Methods.—Sixty-five patients of the L. Pasteur University Hospital in Košice with pulmonary silicosis were examined, average age 66.98 years, time of exposure to dust was 26.50 years in average. The occurrence of co-morbidities was determined. In order to functionally assess the patients, we used the comprehensive ICF Core Set for chronic obstructive diseases.

Results.—The most frequent co-morbidity was back pain (88.8%), hearing disorder (82.7%), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (59.6%), cardiovascular system diseases (arterial hypertension 65.4% and chronic ischemic heart disease 46.2%). We discovered a significant link between higher silicosis levels as displayed by X-ray and arterial hypertension, hearing disorders and hip arthritis. We also observed most significant relationship between the x-ray evaluation of silicosis and ICF domains: heart functions, respiratory muscle functions, social positions and services, transport system and politics.

Conclusion.—We presented the most frequent occurrence of co-morbidities with patients with chronic occupational pulmonary disease, the important links between X-ray forms of silicosis, co morbidities and ICF classification domains which enables the more comprehensive assessment of these patients.

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The changes of illness perception, negative emotions and arterial blood pressure applying the method of expressive writing in the patients of ischemic heart disease

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Background.—The expressive writing about stressful events has been found to result in improvements in both physical and psychological health. The aim of the study was to determine the changes of illness perception, negative emotions and arterial blood pressure in the patients of ischemic heart disease applying the method of expressive writing.

Methods.—Hundred and twenty-six cardiac patients from two rehabilitation hospitals completed the course of four sessions. Brief illness perception questionnaire PANAS-X were used to assess patients.

Results.—The patients of the expressive writing group believed that their illness had less serious consequences (P = 0.027) and greater personal control (P = 0.030); they also experienced fewer emotions towards the illness (P = 0.006) as well as perceived their illness significantly more clearly (P = 0.001); they also felt fewer negative emotions (P = 0.011); their systolic blood pressure (SBP) (P = 0.049) was lower in comparison with the patients from the non-writing group.

Discussion.—After four sessions patients in the expressive writing group changed four out of eight items of illness perception, also reduced negative emotions and SBP than patients in the non-writing group.

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Physical rehabilitation at an arterial hypertensin with simulator training

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Keywords: Hypertension; Simulator training

Objectives.—To investigate the effectiveness physical rehabilitation (PR) with simulator training (ST) in patients with arterial hypertension (AH).

Methods.—Hundred and eight patients with AH were included to programs of PR on cyclic and power simulators with telemetry monitoring of cardiorespiratory system; 51 patient were carried out by standard techniques of PR at AH - control group, CG. All the patients were treated by basic drug therapy.

Results.—Since 6-7-th session stabilization of BP at a target level in group ST, after 9-10-th session - in group GE was marked. All the patients marked improvement of the common condition of health, increase of daily activity and tolerance to physical loading; dozes of supporting drug therapy have been decreased at 64% of patients of group ST and at 27% of patients of group GE. The exercise caused also hemodynamic changes as a decrease of minimum systolic blood pressure: 120 ± 23 vs 108 ± 15 mmHg. Average values of pulse rate: 61 ± 22 vs 53 ± 13 and heart rate were also decreased: 77 ± 10 vs 75 ± 8.

Discussion.—Exercise program resulted in an improvement of physical efficiency for those who managed to complete it. The exercise caused also hemodynamic changes. No significant changes in biochemical tests results have been found.

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Physical rehabilitation in bronchial asthma

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Objectives.—Investigation of simulator training at bronchial asthma patients.

Methods.—Physical rehabilitation (PR) was carried out to 27 patients (mean age of 43 ± 5 years) with bronchial asthma (BA). In control group (16 patients with BA) PR was not carried out. PR began on 5–7 days after hospitalization
and consisted of 10 trainings. PR included cyclic simulators (foot horizontal or vertical, then - manual ergometer), then employment on power simulator which task was to make active respiratory muscles. Finally was used treadmill within 5–10 minutes with average loading of 75 Watt.

**Results.**– Significant acceleration of positive clinical evaluation on 5–8-th days was marked in comparison with group of the control, increasing of SatO2 at 2–3% already after 3–4-th employment (56% of patients), improvement of parameters of spirometry down to normalization by the end of cycle of PR at 89% of the patients.

**Discussion.**– Inclusion of PR by a technique of employment on cyclic and power simulators with monitoring of cardiopulmonary system is the optimal method to carry out the rehabilitation to patient with BA, to lower risk of long current and in short terms to adapt the patient for a habitual way of life.

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**Strength-aerobic versus aerobic training:** Does it help to increase VO2peak in patient with coronary disease?

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**Background.**– An increase in peak of oxygen uptake (VO2peak) was a predictive value of the survival chance of patient with coronary disease (PC). In order to increase aerobic capacity, two methods were used: aerobic (RE) versus combined resistance and aerobic (RC) training. However, difference in duration, training load and measured values (tolerated maximal power, i.e. PMT, VO2peak) induced controversial results about RE and RC benefits.

**Objective.**– To compare the effects on PMT and VO2peak of RE and RC with similar duration and training load.

**Method.**– Sixteen PC performed, before and after 4 weeks of exercise rehabilitation (RE, n = 8 and RC, n = 8), an incremental test on ergocycle to measure VO2peak and PMT.

**Results.**– RE and RC induced a significant increase in PMT but VO2peak significantly increased in RE group.

**Discussion.**– The response of PMT did not a predictive value of VO2peak response to training because PMT also depended on the skeletal muscular adaptation to the training.

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