# An investigation into clinical reasoning within the context of critical care for cardiorespiratory physiotherapists using SimMan® (Laerdal™)

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered
23/06/2010	No longer recruiting	Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
22/06/2011	Completed	Results
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data
07/03/2017	Respiratory	<ul><li>Record updated in last year</li></ul>
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# Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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# Type(s)

Scientific

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# Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS** number

**IRAS** number

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Secondary identifying numbers

# Study information

#### Scientific Title

An investigation into clinical reasoning within the context of critical care for cardiorespiratory physiotherapists using SimMan® (Laerdal™): a qualitative observational study using a mixed methods approach of video recording, thinking aloud and debrief interviews

## **Study objectives**

The study will identify the clinical decision making process used by expert respiratory physiotherapists in the acute setting.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

School of Education Research Ethics Committee (University of Southampton), 21/12/2009

## Study design

Qualitative observational study

#### Primary study design

Observational

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

#### Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Treatment

#### Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a participant information sheet

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

Post-operative respiratory complications

#### Interventions

This is an interpretive observational study using mixed methods of simulation: video, think aloud and debrief interviews.

A patient scenario will be designed and operated through the computerised manikin SimMan® (Laerdal™) at the VIP suite, Building 67, School of Health Sciences University of Southampton. The simulated scenario and environment will be set up to be as realistic as possible. A nurse will be present at the patients bedside and will be able to answer any questions about the patient and his care. The patient's notes and charts will all be available. The individual physiotherapist

will be invited to assess the simulated patient and to form a problem list and treatment plan. This is anticipated to take as long as it would in clinical practise so approximately 20 - 40 minutes duration.

This will be followed by a debrief interview where the participant can view their assessment and can comment about their performance - approximately 20 - 30 minutes.

The data from the video, the think aloud and the debrief interview will be analysed using content analysis to find if there are any common themes between the participants.

# Intervention Type

Other

#### Phase

Not Applicable

#### Primary outcome measure

- 1. Create a realistic simulated critical care scenario, using anonymised real patient data. The scenario has been written pilot study to take place on July 16th, 2010.
- 2. Observe and record the clinical decision making processes used by expert physiotherapists. First set of data to be collected 26th, 27th, 28th July 2010.
- 3. Identify the knowledge, skills and behaviour of the decision making process of expert physiotherapists in a simulated critical care environment. This will be interpretive from the three sets of data video, think aloud and debrief interviews. Measures will be taken to verify the reliability the assessment by the participant in the debrief interview, intra-reliability measures will be taken to ensure that each set of data is categorised in the same way in the content analysis.

#### Secondary outcome measures

- 1. Produce a conceptual framework of the clinical decision making used by expert physiotherapists when assessing and treating the critically ill patient. This will be produced when all 10 participants, data has been collated and analysed September 2012.
- 2. From the conceptual framework produce an educational strategy for teaching clinical decision making in critical care. At the end of the study December 2012 the video clips will be embedded into power point and modified to use the audience response system so as to facilitate clinical reasoning with undergraduate (UG) students.

# Overall study start date

26/07/2010

#### Completion date

26/01/2012

# **Eligibility**

# Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Band 8, band 7, band 6 cardio respiratory physiotherapists working in critical care, intensive care units (ICU) or high dependency units (HDU)
- 2. At least 3 years clinical experience
- 3. At least 6 weeks recent experience in adult cardiorespiratory care
- 4. All participants must be familiar with working out of hours (twilight, on call, weekend rotas)

and be managing independently their own caseload and making their own clinical decisions and willing and able to discuss their clinical decision making
5. Average age between 25 - 45 years, either sex

## Participant type(s)

**Patient** 

## Age group

Adult

#### Sex

Both

# Target number of participants

10

#### Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Physiotherapy students will be excluded as they are not yet working independently in this field
- 2. Any qualified physiotherapists who have not practised within the last 6 months in adult cardiorespiratory physiotherapy and have less than 3 years experience

#### Date of first enrolment

26/07/2010

#### Date of final enrolment

26/01/2012

# Locations

#### Countries of recruitment

England

United Kingdom

# Study participating centre School of Health Sciences Southampton

Southampton United Kingdom SO17 1BJ

# Sponsor information

## Organisation

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## Sponsor type

University/education

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#### **ROR**

https://ror.org/01ryk1543

# Funder(s)

# Funder type

Research organisation

#### Funder Name

Physiotherapy Research Foundation (PRF) (UK) (ref: PRF/09/3)

# **Results and Publications**

# Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

# IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration