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# eHealth Technologies for CHD and Pediatric Patients

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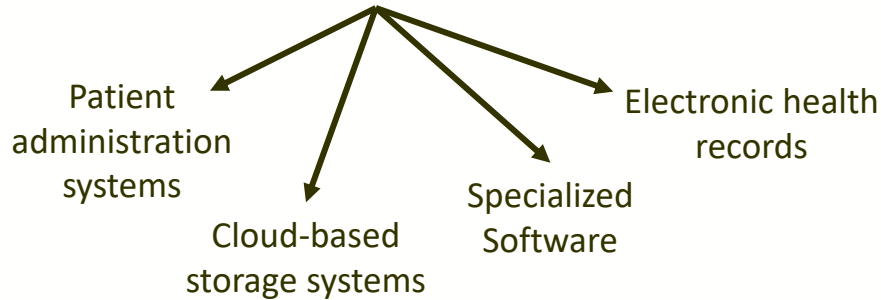
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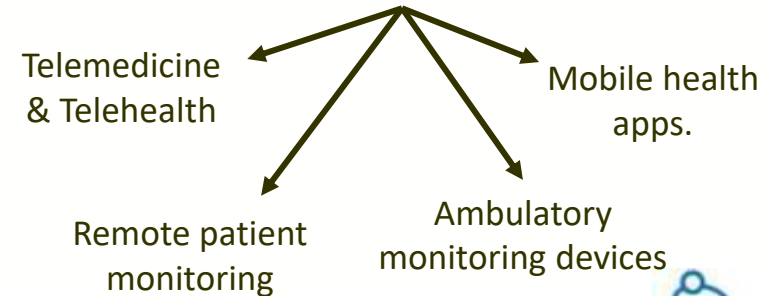
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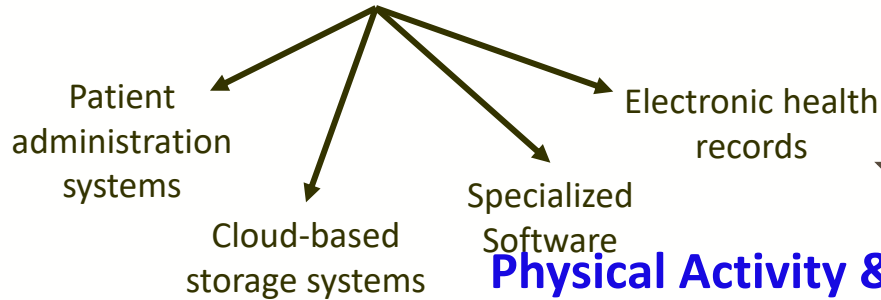
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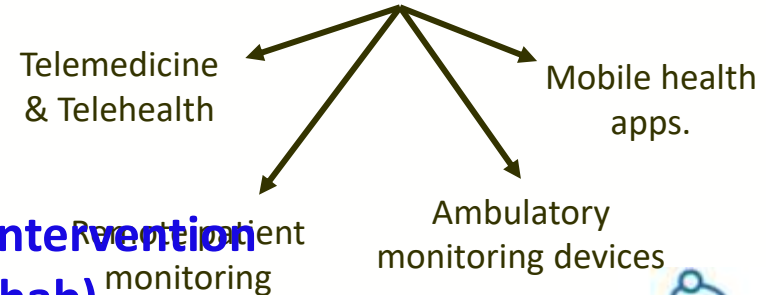


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## Physical Activity & Exercise Intervention (Pediatric Cardiac Rehab)

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# mHealth for Delivering Cardiac Rehab

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## Cardiac Exercise Therapeutics Model

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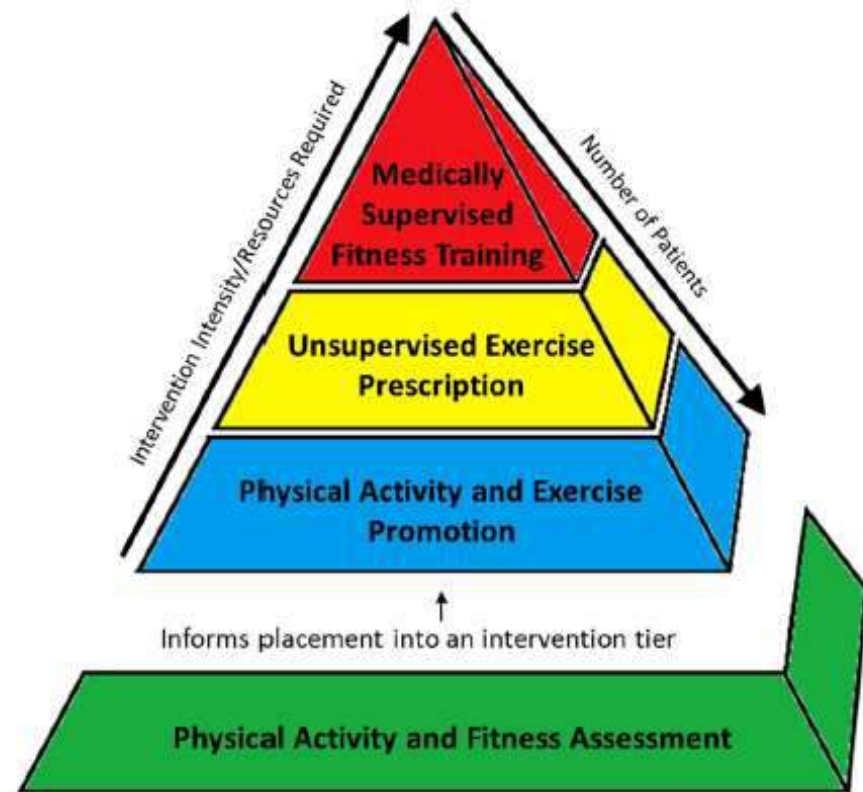
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eHealth technology in cardiac exercise therapeutics for pediatric patients with congenital and acquired heart conditions: a summary of evidence and future directions

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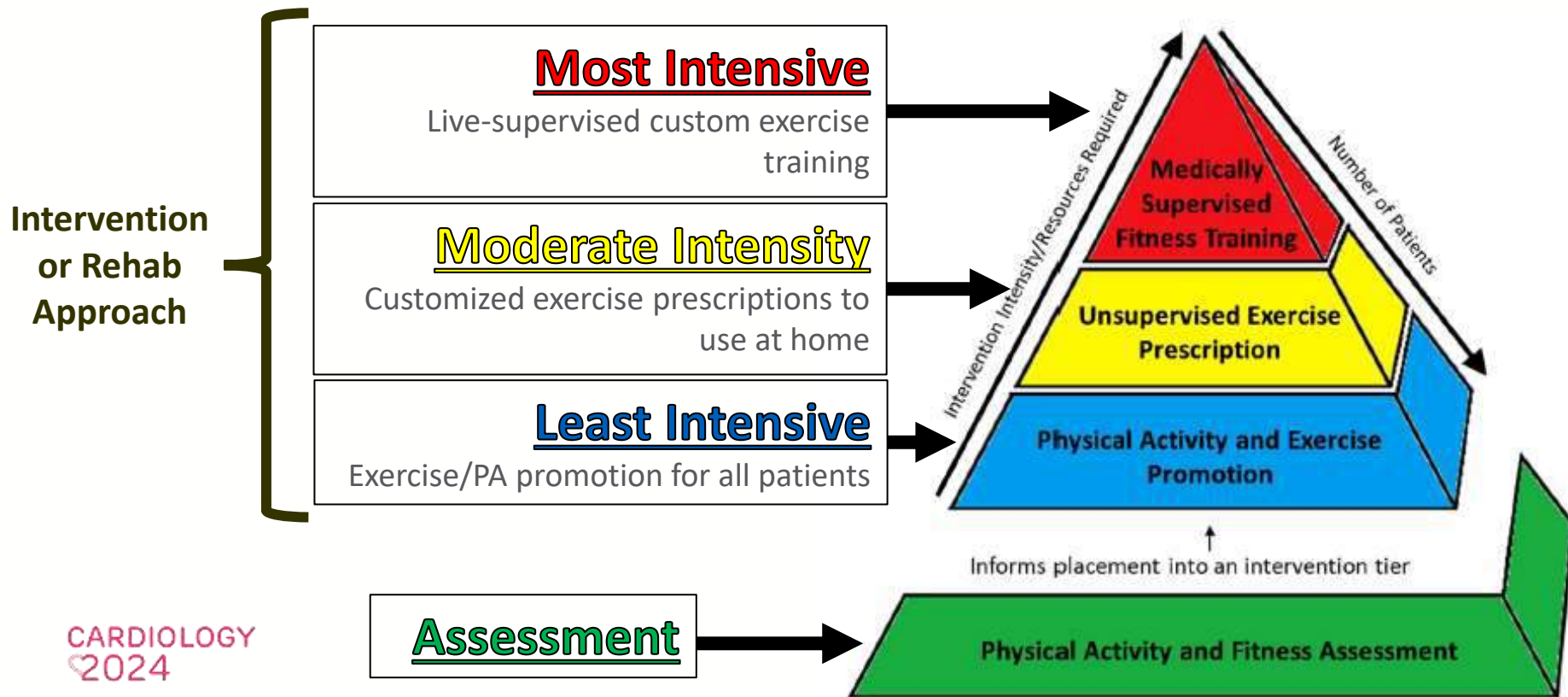
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# mHealth for Delivering Cardiac Rehab

## Cardiac Exercise Therapeutics Model



# Physical Activity & Exercise Promotion

Educating and encouraging patient/family to engage in physical activity and exercise

Physical Activity and Exercise  
Promotion

Klausen et al., 2016 – ‘PREVail RCT’ (Denmark)		Lemire et al., 2020 (Canada)	
<b>Aim</b>	Benefits and harms of adding an eHealth intervention to health education and individual counseling in adolescents with CHD.	<b>Aim</b>	Feasibility and impact of a tool kit of resources for providing outpatient physical activity counseling for children with CHD.
<b>eHealth Approach</b>	MinPuls.nu software tool and a personal home page ( <a href="http://www.minpuls.nu/">http://www.minpuls.nu/</a> )	<b>eHealth Approach</b>	Web-based platform CHEO ( <a href="http://www.cheoactive.ca">www.cheoactive.ca</a> )
<b>Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tailored interactive text encouragement (weekly)</li><li>• Exercise-planning and monitoring tool</li><li>• Motivation/encouragement</li></ul>	<b>Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A physical activity tool kit</li><li>• Simple, low-cost activity ideas/suggestions</li><li>• Activities aligned with the child’s restrictions</li></ul>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Struggled with compliance</li><li>• No change in Fitness</li><li>• No change in Physical Activity</li></ul>	<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Study Ongoing – None to report</li></ul>

# Physical Activity & Exercise Promotion

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Promotion

## Three arm RCT

### Intervention Group 1

- “COOL Passport” mobile health app.

1. Personal health management	2. Eliminating endocarditis	3. My nutritional decisions	4. My progress
5. Understanding my medications	6. My physical fitness	7. My mood and feelings	8. My rights

### Intervention Group 2

- “COOL Passport” + Health Promotion Cloud
  - Interactive gameplay
  - Step counts
  - CHD knowledge quizzes
  - Q&A with provider

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH: CLINICAL TRIAL

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## Long-term effectiveness of an mHealth-tailored physical activity intervention in youth with congenital heart disease: A randomized controlled trial

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### Abstract

**Aims:** To evaluate the long-term effectiveness of the Care & Organize Our Lifestyle (COOL) programme, a self-regulation theory-based mHealth programme, on improving disease knowledge and physical activity in youth with congenital heart disease (CHD).

**Design:** A three-arm parallel-group randomized controlled trial.

**No between group differences in change in physical activity after 12-months.**



# Physical Activity & Exercise Promotion

Physical Activity and Exercise  
Promotion

## Phase I: Literature Review & Qualitative

- Strengths & weaknesses of other interventions
- Qualitative interviews

## Phase II: Conceptualizing & Prototyping

- Building the platform

## Phase III: Usability Evaluation

- Piloting in parent/child dyads

## Phase IV: Randomized Controlled Trial

- Implementing the platform over 12-weeks
- Outcomes: Fitness, Physical activity, Feasibility, Acceptability, Satisfaction

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A WeChat-Based Rehabilitation Platform for Children and Adolescents with Congenital Heart Disease to Promote Cardiac FITness (HeartFIT): Protocol for a Mixed-Methods Strategy from Evidence-Based Design to Pilot Study

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# Unsupervised Exercise Prescription

Customized exercise prescription that outlines the frequency, intensity, duration, and modality of a self-directed exercise routine performed at home



## Randomized Controlled Trial

- Intervention Group (n=35)
- Control group (n=35)

## Participants

- 10-18 yrs. old) w/ moderate to complex CHD

## Web-based exercise/motor intervention

- 24-weeks
- 3x wk., 20-min/session

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ORIGINAL  
ARTICLES

### E-Health Exercise Intervention for Pediatric Patients with Congenital Heart Disease: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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**Objective** To improve health-related physical fitness (HRPF) (primary outcome) and health-related quality of life (HRQoL) with a web-based motor intervention program in pediatric patients with congenital heart disease (CHD).

**“One Hour a Week, Brings Mobility, Power and Speed!”**



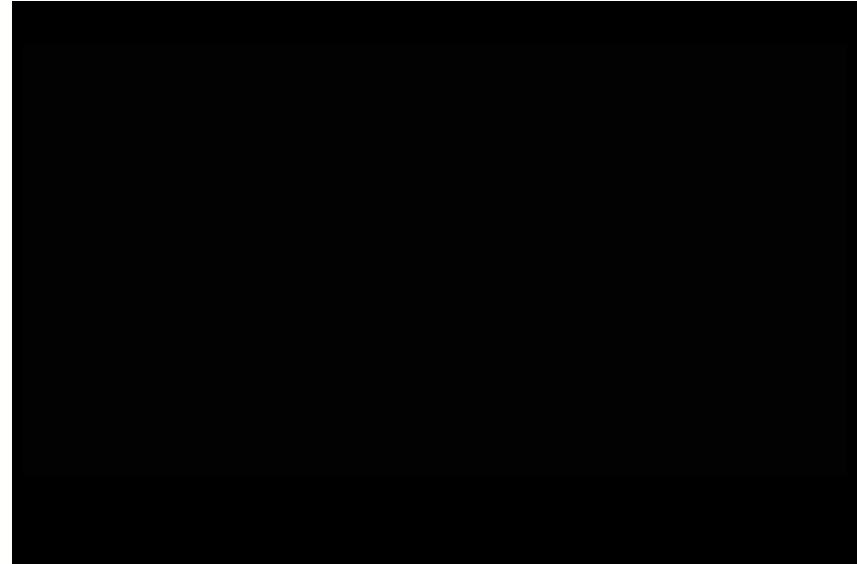
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# Unsupervised Exercise Prescription

## Web-based e-Learning platform: “Einstein”

- Exercise videos transmitted to their homes
  - Exercise in-home at their convenience
- Videos served as a “Virtual training partner”
- Adherence: monitored with video tracking tool included in the exercise platform
- Can complete surveys and report RPE through the platform



# Unsupervised Exercise Prescription

Unsupervised Exercise  
Prescription

**Table II.** Mean differences between intervention and control group after 24 weeks of exercise intervention

HRPF	Intervention group (n = 31)			Control group (n = 30)			P value*
	Baseline evaluation	24 weeks' follow-up	Difference, mean $\pm$ SD	Baseline evaluation	24 weeks' follow-up	Difference, mean $\pm$ SD	
Total, z score	-0.73 $\pm$ 0.46	-0.57 $\pm$ 0.58	0.15 $\pm$ 0.38	-0.84 $\pm$ 0.43	-0.75 $\pm$ 0.61	0.09 $\pm$ 0.38	.560
Curl-ups, z score	-0.98 $\pm$ 0.65	-0.67 $\pm$ 0.98	0.30 $\pm$ 0.83	-0.92 $\pm$ 0.85	-0.57 $\pm$ 1.12	0.34 $\pm$ 0.77	.830
Trunk-lift, z score	-0.67 $\pm$ 0.81	-0.40 $\pm$ 1.03	0.26 $\pm$ 0.95	-0.97 $\pm$ 0.81	-0.82 $\pm$ 0.85	0.15 $\pm$ 0.85	.621
Push-ups, z score	-0.23 $\pm$ 0.99	-0.08 $\pm$ 1.21	0.15 $\pm$ 0.97	-0.30 $\pm$ 0.74	-0.08 $\pm$ 1.03	0.21 $\pm$ 0.73	.771
Shoulder stretch, z score	-0.87 $\pm$ 1.08	-0.75 $\pm$ 1.23	0.12 $\pm$ 0.63	-1.30 $\pm$ 1.11	-1.16 $\pm$ 0.98	0.14 $\pm$ 0.73	.912
Sit and reach, z score	-0.86 $\pm$ 1.31	-0.96 $\pm$ 1.43	-0.10 $\pm$ 0.81	-0.69 $\pm$ 1.29	-1.10 $\pm$ 1.39	-0.40 $\pm$ 0.80	.150
HrQoL							
Total	77.38 $\pm$ 9.63	76.20 $\pm$ 9.82	-1.73 $\pm$ 8.33	77.84 $\pm$ 11.31	79.37 $\pm$ 9.32	1.31 $\pm$ 7.85	.160
Physical well-being	79.03 $\pm$ 16.58	76.11 $\pm$ 16.92	-2.90 $\pm$ 16.00	76.62 $\pm$ 16.11	76.45 $\pm$ 14.92	0.83 $\pm$ 15.28	.367
Emotional well-being	81.85 $\pm$ 9.92	84.15 $\pm$ 9.84	2.00 $\pm$ 9.32	81.87 $\pm$ 12.64	85.69 $\pm$ 12.17	3.82 $\pm$ 10.86	.500
Self-esteem	67.54 $\pm$ 16.88	64.73 $\pm$ 16.24	-4.01 $\pm$ 18.72	65.30 $\pm$ 18.92	66.04 $\pm$ 18.25	0.01 $\pm$ 17.50	.406
Family	86.69 $\pm$ 13.57	86.85 $\pm$ 12.86	-0.43 $\pm$ 12.93	87.28 $\pm$ 19.15	88.54 $\pm$ 12.18	0.86 $\pm$ 16.93	.745
Friends	77.82 $\pm$ 19.01	77.44 $\pm$ 19.28	-2.08 $\pm$ 19.07	79.95 $\pm$ 15.25	82.11 $\pm$ 12.24	2.23 $\pm$ 17.28	.375
School	71.37 $\pm$ 17.43	69.19 $\pm$ 16.57	-2.23 $\pm$ 16.51	77.08 $\pm$ 15.12	76.56 $\pm$ 15.92	-0.96 $\pm$ 15.78	.774

\*Student *t* test difference between intervention group and control group with *P* values < .05 considered significant.

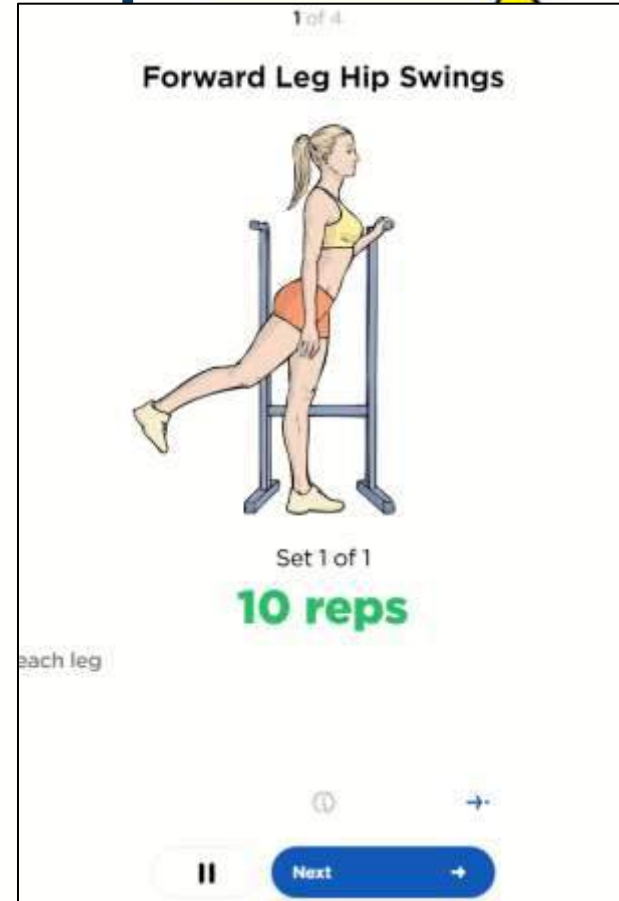
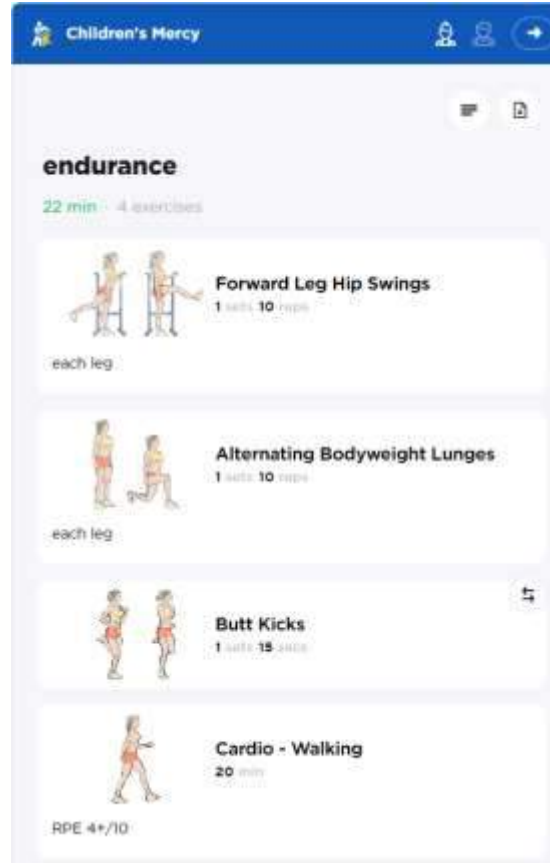
# Unsupervised Exercise Prescription

## WorkoutLabs mobile app.

- Design workouts
- Schedule workouts
- Notifications sent to mobile device
- Tracking for adherence

No research...yet

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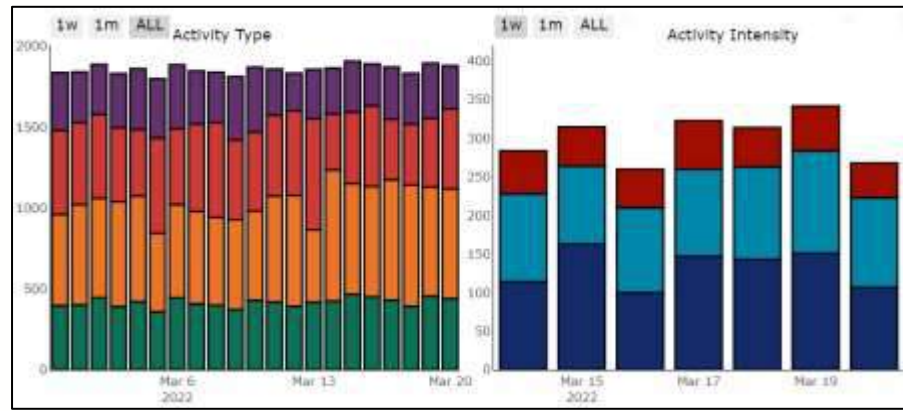
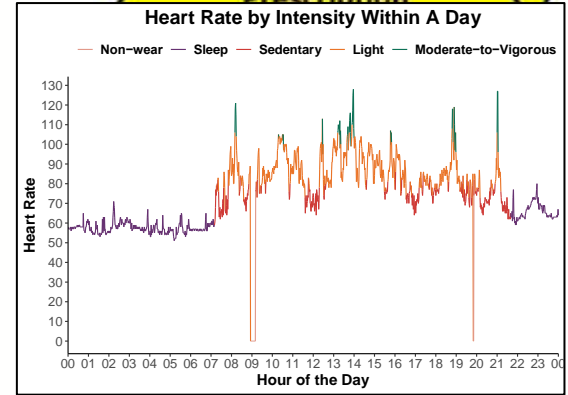
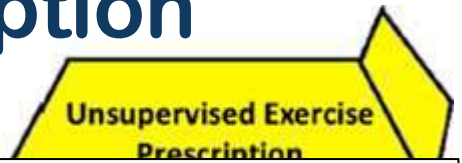


# Unsupervised Exercise Prescription

Adherence to in-home exercise prescription?

→ Wearable Data Tells the Story

- Application programming Interface (API) – remote retrieval of data and events from wearables
- Software Development Kit (SDK) – custom programming to communicate directly with the devices, retrieve data, and manipulate the device remotely.



**Recent Exercise**

**Swim**  
29 minutes  
527 kcals  
80 avg bpm  
February 28, 2022

**Swim**  
12 minutes  
767 kcals  
123 avg bpm  
March 01, 2022

**Swim**  
36 minutes  
531 kcals  
91 avg bpm  
March 02, 2022

**Exercise Log**

Search :

Date	Time	Type	Duration (minutes)	Steps	Calories	Heart Rate (bpm)
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# Medically Supervised Fitness Training



A structured and supervised exercise program, beyond exercise prescription, designed to provide advanced monitoring and support for the most deconditioned patients.

## Healthy Hearts via Live Videoconferencing



### Participants

- n=14 (8-19 yrs. old)
- ≥1 year post heart transplant

### Healthy Hearts via Live Videoconferencing: An Exercise and Diet Intervention in Pediatric Heart Transplant Recipients

Angela C. Chen, BS; Faustine D. Ramirez, MD; David N. Rosenthal, MD; Sarah C. Couch, PhD, RD; Samuel Berry, MS; Katie J. Stauffer, RD/CS; Jarrod Brabender, RD/CS; Nancy McDonald, NP; Donna Lee, NP; Lynsae Barkoff, NP; Susan E. Nourse, MD; Jeffrey Kamucha, MS, CES, CSCS; C. Jason Wang, MD, PhD; Inger Olson, MD; Elf Seda Selamet Tierney, MD

**Background**—Pediatric heart transplant recipients have high-risk cardiovascular profiles that can affect their long-term outcomes; however, promoting exercise and healthy diet has not been a major focus in the field. The objective of this study was to test the feasibility and impact of a supervised exercise and diet intervention delivered via live videoconferencing in this population.

### Objectives

1. Feasibility and impact of an exercise and nutrition intervention
2. The use of live videoconferencing to deliver the intervention

# Medically Supervised Fitness Training



## Healthy Hearts via Live Videoconferencing

### Diet:

- *Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH)*
- 1x wk. nutrition sessions via telehealth



### Exercise:

- 3x wk. for 60 min (In-home)
- 1-on-1 sessions w/ health coach via videoconferencing

Tablet computer with internet connection

Sessions delivered using the Vsee™ telemedicine platform



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Chen & Tierney et al., *J Am Heart Assoc*, 2020  
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# Medically Supervised Fitness Training



## Healthy Hearts via Live Videoconferencing

Outcome	Post-Intervention Testing (Median Change)
BMI Percentile	↓ 27 %ile points
Endothelial Function	↑ 0.29 Reactive Hyperemia index
VO2peak (% predicted)	↑ 6.4 percentage points
Functional Movement Screen	↑ 2.5 (FMS score)
Daily consumption of saturated fat	↓ 6 grams

# Medically Supervised Fitness Training



## Adherence/Compliance

	Healthy Hearts <i>via Live Videoconferencing</i> <u>Chen &amp; Tierney et al., 2019, 2020</u>	Exercise/Motor Intervention <i>via Pre-recorded Videos</i> <u>Meyer et al., 2018, 2021</u>
Exercise Sessions	<b>89.6 ± 11%</b> % of scheduled sessions attended	<b>33% (IQR 8%-60%)</b> Mean weekly exercise adherence
Nutrition Sessions	<b>88.4 ± 10%</b>	-

# Medically Supervised Fitness Training



## Ongoing Work: MedBIKE™

- Custom telemedicine cycle ergometer youth with CHD
- Video game platform



## Gamification



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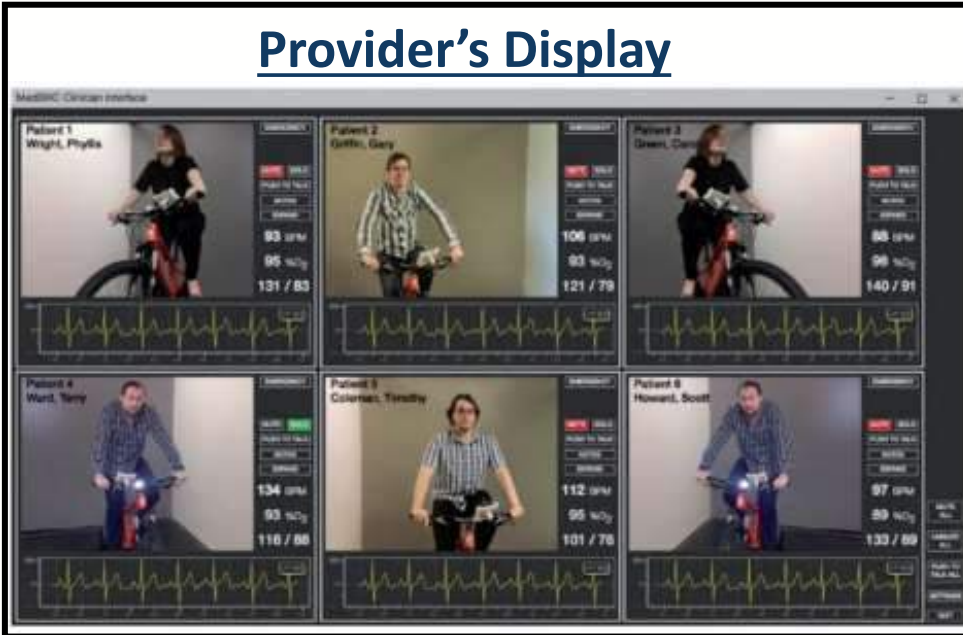


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## Ongoing Work: MedBIKE™



### Provider's Display



### Patient's Display



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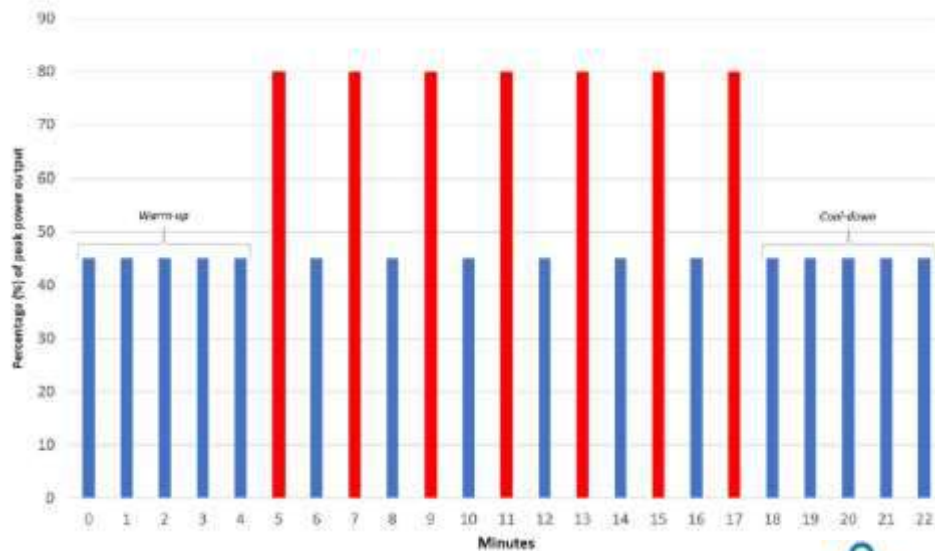
Cardiac rehabilitation in the paediatric Fontan population: development of a home-based high-intensity interval training programme

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## Abstract

## MedBIKE HIIT Protocol



# Medically Supervised Fitness Training



Remotely Delivered Cardiac Rehabilitation  
for Adolescents with Congenital Heart Disease



## Remote CaRe CHD Trial

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## Remote CaRe CHD Trial



## Randomized Controlled Trial

### Purpose

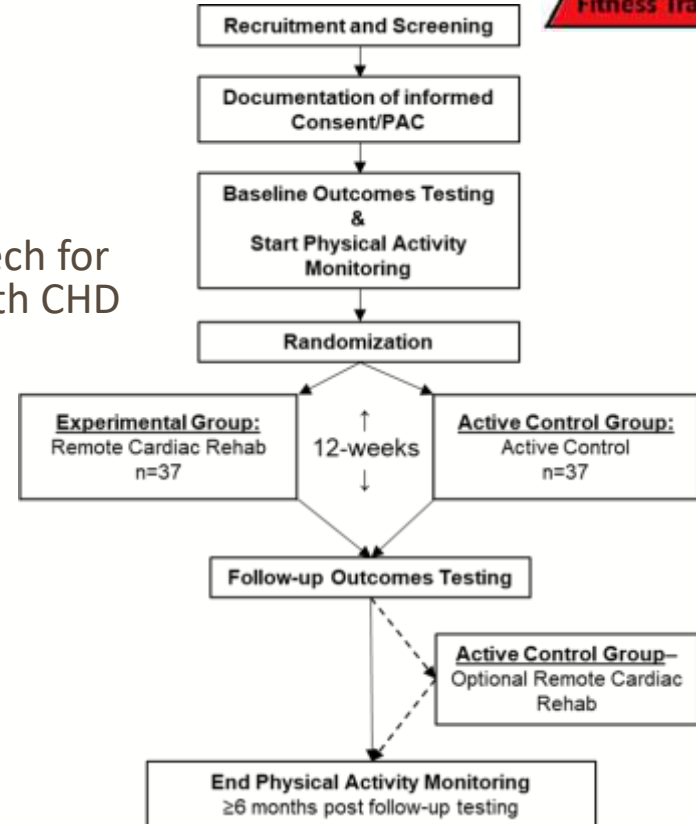
To evaluate the effectiveness of video-based mHealth tech for the delivery of real-time CR to groups of adolescents with CHD in their homes.

### Participants

Targeted Sample Size: n=74

- Ages 12-19 yrs. with:
  1. Fontan (n=26)
  2. Tetralogy of Fallot (n=24)
  3. Dextro-transposition of the great vessels (n=24)

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# Medically Supervised Fitness Training

## Remote CaRe CHD Trial



### Primary Outcome

- Cardiorespiratory Fitness (VO2peak)

### Secondary Outcomes

- Cardiac Function (Echocardiogram)
- Lean Body Mass (DXA)
- Frailty

### Exploratory Outcomes

- Gross Motor Proficiency
- Quality of Life
- Physical Activity Self-Efficacy

- Physical Activity
- Program Satisfaction
- Skeletal Muscle Oxidative Capacity
- Cost Effectiveness



# Medically Supervised Fitness Training

Remote CaRe CHD Trial



Remote Cardiac Rehab Group



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## Remote CaRe CHD Trial

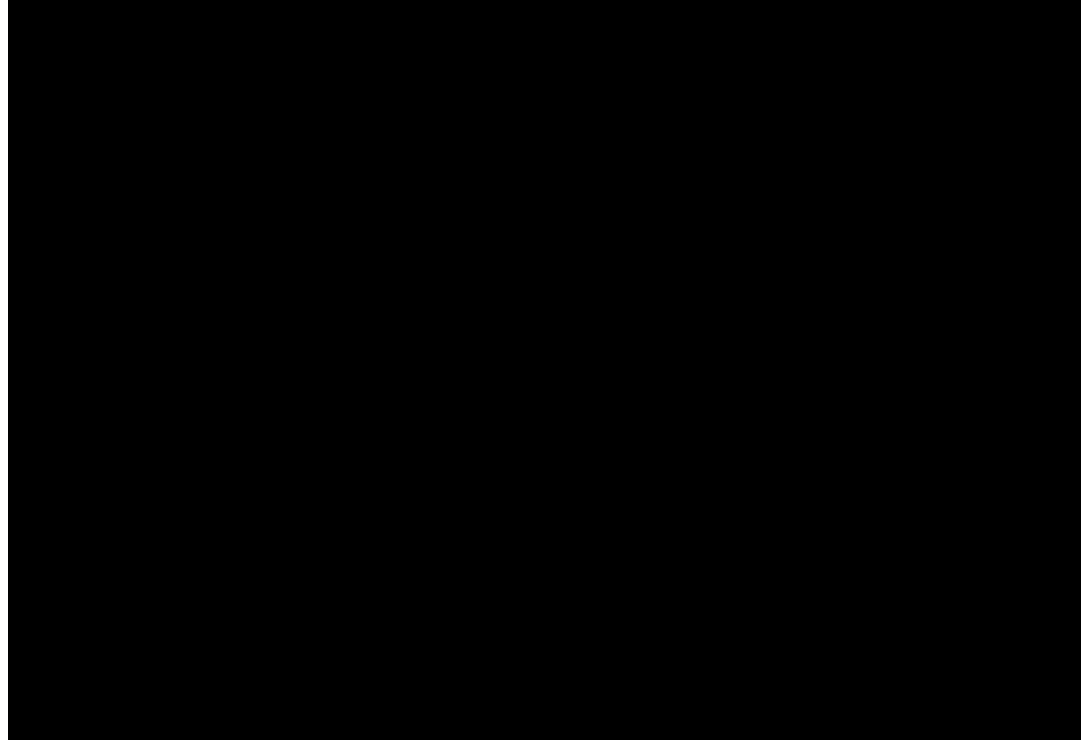


### 12-week Intervention

- 2-week Ramp-up
    - 1-1 with health coach (live)
  - 10-weeks Group-based exercise
    - Up to 5 per group
- ✓ Supervision    ✓ Live interaction
- ✓ Music            ✓ Peer support

### Group-Based Approach

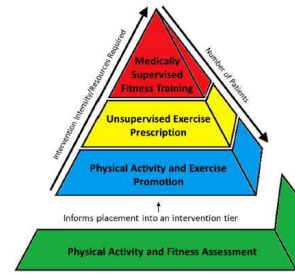
↓ costs & may ↑ potential for  
implementation & dissemination





# Closing

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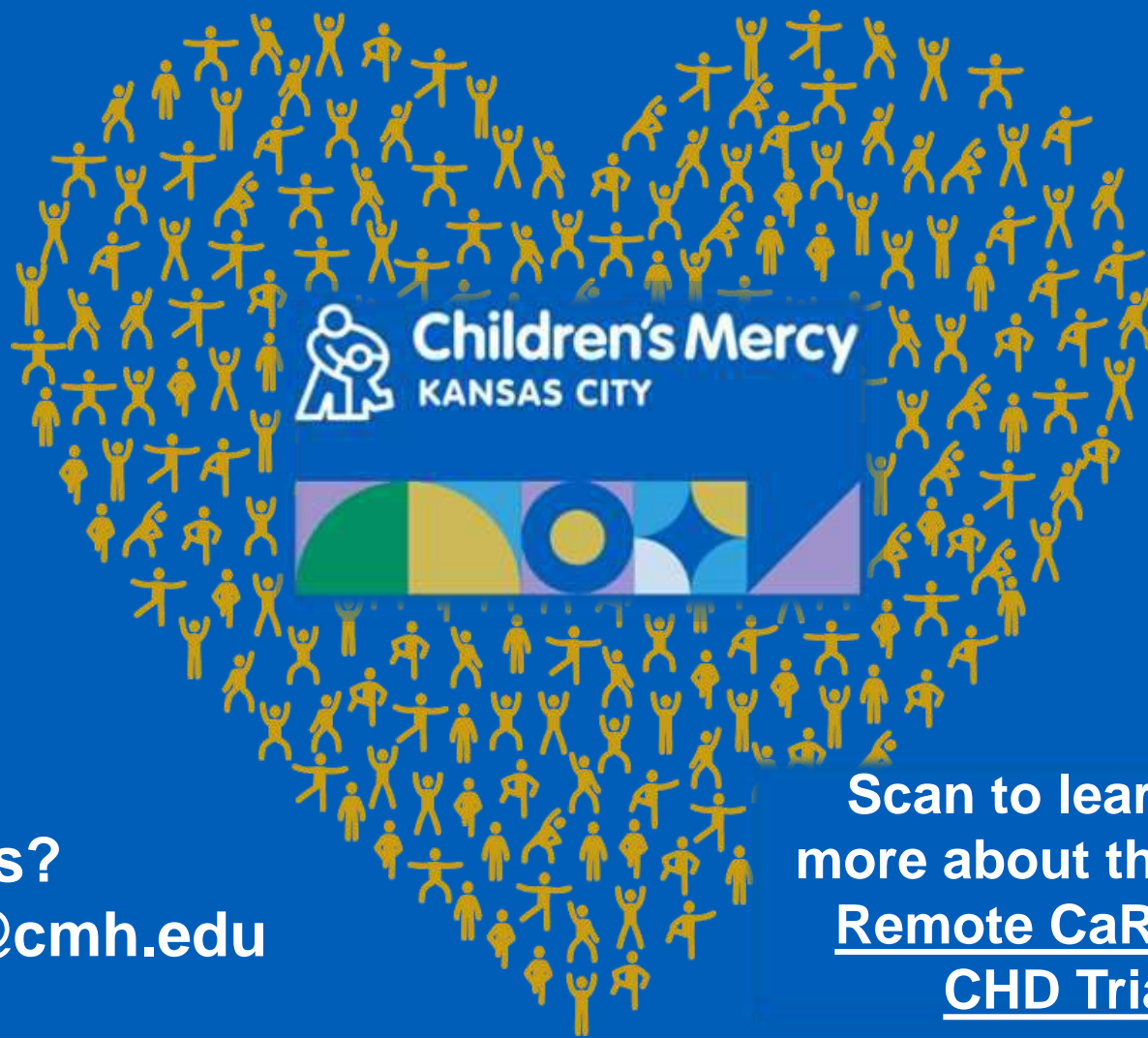


## eHealth and mHealth can..

- Reduce costs
- Increase access
- Provide opportunities to monitor patients from a great distance
- Facilitate communication
- Collect data (small and large scale)

**Applying mHealth and eHealth technologies alone ≠ NOT an intervention**

**The technology is ONLY the tool/method for which  
the intervention is delivered.**



Questions?  
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Scan to learn  
more about the  
Remote CaRe  
CHD Trial

