



ACTIVE PASSIVE TRAINER

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# CEREBROVASCULAR ACCIDENT

The **Active Passive Trainer (APT)** is a family of unique exercise rehabilitation trainers for upper or lower limbs. The **APT** offers benefits that rehabilitation professionals expect from a medical device that is quality engineered and FDA and CE registered. The **APT** is commonly used in physiotherapy clinics in the USA and around the world and over the years, multiple clinical studies have confirmed the benefits of the trainer.

The wide range of exercise options makes the **APT** suitable for use by healthy and independent senior citizen for the maintenance of fitness and physical well-being. It is also designed for the physically impaired, as part of a planned rehabilitation program and as a supplement to physiotherapy.

The **APT** combines both passive and active exercise by using physical effort in conjunction with the electrical operation of the motor. Offering a wide range of advanced features, the **APT** trainer helps passive users recovering from injury, suffering from muscle atrophy or confined to a wheelchair, maintain muscle tone and improve blood circulation and stamina. The trainer also challenges active users with five levels of resistance for active exercising. This makes the trainer extremely helpful for movement rehabilitation, improving strength, stamina and fitness.

**APT** Trainers are now available for home use so patients can continue rehabilitation, without having to leave home.

# APT Rehabilitation Trainers

## TOTAL WORKOUT FOR ARMS AND LEGS

### INCREASES RANGE OF MOTION

The **APT** trainer allows the performance of repetitive movements of the upper and lower extremities. Using the Passive and Passive Assist modes allows to moderately increase the passive range of motion of the major joints. Once obtained, a novel range of motion should be followed by Active Mode training for muscle conditioning.

### REDUCES SPASMS

The **APT** trainer Passive and Passive Assist modes facilitate slow and controlled rhythmic movements of the extremities. Users with increased muscle tone due to neurological conditions may benefit from using these modes. If needed, accessories providing additional support for the limbs may be added. Furthermore, increased muscle tone during movement may be a result of weakness, therefore training with the Passive Assist and Active mode may increase muscle strength and reduce the demanded effort performing movements.



### IMPROVES WALKING CAPABILITIES

Training with the **APT** helps to improve walking distance and speed. This improvement is achieved mainly by improving the aerobic capacity of the circulatory and respiratory systems, along with increasing the major muscles' resistance to fatigue.

### INCREASES MUSCLE STRENGTH

The **APT** trainer enables muscle strength training by concentrically flexing and extending the main joints of the extremities, using five distinct levels of resistance. Additionally, trunk muscle strength and postural control can improve while sitting unsupported.



# APT Trainers for Arms and Legs



## CLINICAL APPLICATIONS

- Parkinson's disease (PD)
- Spinal cord injury (SCI)
- Elderly / geriatric
- Orthopedic pathologies
- Multiple sclerosis (MS)
- Post-polio syndrome
- Post-cardiac rehabilitation
- Post-operative therapy
- Spina bifida
- Cerebrovascular accident (CVA)
- Cerebral palsy (CP)
- Myopathies
- Congenital muscular dystrophy



## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Five speeds for passive exercising
- Five levels of resistance for active exercising
- Auto reverse enables the reduction of a sudden increase in muscle tone (spasticity)
- Adjustable radius of movement of hand grips or footrests
- Upper or lower limbs training
- Improve blood circulation, muscle tone and range of motion
- Improve strength and endurance
- Activate rhythmical locomotion patterns
- Decrease atrophy, spasms and swelling
- Motor Learning
- Easily interchangeable accessories

## GROW & TELL APP

When you use the **APT** Trainer as part of a physiotherapy program, you will want to share your progress with your healthcare providers. The Grow & Tell App lets you grow in your abilities and to share your progress with others.

Install the app on your smart TV, tablet or smartphone to start tracking and sharing your progress.



# APT Trainer Utilization for Stroke Rehabilitation

Stroke survivors often suffer from poor health, physical, and cognitive impairments. Consequently, this impacts participation in social interactions and activities of daily living. Furthermore, it increases the risk of falling, recurrent stroke, joint contractures, and other complications.<sup>1</sup> A significant difficulty stroke survivors often face is elevated energy costs from walking, twice as much as healthy people. This cost might be a key factor contributing to a sedentary lifestyle, especially in physically deconditioned older patients.<sup>2</sup>

Aerobic and strength training exercises are crucial for treating these health issues during all stages of recovery and considered safe as treatment approaches.<sup>2,3</sup> Stroke survivors vary in their level of participation in physical activities and may have a hard time exercising due to various clinical features. However, most stroke survivors may benefit from tailored movements and exercises adjusted to their capabilities. There is robust evidence suggesting that exercise after a stroke can improve cardiovascular fitness, walking speed and distance. Additionally, it can also improve cognition, mental health, muscle strength and limb function, without increasing pathologic muscle tone (spasticity).<sup>3-8</sup>

The **Active-Passive Trainer (APT)** trainer enables the performance of repetitive cycling movements

of the upper and lower extremities. This form of exercise is recommended by the American Stroke Association and other professional organizations<sup>2,3</sup>

The APT trainer has three different action modes: self-generated (Active Mode), motorically assisted (Passive Mode) or fully motorized movement (Passive Mode). Additionally, it provides five different resistance levels and can be utilized in various positions such as recumbent, semi-recumbent, sitting, and standing. If needed, accessories providing additional support for the limbs can be added. These features make the APT trainer suitable for aerobic and strength training for stroke survivors through early to post-rehabilitation stages.

Furthermore, it might deliver a decrease in spasticity and increase major joints' range of motion.<sup>9,10</sup>

## **AEROBIC TRAINING RECOMMENDATION\*, 3-5 DAYS PER WEEK**

1. Start with five minutes of low-intensity cycling.
2. Cycle for 20-60 minutes or multiple 10 minutes sessions, at light-moderate intensity (11-14 on the Borg RPE\*\*).
3. Finish with five minutes of low-intensity cycling.

**\*Please consult physician or physical therapist before training.**

**\*\*[www.physio-pedia.com/Borg\\_Rating\\_Of\\_Perceived\\_Exertion](http://www.physio-pedia.com/Borg_Rating_Of_Perceived_Exertion)**



## **FOR HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS**

Aerobic exercise recommendation according to the American Stroke Association: 3-5 days per week for 20 minutes per day. Intensity of 40-70% of maximum oxygen consumption (VO<sub>2</sub>max), 40-70% of the heart rate reserve (HRR), 50-80% of the maximum heart rate (HRmax) and a Borg RPE (rate of perceived exertion) score of 11-14.<sup>2</sup>

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# Clinical Research

Tzora has been building rehabilitation trainers for the past 25 years. We design our devices to improve the lives of users. Multiple clinical studies have been completed on patients using the features offered by **APT Trainers**.

Below is a sampling of some of the clinical studies that you can read at [www.tele-apt.com](http://www.tele-apt.com).

## **CLINICAL BENEFITS OF USING PASSIVE LEG CYCLING FOR PEOPLE WITH SPINAL CORD INJURIES (SCI)**

### **– CLINICAL STUDIES**

- Impact of Passive Leg Cycling in Persons with Spinal Cord Injury: A Systematic Review
- The Effect of Electrical Passive Cycling on Spasticity in War Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury
- The Effect of Passive Cycling Movements on Spasticity After Spinal Cord Injury: Preliminary Results
- Updated SA Spinal Cord Injury Service SubAcute Model of Care 30 Nov 2016

## **CLINICAL BENEFITS OF USING PASSIVE LEG CYCLING FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

### **(MS) – CLINICAL STUDIES**

- The Effect of Cycling Using Active-Passive Trainers on Spasticity, Cardiovascular Fitness, Function and Quality of Life in People with Moderate to Severe Multiple Sclerosis (MS); a Feasibility Study
- The Effects of Therapy on Spasticity Utilizing a Motorized Exercise-Cycle
- Cycling Progressive Resistance Training for People with Multiple Sclerosis: a Randomized Controlled Study
- Exercise Prescription for Patients with Multiple Sclerosis; Potential Benefits and Practical Recommendations

## **FUNCTIONAL RECOVERY AND WALKING ABILITY OF LOWER EXTREMITY IN PATIENTS WITH STROKE**

- Effect of Biofeedback Cycling Training on Functional Recovery And Walking Ability of Lower Extremity in Patients with Stroke
- Acute Bouts of Assisted Cycling Therapy for People with Chronic Stroke-Related Deficits
- Effects of Passive Exercise Training in Hemiplegic Stroke Patients. A Mini-Review

## **FRACTURES INVOLVING KNEE JOINTS**

- Knee Joint Replacement Surgery Post-Operative Exercise Program

### **THE EFFECT OF EXERCISE DURING HEMODIALYSIS**

- The Effects of Passive and Active Intradialytic Pedaling Exercises on Dialysis Efficacy, Electrolytes, Hemoglobin, Hematocrit, Blood Pressure and Health-Related Quality of Life in Hemodialysis Patients

### **CLINICAL BENEFITS OF USING LEG CYCLING FOR PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE (PD) – CLINICAL STUDIES**

- Active Assistive Forced Exercise Provides Long-Term Improvement to Gait Velocity and Stride Length in Patients Bilaterally Affected by Parkinson's Disease
- A 12-Week Cycling Training Regimen Improves Gait and Executive Functions Concomitantly in People with Parkinson's Disease
- An 8-Week Low-Intensity Progressive Cycling Training Improves Motor Functions in Patients with Early-Stage Parkinson's Disease

### **CLINICAL BENEFITS OF USING ACTIVE PASSIVE CYCLING FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY – CLINICAL STUDIES**

- Pediatric Endurance and Limb Strengthening (PEDALS) for Children with Cerebral Palsy using Stationary Cycling: A Randomized Controlled Trial
- Task-Specific and Functional Effects of Speed-Focused Elliptical or Motor-Assisted Cycle Training in Children with Bilateral Cerebral Palsy: Randomized Clinical Trial
- The Pedals Stationary Cycling Intervention and Health-Related Quality of Life In Children with Cerebral Palsy: A Randomized Controlled Trial
- Characteristics of Lower Leg Muscle Activity in Patients with Cerebral Palsy during Cycling on an Ergometer
- Method of Analyzing the Performance of Self-Paced and Engine Induced Cycling In Children with Cerebral Palsy

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