

Introduction: Frailty can be defined as a state of increased vulnerability, with mutually exacerbating cycle of negative energy balance, sarcopenia, and diminished strength and tolerance for exertion. Frailty and malnutrition are frequent conditions in elderly.

Objective: Study the relationship between malnutrition and frailty in elderly.

Methods: A cross-sectional study with 66 hospitalized elderly patients (>65 years). Frailty was defined by the 9-point Clinical Frailty Scale (CFS). Nutritional status was analyzed by Mini-nutritional Assessment-Short Form (MNA-SF, >12 well-nourished, 7–12 under risk, <7 malnourished), anthropometric measures (body mass index, BMI; ideal adequacy of weight by Lorentz formula; mid-arm muscle circumference – MUAMC, <70% severe, 70–80% moderate and 80–90% mild malnutrition) and albumin (normal >3 g/dL). The risk of nutrition-related complications was calculated by Geriatric Nutritional Risk Index (GNRI, >98 no risk, <98 under risk). Categorization in two groups: G1 with CFS ≤6 (normal to moderately) and G2 with CFS >7 (severely frail).

Results: (1) There were included 38 patients in G2, with mean age of 82.1 ± 6.3 years (vs 84.4 ± 5.2; p = 0.116). (2) The mean MNA-SF in G2 was 8.2 ± 3.2 (vs 12.2 ± 2.5; p < 0.01), 44% with MNA-SF <7 (p < 0.001). (3) G2 had lower BMI (22.3 ± 3.3 vs 25.4 ± 4.7; p = 0.003), lower adequacy of weight (101.1 vs 112.9%; p = 0.011), and lower MUAMC (76.8 ± 13.3 vs 84.5 ± 14.6 cm²; p = 0.053). (4) G2 had more hypoalbuminaemia (52 vs 21.6%; p = 0.046). (5) G2 had lower GNRI (87.4 ± 15.5 vs 98.5 ± 13.4; p = 0.005) and 52.9% were already at risk of malnutrition-complications. (<98, p = 0.185).

Conclusions: Because of the role of nutritional deficiency in the development of frailty, it is important to provide good nutritional support, avoiding health status deterioration and disability in older people.

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Instrumented 6-minutes walk test, an approach to improve the traditional test

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Introduction: Exercise testing is frequently used to assist clinicians in assessing prognosis and evaluating response to treatment. The 6-min walk test is a standardized test of functional exercise capacity.

Objectives: The aim of the present study was to identify and describe the anthropometric characteristics, gait velocity and instrumented 6-min walk test with kinematics parameters from inertial sensor during the test in a Portuguese population of subjects over 65 years.

Methods: They were measured variables related with anthropometrics, the 6-min walk test and kinematics variables in the 6-min walk test related with accelerations and angular velocity.

Results: The results were; six minutes walk (359,26 ± 107.49 meters), initial heart rate (72,95 ± 7,74BPM), final initial heart rate (80,58 ± 13,86 BPM), initial systolic blood pressure (148,42 ± 21,25 mmHg), final systolic blood pressure (164,26 ± 24,49 mmHg), initial diastolic blood pressure (75,63 ± 11,04 mmHg), final diastolic blood pressure (77,00 ± 9,52 mmHg), gait velocity (1,04 ± 0,37 m/s), max rotation rate X (1,05 ± 0,36 rad/s), min rotation rate X (-0,82 ± 0,33 rad/s), max rotation rate Y (2,63 ± 0,96 rad/s), min rotation rate Y (-1,69 ± 0,81 rad/s), max rotation rate Z (1,03 ± 0,33 rad/s), min rotation rate Z (-1,12 ± 0,38 rad/s), max acceleration X (0,77 ± 0,37 m/s²), min acceleration X (-0,91 ± 0,44 m/s²), max acceleration Y (0,53 ± 0,23 m/s²), min acceleration Y (-1,25 ± 0,70 m/s²), max acceleration Z (0,49 ± 0,14 m/s²), min acceleration Z (-0,96 ± 0,34 m/s²).

Conclusions: The only one outcome in 6-min walk the test (total distance in meters), could be complemented with inertial sensor information. This new complement could be interesting in order to understand other dimensions in the 6-min walk or identify changes in function and results in the test after a program to improve physical fitness.

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Fatih province – Geriatric Study: fragility and contributing factors in old population living the community

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Aim: In this abstract, we aimed to investigate fragility prevalence and contributing factors among the old population living in Fatih/Istanbul province.

Material and methods: Age range of 60–101 were taken into the study. The fragility screened with FRAIL-questionnaire, functional capacity measurement with KATZ-Activities-of-Daily-Living-Scale(ADL) and LAWTON-BRODY-Instrumental Activities-of-Daily Living Scale (IADL), quality of life measurement with EQ5D-questionnaire, cognitive status with Mini-Cog-test, depression with GDS-SF, malnutrition with MNA-SF, balance and gait with Romberg-test and postural-instability-test, were evaluated accordingly. We measured muscle mass with bioimpedance analysis (TANITA-BC532). We evaluated muscle mass using Baumgartner index (skeletal muscle kg/length²). According to our, low muscle mass (young adult average-2SD) and muscle threshold values national data, low muscle mass values are <9.2 kg/m² vs 7.4 kg/m²; <32 kg vs <22 kg in men and women respectively. We defined sarcopenia as decrease in sarcopenic muscle mass and muscle function (muscle strength/OYH) as stated in EWGSOP definition. Obesity diagnosis is evaluated using two alternative method advised in literature: fat percentage ≥60 percentile among old case population values (Zoico methodology) or BMI ≥30 kg/m² (WHO definition).

Findings: We included 204 old cases (94 male-110 female). Average age: 75,4 ± 7,3 years. 30.4% of the cases were normal, 42.6% were pre-frail and 27% were frail. There significant differences in these groups in terms of age/number of diseases/drugs/hand grip strength/daily life activities/EGYA/cognitive state/SÇT (p = 0.001) /MNA/ GDS/Eq-5D score and health state subjective scoring (p < 0.001); BMI (p = 0.032), OYH (p = 0.03), BIA-fat (p = 0.021) and muscle mass (p = 0.019). On the other hand, there were no significant differences in calf diameter (p = 0.25, visceral fat level (p = 0.71). While there were significant differences between the fragility groups, in terms of presence of malnutrition/fear of falling/UI/chronic pain/Romberg's sign/postural instability/ambulation level/presence of depression (p < 0.001)/dementia (p = 0.001)/falling in past year (p = 0.011) and sex (p = 0.004), there were no significant differences in presence of diabetes (p = 0.90), hypertension (p = 0.065, fecal incontinence (p = 0.10). In regression analysis, independent factors to fragility were (dependent variable fragility (robust vs prefrail + frail), independent variables: age, sex, disease and drug number, muscle strength, egypt and EQ-5D scores; cognitive dysfunction-depression, MN, falls, presence of chronic pain) drug number (OR = 1.24, p = 0.036), cognitive dysfunction (OR = 0.3, p = 0.016), EQ-5D (OR = 1.53, p = 0.017).

Results: Our study is a strong study in multiple factors are taken into account regarding fragility. Our results indicate that multiple drug usage, cognitive-dysfunction and low-life-quality perception are related major factors regarding fragility.

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Comprehensively preventive approach against multi-dimensional frailty in the elderly: impact of social engagement

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Introduction: Frailty is accelerated by sarcopenia, age-related muscle loss, and is largely overlapping geriatric conditions upstream of the disabling cascade. These multi-dimensional frailty are affected from