

# Effect of singing lessons on breathlessness in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
cro870 protocol version 2

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
Effect of singing lessons on breathlessness in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a randomised controlled single-blind trial

**Acronym**

ESLBPC

**Study objectives**

That a course of singing lessons will improve breathlessness in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Brompton, Harefield and National Heart and Lung Institute (NHLI) REC, approved on 11/10/2007 (ref: 07/H0708/90)

**Study design**

Randomised controlled single-blind trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

**Interventions**

Participants will be randomly allocate to the following two arms:

Intervention group: A 6-week course of singing lessons (1 hour/ lesson) twice weekly

Control group: Standard care only

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome(s)**

Single breath counting and breath hold time.

All primary and secondary outcomes will be assessed at 7 weeks.

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. Quality of life (QOL): St George's Respiratory Questionnaire (SGRQ), Transition Dyspnoea Index, SF-36® Health Survey

2. Shuttle walking test (SWT)

All primary and secondary outcomes will be assessed at 7 weeks.

**Completion date**

01/08/2009

## Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

1. Both males and females, no age limits
2. COPD patients able to comply with a course of lessons
3. Medical Research Council (MRC) dyspnoea score >3/5

### Participant type(s)

Patient

### Healthy volunteers allowed

No

### Age group

Other

### Sex

All

### Key exclusion criteria

Unable to comply with course

### Date of first enrolment

22/01/2009

### Date of final enrolment

01/08/2009

## Locations

### Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

### Study participating centre

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## Sponsor information

## Organisation

Imperial College London (UK)

## ROR

<https://ror.org/041kmwe10>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Charity

### Funder Name

Royal Brompton & Harefield Arts (rb&h Arts), Royal Brompton Hospital (UK)

## Results and Publications

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	03/08/2010		Yes	No
<a href="#">Abstract results</a>		18/05/2010		No	No
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes