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Methods. – Repeated measures study. Subjects: 24 participants with chronic stroke (1–5 years post-stroke). Interventions: transdisciplinary approach based on the Bobath Concept principles over a six-month period. Main measures: the measures were mEFAp; 10 m walk, 6 m walk test and their correlation into ICF qualifiers.

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Interventionism, Minimally invasive techniques: A case of LBP management – Cost efficacy & efficiency

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Discussion. – Medical interventionism procedures in managing LBP are efficient, cheaper, and less aggressive than surgical procedures, with better results than oral and topical drugs. The burden of workday’s loss and incapacity is largely reduced, with less expense for healthcare and social systems.

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