgh (PSQI) e escala de sonolência de Epworth (ESE); Falta de ar no dia-a-dia por meio da escala do *Medical Research Council (MRC)* e pelo *Short of breath questionnaire do centro médico UCSD (UCSD-SOBQ)*. HADS, SF-36, MRC, MEEM, PSQI, ESE e UCSD-SOBQ serão administrados a todos os participantes. SGRQ-I será administrado apenas para pacientes com doenças intersticiais pulmonares;
- Exames de sangue (marcadores inflamatórios e estresse oxidativo).

**Benefícios esperados do estudo:** Os resultados deste estudo ajudarão a compreender o efeito que uma possível progressão da doença (ou seja, mudanças na função pulmonar) tem sobre diferentes aspectos clínicos da doença. Isso poderá contribuir para que, no futuro, novos tratamentos surjam e ajudem pacientes com doença pulmonar intersticial. **Benefícios diretos ao participante:** Após cada avaliação, se for de seu interesse, você receberá um relatório com os resultados de todos os testes. Esses resultados podem ser entregues ao seu médico para uma avaliação mais completa do seu estado de saúde. Além disso, os participantes sem acompanhamento médico no momento da inclusão do estudo serão cadastrados no Ambulatório de Especialidades do Hospital Universitário da UEL. **Riscos:** Nenhum dos procedimentos utilizados constitui risco direto para a integridade física ou moral dos participantes. Em alguns casos, após a coleta de sangue é

possível que se forme um pequeno hematoma na região onde a coleta ocorreu. Além disso, caso algum teste gere mal estar (físico ou emocional) ele será interrompido sem que haja risco real para a saúde do participante. **Custos:** Informamos que o(a) senhor(a) não pagará nem será remunerado por sua participação. Garantimos, no entanto, que todas as despesas de transporte, por meio público, serão resarcidas, se necessário, quando devidas e decorrentes especificamente de sua participação na pesquisa. No entanto, em caso de eventuais danos ocorridos exclusivamente por causa deste estudo, o(a) Sr(a) terá direito a tratamento médico completo oferecido pela instituição do estudo. **Participação no estudo:** Uma vez que o(a) Sr(a) aceitar participar do estudo, os pesquisadores iniciarão o agendamento das visitas e realizarão as avaliações após garantir que o(a) Sr(a) tenha compreendido o que será avaliado em cada momento. É importante que o(a) Sr(a) saiba que tem a opção de não fornecer o seu consentimento e não participar desta pesquisa. Sua decisão não interferirá no seu atendimento no Hospital Universitário Regional do Norte do Paraná da Universidade Estadual de Londrina. Além disso, os participantes poderão abandonar o estudo a qualquer momento que se achar conveniente, sem qualquer prejuízo em nenhum sentido. **Sigilo:** Embora os resultados da pesquisa possam ser divulgados em publicações e eventos científicos, a identidade dos participantes será sempre preservada de maneira sigilosa, ou seja, em segredo, conforme previsto pela lei. Quando os resultados forem analisados, não aparecerá o nome de nenhum participante e sim um código. Desse modo, a identidade não será revelada. **Acompanhamento da pesquisa:** Você poderá solicitar informações ou esclarecimentos sobre o andamento da pesquisa em qualquer momento da pesquisa. Para tanto, você poderá telefonar para (43) 3371-2490 / 3371-2477 e falar com o Professor Carlos Augusto Marçal Camilo. Se você tiver reclamações sobre a condução ética deste estudo, assim como preocupações, dúvidas ou reclamações sobre seus direitos como participante da pesquisa, você poderá entrar em contato com o Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa (CEP) do Hospital Universitário Regional do Norte do Paraná da Universidade Estadual de Londrina no endereço: LABESC - Laboratório Escola de Pós-Graduação - sala 14 - Campus Universitário - Rodovia Celso Garcia Cid, Km 380 ou pelo telefone (43) 3371-5455, de segunda a sexta, das 08:00 às 11:30hrs. O CEP trata-se de um grupo de indivíduos com conhecimentos científicos e não científicos que realizam a revisão ética inicial e continuada de propostas de pesquisas para mantê-lo seguro e proteger seus direitos. Você também tem a opção de entrar em contato diretamente com a Comissão Nacional de Ética em Pesquisa (CONEP) através do Fone de denúncia: (61) 3315-3927 ou (61) 3315-2472.

Caso o(a) Sr(a) aceite esse convite e concorde voluntariamente em participar do estudo assinando este termo de consentimento, consideramos que o(a) Sr(a) acredita que foi suficientemente informado(a) por um dos pesquisadores responsáveis sobre a pesquisa, os procedimentos envolvidos nela, assim como os possíveis riscos e benefícios decorrentes dessa participação. Ressaltamos novamente que o(a) Sr(a) pode retirar seu consentimento a qualquer momento, sem que isto leve a qualquer prejuízo em nenhum sentido.

Colocamo-nos à disposição para qualquer esclarecimento que se fizer necessário nos telefones (43) 3371-2490 / 3371-2477 ou pessoalmente no Ambulatório de Fisioterapia Respiratória do Hospital Universitário Regional Norte do Paraná: Av. Robert Koch, 60 – Vila Operária – Londrina – PR (perguntar pelo Professor Carlos Augusto Marçal Camilo).

Atenciosamente,  
*Prof. Dr. Carlos Augusto Marçal Camilo*  
*Prof. Dr. Fábio de Oliveira Pitta*  
*Prof. Dr. Marcos Ribeiro*

Eu, abaixo assinado

.....,  
(Nome do participante em maiúsculas)

Declaro ter sido informado verbalmente além de ser provido com as informações do estudo por escrito. Eu também tive a oportunidade de fazer perguntas e discutir o estudo com os Professores Carlos Augusto Marçal Camillo e/ou Fábio de Oliveira Pitta e/ou Marcos Ribeiro ou ainda por algum pesquisador do estudo.

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## ANEXOS

### ANEXO A

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#### PARECER CONSUBSTANCIADO DO CEP

##### **DADOS DA EMENDA**

**Título da Pesquisa:** Associação entre progressão da doença e desfechos clínicos em pacientes com doenças intersticiais pulmonares

**Pesquisador:** CARLOS AUGUSTO MARCAL CAMILLO

**Área Temática:**

**Verão:** 3

**CAAE:** 69598317.5.0000.5231

**Instituição Proponente:** CCS - Progr. de Pós-Grad. em Ciências da Reabilitação

**Patrocinador Principal:** Financiamento Próprio

##### **DADOS DO PARECER**

**Número do Parecer:** 2.484.871

**Apresentação do Projeto:**

Trata-se de solicitação de emenda ao projeto.

**Objetivo da Pesquisa:**

**Objetivo Princíprio:**

Avaliar o impacto do declínio da função pulmonar nas mudanças nos níveis de atividade física de pacientes com doenças intersticiais pulmonares

**Objetivo Secundário:**

Avaliar o impacto do declínio da função pulmonar em outros desfechos clínicos: função muscular (força, resistência e fadigabilidade); capacidade de exercício (máxima e funcional), qualidade de vida relacionada à saúde e sintomas. Além disso, investigar associações entre o nível de atividade física (e suas mudanças ao longo do tempo) e hospitalizações e mortalidade em pacientes com DIP durante o período do estudo. Por último, também serão verificadas possíveis associações entre função pulmonar (e suas mudanças ao longo do tempo) com os demais desfechos investigados.

**Avaliação dos Riscos e Benefícios:**

Segundo o pesquisador, "nenhum dos procedimentos utilizados constitui risco direto para a integridade física ou moral dos participantes. Em alguns casos, após a coleta de sangue é possível

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que se forme um pequeno hematoma na região onde a coleta ocorreu. Além disso, caso algum teste gere mal estar (físico ou emocional) ele será interrompido sem que haja risco real para a saúde do participante.

**Benefícios:**

**Benefícios esperados do estudo:** Os resultados deste estudo ajudarão a compreender o efeito que uma possível progressão da doença (ou seja, mudanças na função pulmonar) tem sobre diferentes aspectos clínicos da doença. Isso poderá contribuir para que, no futuro, novos tratamentos surjam e ajudem pacientes com doença pulmonar intersticial.

#### Comentários e Considerações sobre a Pesquisa:

O pesquisador solta a inclusão de realização de três testes funcionais. Estes testes apresentam relação com força de membros inferiores além de risco de quedas, sarcopenia e consequentemente hospitalizações. A realização dos testes ocorrerá nas mesmas visitas já programadas pela pesquisa e implicará em aumento de 10 - 15 minutos em cada visita.

Tendo vista que a hospitalização é um desfecho do estudo, a solicitação é pertinente.

#### Considerações sobre os Termos de apresentação obrigatória:

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#### Recomendações:

Incluir a expilação dos 3 testes agregados ao estudo no TCLE.

#### Conclusões ou Pendências e Lista de Inadequações:

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#### Considerações Finais a critério do CEP:

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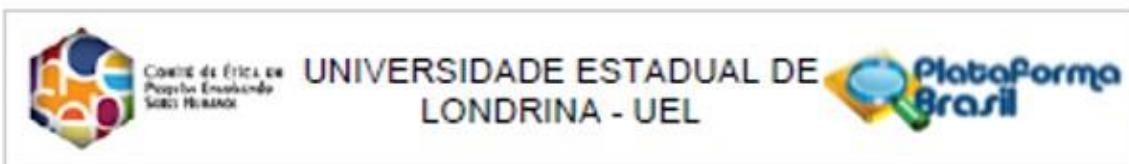
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