

#### THE MYOSITIS ASSOCIATION



# Hand exercise in myositis

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# Todays session

- How hand function is affected in different subtypes of myositis
- Results from two studies
- Examples of hand exercise



# Differences in hand function in subtypes of myositis



- Polymyositis and Dermatomyositis
  - Reduced grip strength
    - Present in the late phase of the disease
    - ▶ Reduced already in the beginning of the disease
    - ▶ Women had approximately 71% and men 60%
    - Associated to domestic activities and Quality of Life
- Inclusion Body Myositis
  - ▶ Reduced strength in finger flexors → reduced ability to move fingers
    - Reduced dexterity
    - ▶ Women had approximately 42% and men 30%
    - Associated to daily activities and Quality of Life





#### Hand exercise intervention in PM and DM

- To develop a 12-week hand exercise intervention for persons with PM and DM and evaluate
  - Adherence
  - ▶ Participants opinion of programme design and overall feasibility
  - ▶ Effect on hand function and activity limitation after the intervention



# Outline of the study

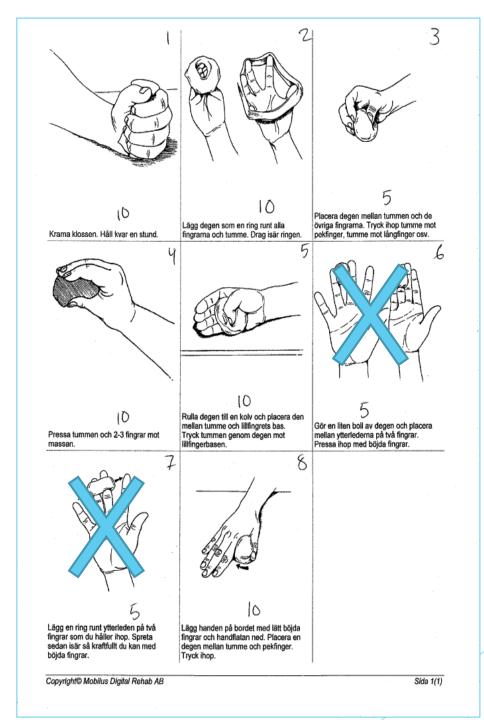
Baseline measure	12	Follow-up measure		
	week 1-4	week 5-8	week 9-12	
	5 <sup>§</sup> or 10 <sup>§§</sup> rep.	10 <sup>§</sup> or 20 <sup>§§</sup> rep.	15 <sup>§</sup> or 30 <sup>§§</sup> rep.	<b></b>
0 weeks Measure: •Hand function •Activity limitation •Disease activity	<ul> <li>key pinch grip</li> <li>three jaw pinch grip</li> <li>thumb opposition</li> <li>finger abduction</li> <li>finger adduction</li> </ul>	(press thumb against the proximal interphalanges (press thumb tip against finger) (press thumb towards to (spread the fingers two resistive circle around to (press the fingers toget putty between the fingers)	12 weeks Measure: •Hand function •Activity limitation •Disease activity	
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This is the hand exercise program that was used in the study for people with PM or DM.

After input from participants two of the exercises were deleted because they were too difficult to perform







#### Evaluation of hand exercise in PM and DM



- 11 participants with PM or DM were included in the study
- Adherence was good (78-100%)
   (acceptable adherence was ≥75% (≥ 27 sessions).
- 30 repetitions were to many and the program were too time consuming
  - ▶ Participants suggested 10-20 repetitions 2-4 days/week
- On a group level the three-jaw pinch-grip strength had increased (left hand)
- There were some individual improvement in hand function and activities





#### Conclusion

▶ A hand exercise programme seems to be feasible to use in persons with PM and DM, but the design of the programme needs to be further evaluated to offer improvements in hand function and activity performance



#### Hand exercise intervention in IBM



- Needed to use another methodology
  - Single subject design participants act as there own control
    - Less number of participants are needed
    - Information about the exercise effect before and during the intervention
    - ► Each participant is there own control.
    - Two consecutive values that exceed the baseline (A-Phase) measures during the exercise period (B-Phase) is a "true" improvement

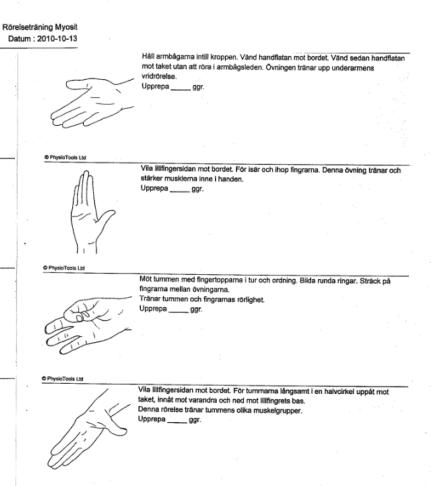
A- Phase 5 we	eeks		B-Phase 12	weeks						
Baseline assessments			Exerc	Exercise assessments every other week						
Hand Exercise the hospital of				se 5 days/week in 12 weeks. The participants were offered to exercise at once/week.						
Week 1	Week 3	Week 5	Week	7	Week 9	Week 11	Week 13	Week 15	Week 17	
Grip strength	Grip strength	Grip strengtl	Grip h streng	th	Grip strength	Grip strength	Grip strength	Grip strength	Grip strength	
Pinch grip Malin Regardt, TM	Pinch grip A Conference, Minneapo	Pinch g lis September		grip	Pinch grip	Pinch grip	Pinch grip	Pinch grip	Pinch grip	TH



This is the hand exercise programs that were used in the study for people in IBM. Both mobility and strengthening exercise was performed

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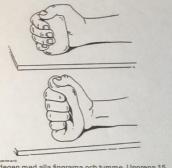
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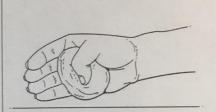
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Krama degen med alla fingrama och tumme. Upprepa 15 gånger



Rulla degen till en kolv och placera den mellan tumme och lillfingrets bas. Tryck tummen genom degen mot lillfingerbasen. Upprepa 10 gånger



Placera degen mellan tummen och de övriga fingrama. Tryck ihop genom massan tills fingertopparna möts. Upprepa 15 gånger.



Pressa tummen mot pekfinger och långfinger. Upprepa 10 gånger



Lägg degen som en kolv på bordet. Nyp ihop degen med tumme/pekfinger, tumme långfinger. Forma ett O med fingrama genom att böja i fingerleder och tumleder. Upprepa 10 gånger

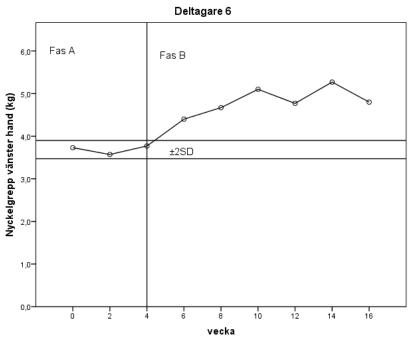


Tryck försiktigt och lägg den andra handen över. Dra fingrarna genom degen. Upprepa 10 gånger

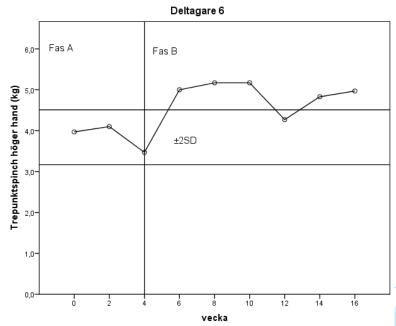
#### Evaluation of hand exercise in IBM

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- 9 participants with IBM were included in the study
- Examples of the results
  - Improvements in key and three jaw pinch grip strength



Key pinch grip strength left hand



Three jaw pinch grip strength right hand





#### Evaluation of hand exercise in IBM

- Few improvement regarding hand function (grip strength and pinch grip strength)
- No one got worse indicating that it is safe to do hand exercise
- In retrospect there are space for improvement in the method
- The participants were asked to name activity areas they wanted to improve
  - Six of nine participants improved in there performance or satisfaction in their hand related activities
  - ▶ Indicating the need to also include training in activities.





#### Hand exercise

- Important to do both mobility exercise and strength exercise
  - In polymyositis and dermatomyositis we have not seen so much limitation in joints, but it is important to check
    - ▶ Perform mobility exercise ones a week
    - Perform strengthening exercise ones a day
  - In inclusion body myositis limitation in joint mobility may occur due to muscle weakness
    - Important to both passively and actively exercise joint mobility
    - Perform mobility and strengthening exercise ones a day



# Mobility exercise





1) Lift your wrist,hold.Repeat 5-10 times

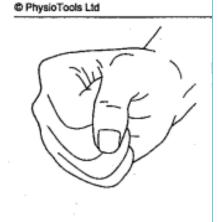


3) Flex the finger joints
Repeat 5-10 times





2) Flex the finger joints
Repeat 5-10 times



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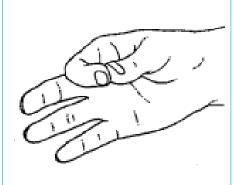
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4) Make a fist Repeat 5-10 times

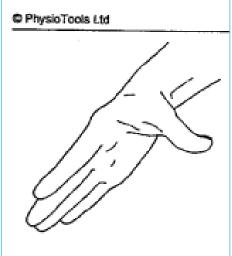


# Mobility exercise





5) Make a circle with the thumb and the index finger Repeat 5-10 times



6) Move the thumb up in a wide circle Repeat 5-10 times



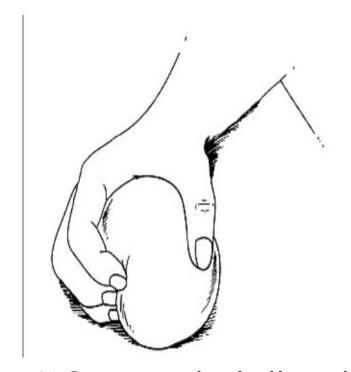


- Chose a ball or a dough that gives enough resistance
- After performing the whole program the perceived exertion according to Borg should be on at least "somewhat hard" (4) or "hard" level (5)
- It is important that you can flex the joints in the ball or dough
- DO NOT overstretch the joints

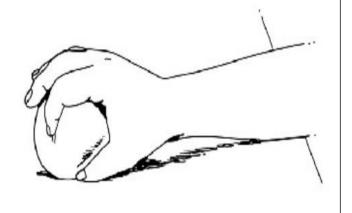
Borg scale of exertion				
Rating	Descriptor			
0	Rest			
1	Very, Very Easy			
2	Easy			
3	Moderate			
4	Somewhat Hard			
5	Hard			
6	-			
7	Very Hard			
8	-			
9	-			
10	Maximal			







1) Squeeze the ball or the dough, flexing all fingers and thumb
Repeat 10-15 times



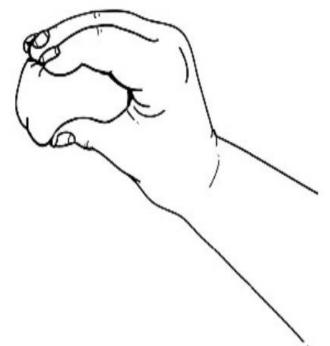
2) Press the thumb towards the fingers one at the time and try to make circles Repeat 5-10 times







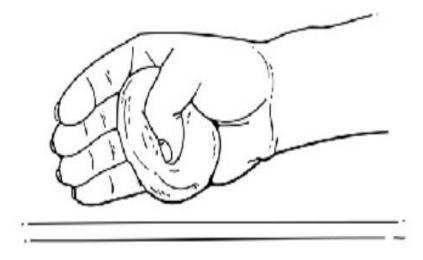
3) Press the thumb while holding the ball or dough (key grip) Repeat 10-15 times



4) Press the thumb towards the index and middle finger trough the ball or the dough Repeat 10-15 times







5) Press the thumb through the ball or dough towards the base of the little finger Repeat 10-15 times





#### Hand exercise

- Seems to be safe to do hand exercise
- Studies have showed some individual improvements
- No one in the studies decreased in hand function
- Better studies are needed

- Even though the improvements were limited in hand function the ability to do activities improved
  - Indicating that activity training may be useful as a complement

