

# APPLICATION OF A PULMONARY REHABILITATION EXERCISE PROGRAM BASED ON IMB MODEL IN PATIENTS WITH SEVERE CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE

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## Background and Aims

This study aims to construct a pulmonary rehabilitation program based on the Information-Motivation-Behavioral Skills (IMB) model to improve lung function and quality of life in patients with severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

## Methods

Convenience sampling was used to select patients with severe COPD admitted to the Department of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine of a tertiary hospital in Chongqing from October 2023 to February 2024. Patients were randomly divided into an experimental group (n=32) and a control group (n=31). The experimental group received 6 months of IMB model-based pulmonary rehabilitation in addition to routine care, while the control group received routine care measures. The degree of dyspnea, exercise endurance, quality of life, pulmonary rehabilitation compliance, self-management level, and lung function were compared between the two groups before and after the intervention.

## Results

After the intervention, the experimental group showed better results in terms of dyspnea severity, exercise endurance, quality of life, pulmonary rehabilitation compliance, and self-management level compared to the control group, with statistically significant differences (P<0.05).

## Conclusion

Pulmonary rehabilitation based on the Information-Motivation-Behavioral Skills model can effectively alleviate dyspnea symptoms in patients with moderate to severe COPD, improve their exercise endurance, compliance with pulmonary rehabilitation, self-management ability, and quality of life.

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