

components of cardiac rehabilitation

Core components of cardiac rehabilitation/secondary prevention programs:

- Blood pressure management,
- lipid management,
- diabetes management
- tobacco cessation,
- psychosocial management
- physical activity counseling
- exercise training

Patient assessment

□ Evaluation

Medical history:

- Review current and prior cardiovascular medical and surgical diagnoses and procedures, comorbidities (including peripheral arterial disease, cerebral vascular disease, pulmonary disease, kidney disease, diabetes mellitus, musculoskeletal and neuromuscular disorders, depression);
- symptoms of cardiovascular disease; medications; date of most recent influenza vaccination; cardiovascular risk profile; and educational barriers.

Patient assessment

- **Physical examination:**

Assess cardiopulmonary systems (including pulse rate and regularity, blood pressure, auscultation of heart and lungs, palpation and inspection of lower extremities for edema and presence of arterial pulses); post-cardiovascular procedure wound sites; orthopedic and neuromuscular status; and cognitive function

- **Testing:**

Obtain resting 12-lead ECG; assess patient's perceived health-related quality of life or health status

Patient assessment

□ Interventions

- patient treatment plan(intervention strategies for risk reduction.)
- discharge/follow-up plan
- ensure that the patient is taking appropriate doses of aspirin, clopidogrel, -blockers, lipid-lowering agents, and ACE inhibitors or angiotensin receptor blockers as per the ACC/AHA, and that the patient has had an annual influenza vaccination.

Nutritional counseling

□ Evaluation

- Obtain estimates of **total daily caloric intake** and **dietary content** of saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, sodium, and nutrients.
- Assess **eating habits**, including fruit and vegetable, whole grain, and fish consumption; number of meals and snacks; frequency of dining out; and alcohol consumption.

Nutritional counseling

☐ Interventions

- Prescribe specific dietary modifications aiming to **at least attain the saturated fat and cholesterol** content limits of the Therapeutic Lifestyle Change diet.

Nutritional counseling

Expected outcomes

- Patient adheres to *prescribed diet*.
- Patient understands basic principles of dietary content, such as calories, fat, cholesterol, and nutrients.

Weight management

□ Evaluation

Measure weight, height, and waist circumference. Calculate body mass index (BMI).\

□ Interventions

- In patients with **BMI >25** kg/m² and/or **waist** >40 inches in men (**102 cm**) and >35 inches (**88 cm**) in women

Blood pressure management

□ Evaluation

- Measure seated resting blood pressure **on 2 visits**.
- Measure blood pressure in **both arms** at program entry.
- Assess current treatment and compliance.
- Assess use of nonprescription drugs that may adversely affect blood pressure.

Blood pressure management

□ Interventions

✓ If blood pressure is 120-139 / 80-89 mmHg :
Provide **lifestyle modifications**

✓ Provide drug therapy for patients with chronic kidney disease, heart failure, or diabetes if blood pressure is 130 / 80 mmHg after **lifestyle modification**.

If blood pressure is 140 mmHg systolic or 90 mmHg diastolic:
Provide **lifestyle modification and drug therapy**.

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• هدف درمانی فشار خون کمتر از ۱۴ روی ۹ در بیماران است

• فشار خون کمتر از ۱۲ روی ۸۰ در بیماران مزمن کلیوی/نارسایی قلبی و دیابت

Lipid management

□ Evaluation

- ✓ Obtain fasting measures of total cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein, low-density lipoprotein, and triglycerides.
- ✓ Repeat lipid profiles at 4-6 weeks after hospitalization and at **2 months** after initiation or change in lipid-lowering medications.
- ✓ Assess **creatinine kinase** levels and **liver function** in patients taking lipid-lowering medications as recommended by NCEP.

Lipid management

□ Interventions

- nutritional counseling
- weight management
- exercise
- smoking cessation
- alcohol moderation
- drug therapy

- LDL >70 mg/dL: شروع درمان کاهنده چربی
- LDL >100 mg/dL : افزایش دوز یا اضافه کردن دارو:

Diabetes management

□ Evaluation

Before starting exercise:

- Obtain latest fasting plasma glucose (FPG) and glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c)
- Consider stratifying patient to **high-risk category** because of the greater likelihood of exercise-induced complications.

Diabetes management

☐ Interventions

- Avoid exercise at peak insulin times.
- Advise that insulin be injected in abdomen, not muscle to be exercised.
- Test blood sugar levels pre- and postexercise at each session:
 - if blood sugar value is <100 mg/dL, delay exercise and provide patient 15 g of carbohydrate; retest in 15 minutes; proceed if blood sugar value is >100 mg/dL
 - if blood sugar value is >300 mg/dL, patient may exercise if he or she feels well, is adequately hydrated, and blood and/or urine ketones are negative.
- Encourage adequate hydration to avoid effects of fluid shifts on blood sugar levels.
- Caution patient that blood sugar may continue to drop for 24-48 hours after exercise.
- test blood sugar levels prior to exercise for first 6-10 sessions to assess glycemic control

Diabetes management

□ Expected outcomes

- ❖ Attain FPG levels of 90-130 mg/dL and HbA1c <7
- ❖ Minimize complications and reduce episodes of hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia at rest and/or with exercise.
- ❖ Maintain blood pressure at <130 /80 mmHg.

Tobacco cessation

□ Evaluation

- Document status as **never smoked, former smoker, current smoker**
- Specify both **amount of smoking** (cigarettes per day) and **duration of smoking** (number of years)
- Quantify use and type of **other tobacco** products. Question exposure to **second-hand smoke** at home and at work.

Tobacco cessation

☐ Intervention

- Pharmacological support : **nicotine replacement** therapy, bupropion hydrochlorid
- **Supplemental strategies** if desired (eg, acupuncture)
- If patient has recently quit, emphasize **relapse** prevention skills.
- Urge avoidance of exposure to second-hand smoke at work and home.

Psychosocial management

✓ Patient demonstrates responsibility for health-related behavior change, **relaxation**, and other **stress management skills**; ability to obtain effective **social support** and reduction or elimination of alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, or other nonprescription psychoactive drugs.

Exercise training

□ Evaluation

- **Symptom-limited exercise testing** prior to participation in an exercise-based cardiac rehabilitation program is strongly recommended.
- Test parameters should include assessment of **heart rate** and rhythm, signs, symptoms, **ST-segment** changes, **Hemodynamics**, perceived exertion, and exercise capacity.

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- **For aerobic exercise:**

- **F** ➤ 3-5 days/wk
- **I** ➤ 50-80 percent of exercise capacity
- **D** ➤ 20-60 minutes
- **M** ➤ walking, treadmill, cycling, rowing, stair climbing, arm/leg ergometry

For resistance exercise:

- **F**=2-3 days/wk
- **I**=10-15 repetitions per set to moderate fatigue
- **D**=1-3 sets of 8-10 different upper and lower body exercises
- **M**=calisthenics, elastic bands, cuff/hand weights, dumbbells, free weights, wall pulleys, or weight machines

- warm-up, cool-down, and flexibility exercises in each exercise session.