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13 **1.1 Trial Protocol**

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STUDY SYNOPSIS

Title:	Cancer And Physical ACTivity (CAPACITY) trial: A randomised control trial of exercise and self-management for people with lung cancer
Short Title:	CAPACITY trial
Design:	Assessor blinded, two-arm superiority randomised controlled trial
Study Centres:	Royal Melbourne Hospital St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Austin Hospital
Hospital:	Royal Melbourne Hospital St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Austin Hospital
Study Question:	What is the benefit of an exercise and education self-management program for people undergoing surgery for lung cancer?
Primary Objectives:	In comparison to usual care (no exercise intervention) this study aims to: 1: Test the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on physical function at 3 months post-operatively in patients with operable lung cancer. Hypothesis 1: The self-management program compared with usual care will improve physical function at three months after surgery.
Secondary Objectives	In comparison to usual care (no exercise intervention) this study aims to: 2: Test the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on physical activity, muscle strength and function, health-related quality of life (HRQoL), sleep and symptoms in patients with operable lung cancer at three, six and 12 months after surgery. Hypothesis 2: The self-management program compared with usual care will improve physical activity, muscle strength and function, health-related quality of life (HRQoL), sleep and symptoms in patients with operable lung cancer at three, six and 12 months after surgery. 3: Test the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on health care resource usage and

	financial burden for patients with operable lung cancer at 12 months after surgery. Hypothesis 3: The self-management program compared with usual care will reduce health care resource usage (including hospitalisations, length of stay and intensive care admissions) in the first 12 months after surgery and reduce financial burden for patients.
Inclusion Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adults, aged 18 years or over - Able to provide consent - Planned to receive surgical treatment for non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) - Expected to be alive > 6 months - Surgeon or physician approval - Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status of 0-2 at study entry - Not currently meeting the physical activity guidelines (150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity per week)
Exclusion Criteria:	<p>Participants will be excluded if they meet any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-English speaking (insufficient English language skills to complete the questionnaires) - Metastatic disease (stage IV lung cancer) - Acute uncontrolled cardiovascular or respiratory issues - Decompensated heart failure, severe aortic stenosis, uncontrolled arrhythmia, or acute coronary syndrome - Non-ambulant (for example: amputee, spinal cord injury, wheel-chair bound) - ECOG performance status of 3 or 4 at study entry - Cognitive impairment (determined as not being able to provide consent for surgery)
Number of Planned Subjects:	112
Intervention:	<p>Participants in both arms will receive usual medical, nursing and allied health care. Usual physiotherapy care does not routinely involve assessment or treatment pre-operatively or after discharge from the acute hospital stay.</p> <p>In addition to usual care, participants in the intervention arm will receive an exercise and education self-management program. The program consists of two appointments with physiotherapists (prior to hospital discharge post surgery). This includes 1) assessing patient's readiness for physical activity (PA) behavioural change, goals, confidence; 2) verbal education for patient/carer/family about PA; 3) provision of resources to support PA (activity monitor – Garmin watch, exercise diary, pamphlets); 4) setting personalized PA goals and a home program; and 5) identifying barriers/enablers to</p>

	<p>achieve PA goals. Additionally, the patient will receive weekly phone calls to promote adherence to PA goals, discuss barriers/issues and progress exercise. The intervention is designed to be equitable and inclusive of rural patients- appointments are timed with surgical consults and additional intervention is phone-based. The intervention continues until 3 months post-surgery.</p>
Safety considerations:	<p>The tests and exercise program to be applied in this trial are unlikely to cause physical and/or psychological distress. The assessments will be performed by a trained physiotherapist. Participants may find the walking and functional tests and the exercise program tiring as these are types of physical activity. Participants will be provided a rest between these tests. If a participant reports an injury associated with exercise at home they will be referred to their general practitioner for review.</p>
Statistical Methods:	<p>The randomisation list will be devised by the independent statistician and carried out through a central telephone service to ensure allocation concealment. Following consent and assessment, participants are randomised 1:1 (intervention or usual care).</p> <p>All data analyses will be undertaken on an intention-to-treat approach. We expect missing data will be missing completely at random (MCAR) so missing data will be ignored unless otherwise specified. For the primary analysis, the distribution of mean change in EORTC QLQ-C30 physical function domain from baseline to 3 months will be compared between the two arms (intervention and usual care) using a Wilcoxon rank sum test.</p>
Subgroups:	<p>Sub-group analyses will be conducted between participants who receive post-operative chemotherapy and or radiotherapy and participants who do not receive any post-operative chemotherapy or radiotherapy, as these groups have a different recovery path following surgery and may respond differently to the exercise intervention.</p>

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1. GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

Abbreviation	Description
COST	COmprehensive Score for financial Toxicity
ECOG	Eastern Cooperate Oncology Group
EORTC QLQ C30 and LC13	European Organisation for the Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire and Lung Cancer Module
HADS	Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale
HRQoL	Health-Related Quality of Life
IPAQ	International Physical Activity Questionnaire
NSCLC	Non-small Cell Lung Cancer
PA	Physical Activity
PASE	Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly
RMH	Royal Melbourne Hospital
SPPB	Short Physical Performance Battery
QALYs	Quality adjusted life years
6MWD	Six Minute Walk Distance

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2. STUDY SITE

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2.1 STUDY LOCATION

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146 **3. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

147 **3.1 LAY SUMMARY**

148 The majority of people with operable lung cancer now survive yet they suffer significant
149 physical hardship. New models of care are required to minimise morbidity for this large
150 and vulnerable group. This project will test the benefit of an exercise and education self-
151 management program, compared to usual care, for people undergoing surgery for lung
152 cancer to improve their physical function and functional recovery. The project will involve
153 112 people undergoing surgery for lung cancer in Victoria, Australia. Participants will be
154 randomised before surgery to either the intervention arm (exercise and education self-
155 management program) or the usual care (no exercise program) arm. Participants in both
156 arms will receive usual medical, nursing and allied health care. In addition to usual care,
157 participants in the intervention arm will receive an exercise and education self-
158 management program. The program consists of two appointments with a physiotherapist
159 (before hospital discharge post-operatively). Additionally, the patient will receive weekly
160 phone calls up to 12 weeks after surgery to promote adherence to physical activity goals,
161 discuss barriers/issues with their exercise and progress their exercise program. The
162 intervention is designed to be equitable and inclusive of rural patients, as measurement
163 and intervention appointments are timed with surgical consults and additional intervention
164 is phone-based. Participants in both arms will undergo a battery of tests with a blinded
165 assessor including measurement of physical function, quality of life and physical activity at
166 before surgery, at hospital discharge, and at 12 weeks, 6 months and 12 months post-
167 surgery. We will also follow up to look at health care resource usage (including hospital
168 length of stay and hospital readmission) and the cost effectiveness of the intervention over
169 12 months from surgery. This study will provide important information on the benefit of an
170 exercise based intervention for people with lung cancer.

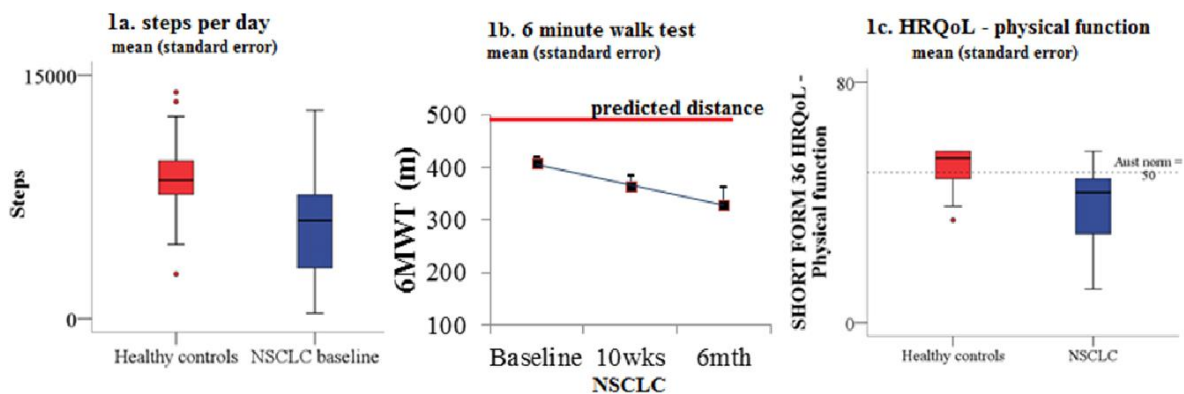
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172 **3.2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

173 Lung cancer significantly impacts on the health and wellbeing of Australians, the
174 community and the healthcare system [1, 2]. The majority of people with operable lung
175 cancer now survive (stage I-II five year survival is 38 to 76%) [3], however the burden on
176 the patient (activity limitations, participation restrictions and diminished health-related
177 quality of life [HRQoL]) and healthcare system (high hospital utilization) is high [1, 2, 4].
178 There is a need for improved models of care [5]. Our vision through the generation of high
179 quality research is to improve the quality of survival of people with lung cancer through
180 feasibly and sustainably implementing exercise into the model of care.

181 Physical inactivity is a global pandemic [6]. There are strong well-established evidence-
182 based guidelines regarding the amount of physical activity (PA) that people with cancer
183 should undertake [7-9]. The PA guidelines state that individuals with cancer should
184 engage in 30 minutes of moderate intensity PA on five or more days of the week [8].
185 These guidelines are supported by a strong evidence base demonstrating that increased
186 levels of PA in cancer are associated improved physical function, fitness, HRQoL and
187 lower levels of symptoms and depression [10]. In breast and colon cancer, increased PA
188 is also associated improved survival [11, 12]. Exercise is an inexpensive, safe, simple and
189 powerful treatment in cancer. However the evidence has not translated into clinical
190 practice and patients are not therefore currently receiving best-practice [5]. Our research
191 program targets this evidence-practice translation gap.

192 **In part I of our research program** we led the first study to measure PA levels of people
 193 with lung cancer in Australia (Dr Granger's PhD project; study funded by 2010 Victorian
 194 Cancer Agency Palliative/Supportive Care Capacity Building Grant) [4, 13]. Including 50
 195 patients with stage I-IIIB non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) from Royal Melbourne
 196 Hospital (RMH), Peter MacCallum and Austin Hospital, and 35 aged-matched healthy
 197 controls, we found people with lung cancer have low PA levels (33% fewer steps/day than
 198 healthy-controls at diagnosis) and suffer detrimental functional decline (measured by the
 199 six minute walk distance 6MWD) over first 6-months post-surgery (Figure 1) [4, 13]. Only
 200 40% of patients met PA guidelines at diagnosis, 26% during treatment and 31% at 6
 201 months. Patients who were more active had better HRQoL, physical function and fitness,
 202 and less depression and symptoms [4, 13].



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 204 Figure 1: Low PA levels (1a) and poor HRQoL (1c) compared to aged matched healthy
 205 controls; and decline in functional capacity over 6 months from diagnosis (1b)[4, 13]

206 Importantly, only 8% of patients had access to exercise treatment in the first 6 months
 207 after diagnosis [4, 13]: this is a significant issue and will not change without changes to
 208 the model of care. Current outpatient exercise programs/services (i.e. pulmonary
 209 rehabilitation) are at full capacity with waiting lists and expansion of their inclusion criteria
 210 beyond respiratory diseases [14] to cancer is not possible. An alternative, cost-effective,
 211 low-resource and feasible model is required to effectively and sustainably implement
 212 exercise into cancer care to improve patient outcomes. We developed a new model and
 213 investigated the feasibility of its implementation (PART II) in 2014 as described below.

214 **In part II of our research program** (Dr Granger funded by 2013 NHMRC/Cancer
 215 Australia Translating Research Into Practice Fellowship) we piloted a new model, which
 216 included an exercise and education self-management program for patients before and
 217 after surgery for lung cancer [15]. The pilot (n=42 patients, RMH 2014 - 2015)
 218 demonstrated high feasibility (88% consent rate), safety (no adverse events), inclusion of
 219 rural patients, high patient satisfaction (mean 9.8/10 global satisfaction score) and was
 220 associated with trends of efficacy including improved global HRQoL (European
 221 Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer EORTC-QLQ-C30 questionnaire
 222 mean difference +21.4, 95%CI 7.9–35.0, p=0.005) and maintained PA levels (p=0.416)
 223 from pre-operatively to 6-months post-surgery. Patient's confidence to exercise increased
 224 from 5.4/10 to 9.2/10. As part of this research we also investigated barriers and facilitators
 225 to implementation of exercise using quantitative and qualitative methodology with 17
 226 multi-disciplinary clinicians and 8 consumers, and a systematic review (including 1074
 227 patients, 23 carers and 169 clinicians) [16, 17] - these results informed the current RCT
 228 proposal for Part III.

229 **For part III of our research program we are now** conducting a world first clinical trial to
230 evaluate this exercise and education self-management program. The current trial is
231 funded by the Victorian Cancer Agency via a Clinical Research Fellowship for Dr Granger
232 (2017 - 2023) and a Cancer Council Victoria grant in aid.

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234 **4. STUDY OBJECTIVES**

235 **4.1 STUDY AIMS AND HYPOTHESES**

236 In comparison to usual care (no exercise intervention) this study aims to:

237 1. Test the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on
238 physical function at 3 months post-operative in patients with operable lung cancer.
239 Hypothesis 1: The self-management program compared with usual care will
240 improve physical function at three months after surgery.

241 2. Test the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on
242 physical function, physical activity (levels and self-efficacy), muscle strength and
243 function, health-related quality of life (HRQoL), sleep and symptoms in patients
244 with operable lung cancer. Hypothesis 2: The self-management program
245 compared with usual care will improve physical function, physical activity (levels
246 and self-efficacy), muscle strength and function, health-related quality of life
247 (HRQoL), sleep and symptoms in patients with operable lung cancer at three, six
248 and 12 months after surgery.

249 3. Test the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on health
250 care resource usage and financial burden for patients with operable lung cancer at
251 12 months after surgery. Hypothesis 3: The self-management program compared
252 with usual care will reduce health care resource usage (including hospitalisations,
253 length of stay and intensive care admissions) in the first 12 months after surgery
254 and reduce financial burden for patients.

255 4. Exploratory aim: to explore the cost effectiveness of a self-management program
256 (exercise and education) for patients with operable lung cancer. Hypothesis 4: The
257 self-management program will be cost-effective compared to current standard
258 treatment in patients with operable lung cancer at 12 months after surgery.

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260 **4.2 OUTCOME MEASURES**

261 Outcomes will be evaluated at the following five time points: prior to surgery, prior to
262 hospital discharge post-operatively, and 12 weeks, 6 months and 12 months post-
263 operatively. Please refer to Figure 2 for the time schedule for each test (not all tests are
264 completed at every time point). This testing will take up to 90 minutes per testing session.

265 The primary outcome is physical function measured by physical function domain of the
266 European Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer questionnaire (EORTC
267 QLQ C3) [18] (primary endpoint). We are also measuring physical function using two
268 objective tests: the 6 minute walk distance [19-21] and the Short Physical Performance
269 Battery (SPPB) [22] although these are secondary end points. The study is powered for

270 the primary outcome measure of physical function domain of the EORTC QLQ C30 not
271 the secondary outcomes.

272 The EORTC is a self-reported questionnaire that assesses HRQoL over the past week.
273 The 30 item core questionnaire includes nine multi-item scales comprised of five
274 functional scales (physical, role, emotional, cognitive and social functioning), three
275 symptom scales (pain, fatigue and nausea/vomiting) and a global health status/quality of
276 life scale and six single-item scales (appetite loss, dyspnoea, diarrhea, constipation,
277 insomnia and financial impact [18]. The 13 item LC13 supplementary module includes
278 multi and single items scales measuring symptoms and treatment side-effects specific to
279 lung cancer [23]. Responses to most questions are rated on a four point Likert type scale
280 according to occurrence in the past week (not at all, a little, quite a bit and very much). All
281 domain and single-item raw scores are linearly transformed to a scale of zero to 100 [24].
282 Higher scores on functional domains and global health status/quality of life scale
283 represent higher functioning and higher HRQoL. Lower scores on symptom domains and
284 single-items represent less symptoms [18, 24]. The EORTC-QLQ-C30 core questionnaire
285 has strong test-retest reliability for the physical function domain ($r=0.91$) [25] and is
286 responsive to change from pre-treatment to during-cancer treatment [18, 23].

287 The 6 Minute Walk Distance (6MWD) is a commonly used and validated surrogate
288 measure of submaximal exercise tolerance, with high clinical utility [26]. Participants are
289 asked to walk up and down a 25 – 30m flat straight corridor and cover as much ground as
290 possible in six minutes [21]. Studies have demonstrated a familiarisation effect of the
291 6MWD, with the second 6MWD increasing 9 to 15m during a testing session [27];
292 therefore guidelines recommend the use of two repeated 6MWD [26]. The 6MWD has
293 moderate to strong criterion-concurrent validity against the gold standard measure of
294 functional capacity (cardio-pulmonary exercise testing) ($r = 0.51 - 0.93$) [28-31]. Inter-rater
295 reliability for the 6MWD in chronic lung and cardiac disease is strong (ICC = 0.90 - 0.93)
296 [32-35]. Responsiveness has been demonstrated by multiple studies, with the distance
297 increased in individuals undergoing thoracic surgery or participating in an exercise
298 intervention [31]. We have previously shown that the 6MWD deteriorates by 78m over six
299 months in a usual care cohort (effect size = 0.7) of 90 patients with lung cancer stages I-IV
300 and that ceiling effects occurred in only 3.6% of patients [19]. We have also shown that
301 the minimal important difference in lung cancer is 22 to 42m [19].

302 The Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB) is an objective measure of physical
303 function [22] consists of three tests: 1) Gait speed: participants are instructed to walk a
304 distance of eight feet (2.4 meters) and the average of two trials are used; 2) Standing
305 balance: participants are assessed in three different static positions (side-by-side stand,
306 semi-tandem stand and tandem stand) for 10 seconds each; and 3) Chair rise task:
307 participants are instructed to stand up and sit down five times in a row as quickly as
308 possible. Each individual test is scored on a scale of zero to four points (higher scores are
309 better performance). The three test scores are summated to give an overall SPPB
310 performance score ranging from zero to 12 points. A zero score indicates poor function
311 whilst 12 indicates excellent function. If the participant is unable to physically perform a
312 specific test, a score of zero is assigned. It has been previously reported in the literature
313 that for older adults a score of 10 is considered the cut-off for mobility impairment (i.e.
314 scores <10 = poor mobility) [36].

315 **Secondary outcomes:**

316 The following secondary outcomes will also be assessed.

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319 Objective tests:

320 - *Quadriceps muscle Strength*: Participants will have their isometric peripheral muscle
321 strength measured in bed for quadriceps muscles using the MicroFET hand held
322 dynamometer (which can be used to assess peripheral musculature). This device has
323 been shown to have robust measurement properties (both reliability and validity)
324 against the criterion reference KinCom laboratory based dynamometer [37]. These
325 muscles will be assessed using standardised methodology in a seated position. The
326 highest value achieved among three maximum contractions with a coefficient of
327 variation less than 10% will be recorded.

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329 - *Quadriceps muscle ultrasound Imaging*: Ultrasound imaging will be conducted using
330 Sonosite iViz ultrasound machine with a linear transducer by the blinded assessor
331 physiotherapist. Device settings will be kept constant between participants and
332 across timepoints. The quadriceps will be measured at 2/3 distance from anterior
333 superior iliac spine to superior border of the patella. Muscle ultrasound is
334 inexpensive, and has high reproducibility and reliability [38].

335 - *Physical activity levels*: A movement sensor device will be placed on the participant's
336 wrist or hip (depending on patient preference). The device is small (size of a
337 matchbox) and will be worn for up to one week at each time-point of testing and
338 participants will be given a pre-paid addressed envelope to post the device back to the
339 investigators at the end of the week. This has worked in our previous studies.

340 Questionnaires (please see the appendix for a copy of the questionnaires):

341 - *Physical activity levels*: Physical activity will be measured using the International
342 Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ) [39] and the Physical Activity Scale for the
343 Elderly (PASE) (Washburn 1999; Washburn 2000; Schuit 1997). There is significant
344 controversy within the literature as to the most suitable questionnaire to assess
345 physical activity and therefore to allow us to compare our results with the
346 recommended guidelines, normative Australian and international data and previous
347 studies we need to use both questionnaires. Participants will be informed that whilst
348 there is some overlap in the questions, it is important to try to complete all questions.

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350 - *Self-efficacy questionnaires*: measured with the barriers, task and walking self-efficacy
351 scales [40, 41] which have been used in cancer exercise trials before and were
352 specifically designed to evaluate self-efficacy of people with cancer.

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354 - *Sleep*: measured with the 8-item Sleep Disturbance – Short Form 8b, a valid measure
355 of sleep disturbance [42].

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357 - *Fatigue*: measured with the Brief Fatigue Inventory [43]. This tool assesses the
358 severity of fatigue and the impact of fatigue on daily function in patients with cancer,
359 and asks about fatigue over the past 24 hours [43].

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361 - *Mood*: measured with the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS) [44, 45].
362 The HADS is a tool for identification of depression, anxiety and distress [44, 46, 47].

363 Distress will be recorded using the Distress Thermometer, a modified 11 point visual
364 analogous scale, which asks the participant to rate the distress they have been
365 experiencing over the previous seven days from zero (no distress) to 10 (extreme
366 distress) [48].

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368 - *Financial toxicity*: measured with the COmprehensive Score for financial Toxicity
369 (COST) questionnaire specifically developed and validated to measure financial risk
370 for patients with cancer [49, 50].

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372 - *Return to work*: measured with the Employment questionnaire [51]. This is a newly
373 developed questionnaire by our colleagues studying intensive care rehabilitation in the
374 USA [51]. We have adapted this to refer to lung cancer instead of intensive care as a
375 means to collect these data.

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377 - *Economic analyses*: using the European Quality of Life EQ-5D-5L [52]. This 5-item
378 questionnaire is a commonly used measure of HRQoL that can be used to calculate
379 QALYs (quality adjusted life years) for health economic analysis. For example, we can
380 calculate an incremental cost-effectiveness ratio which will inform dollars per QALY
381 gained as a result of the intervention. This is a useful metric that will allow
382 comparisons with other interventions.

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384 Demographic and medical data will be obtained. This includes age, sex, residential post-
385 code, type of cancer, type of cancer treatment, smoking history, body mass index,
386 respiratory function, social situation, pre-morbid mobility and comorbidities. Comorbidities
387 will be scored with the simplified Colinet comorbidity score. The surgical procedures,
388 complications and hospital length of stay will be recorded. All hospitalisations including
389 costs over a 12-month period will be obtained from routinely collected hospital
390 administrative data. All costs which are relevant to the implementation and delivery of the
391 service will be identified, measured and valued accordingly. This includes the cost to
392 coordinate the project (e.g. project manager), number of staff (and staff time) involved in
393 planning and supporting the intervention (this may include training and service delivery).
394 Participants will be followed up for survival for five years after diagnosis.

395
396 Participants in the intervention group will be asked to complete a survey before and after
397 the intervention program to gather their views on the program and ongoing barriers and
398 enablers to continued exercise following conclusion of the intervention (please see
399 Appendix).

400
401 A random sample of 15 (minimum) to 20 (maximum) participants in the intervention group
402 will also be asked to participate in a semi-structured interview to further explore their
403 views on the actual program at 3 months post-operatively. The interview will be conducted
404 at a time agreed upon with the patient, using video-conferencing (preferred option), in
405 person (other preferred option) or over the phone (least preferred option) by a
406 physiotherapist member of the research team who was not their treating physiotherapist
407 and did not provide the intervention program to them.

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409 For the video-conferencing option: these will be conducted via Zoom videoconferencing
410 software hosted by The University of Melbourne. Video interviews are preferred over
411 phone interviews due to their ability to facilitate increased rapport between the participant
412 and the interviewer, as well as allowing the interviewer to obtain more accurate field
413 notes. Zoom interview meetings will be password protected, with participants unable to

414 enter the virtual meeting until being 'admitted' from the virtual waiting room by the
415 researcher as a second-line security measure. Interview sessions will be manually 'locked'
416 by the researcher, meaning no other participants will be able to enter after the session
417 commences (although interviews will not be scheduled immediately before or after
418 another participant). Participants will be informed of the intent to audio and video record
419 the interview at the time of scheduling and asked for their specific consent to record at the
420 commencement of the interview (as per our original protocol). Participants who decline to
421 be video recorded will be guided by the researcher to turn off their camera during the
422 Zoom interview. Zoom interviews will be both audio and video-recorded via the Zoom
423 application. Telephone interviews will be utilised as a back-up in the event of connection
424 breakdown. To account for the possibility of software failure, back-up audio-only
425 recordings will be taken on an external audio recording device and deleted once the Zoom
426 recording is confirmed to have saved correctly. The rationale for obtaining video recordings
427 is to facilitate the researcher to be able to expand upon field notes after the interview
428 concludes, ensuring their accuracy and detail. This will allow one sole researcher to
429 complete the interviews and not rely on a second researcher to be present. All video and
430 audio recordings will be immediately saved onto the RMH server on a locked folder only
431 accessible to the research team.

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433 The interview will be conducted in a semi-structured open format. The interview will be
434 recorded and transcribed at a later date. Transcriptions will be checked by a second
435 researcher. Participants will be emailed or posted (depending on their preference) a
436 summary of the analysis and asked to determine if the interpretation is consistent with
437 their perspective. Participants who perform the interview in person or via video-
438 conferencing will be asked if the interview can be videoed. With their specific consent this
439 will be performed. The rationale for this is if the intervention is effective for implementation
440 into practice. Video clips could be used for 1) "advertising" the program to patients in the
441 future who have been told they need surgery to help motivate them and encourage them
442 to think positively about life after the surgery. This would be a new approach to patient
443 information and preparation pre-surgery; 2) provide excellent material for presenting at
444 conferences and encouraging other clinicians to take up/implement the intervention if
445 shown to be effective; 3) would be great for consumer advocacy and information in terms
446 of what to ask for should they be diagnosed with a need surgery for lung cancer; and 4)
447 great for inclusion as novel teaching resource across VCCC clinical partners. The
448 qualitative aspect of this trial is overseen by Prof Mei Krishnasamy who has extensive
449 experience in patient outcomes and qualitative research in cancer.

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453 **5. STUDY DESIGN**

454 **5.1 STUDY TYPE & DESIGN & SCHEDULE**

455 This is an assessor blinded, two-arm superiority randomised controlled trial. This will be
456 conducted in at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, St.
457 Vincent's Private Hospital (Fitzroy) and Austin Hospital. 112 participants will be included in
458 this study. The trial will be reported according to the CONSORT Statement extension for
459 non-drug interventions. Following ethical approval, the trial will be registered on
460 clinicaltrials.gov and the protocol and statistical plan will be published.

461 Participants will also be asked to participate in five testing sessions across the 12 month
462 period with the first testing session just prior to surgery and subsequent sessions

463 scheduled: before hospital discharge, and at 3 months, 6 months and 12 months post
 464 surgery. Each testing session is anticipated to take a maximum of 90 minutes in total.
 465 Assessments will occur in the outpatient physiotherapy, thoracic surgery or respiratory
 466 medicine departments, however for participants unable to travel/drive to attend or those
 467 who prefer not to attend the hospital the hospital for follow-up appointments, will be
 468 offered a home visit assessment if they live within a feasible distance of the hospital.

469 Home Visit Procedure and Contingency Plan:

470 If a patient is unable or prefers not to attend the hospital for follow up assessments they
 471 may be offered a home visit assessment. Home visits will be conducted in line with
 472 policies and procedures of the relevant hospital. At Royal Melbourne Hospital, this
 473 assessment will be conducted in line with the Melbourne Health Home Visit Screen and
 474 Assessment Policy (Number: MH15.22, expiry date 27 Nov 2017). As per the policy
 475 guidelines no home visit will occur until a Risk Assessment Plan has occurred
 476 (Occupational Health and Safety Home Visit Risk Assessment Form OP/IP 18/NWMH
 477 Risk Assessment and Plan form) and it has been deemed safe for the home visit to occur.
 478 This form will also be filed with medical records. This will occur at each time that the
 479 patient requires a home visit. Any incidents or potential hazards that are identified will be
 480 reported on Riskman as per the policy. Assessors performing a home visit will follow the
 481 usual home visit physiotherapy procedures including carrying a mobile phone and calling
 482 in and out (phoning Dr Catherine Granger, or if Dr Granger is performing the home visit
 483 she is to call the Physiotherapy Manager Alana Jacob) before and after the home visit.
 484 We expect home visits to be infrequent as we will try to align the follow up assessments
 485 with existing medical appointments to minimise participant burden. The costs of home
 486 visits for the trial will be recorded.

487 Plan for Data collection and Storage:

488 The information collected will be kept in a potentially re-identifiable format – in case after
 489 submission for manuscript publication the journal requires further patient information from
 490 the medical history. Paper copies of data collection sheets and questionnaires will be
 491 coded and stored in locked filing cabinet stored in a locked office which will only be
 492 accessible by study personnel. At Royal Melbourne Hospital, these forms will be stored in
 493 Dr Granger’s research office in Level 5 Allied Health. Data will also be stored in electronic
 494 format on password-protected computer. Data will be kept for a minimum of five years
 495 after publication and after this time paper copies will be shredded and electronic files
 496 deleted.

497 *Table 1: Outcome measures to be administered across study time points*

Assessment/ Procedure	Screening	Pre-surgery and before randomisation	Post- operatively before hospital discharge	3 months post- operatively	6 months post- operatively	12 months post- operatively
Informed Consent	x					
Demographic and medical information, including surgical procedure		X	X			

EORTC QLQ C30 and L13 questionnaire		X		X*	X	X
Physical function test– 6MWD		X		X	X	X
Physical function test – SPPB		X	X	X	X	X
Muscle strength and function tests		X	X	X	X	X
Physical activity – activity devices, and PA levels questionnaires		X		X	X	X
Self efficacy questionnaires		X		X	X	X
Symptoms, sleep, fatigue, financial burden, return to work and mood questionnaires		X		X	X	X
Intervention satisfaction and knowledge questionnaires (intervention group only)		X		X		
EQ 5D 5L		X		X	X	X
Health care resource usage data over 12 months						X
Pre post surveys (views of program)		X		X		
Interviews with 15-20 participants				X		
Survival follow-up						to 5 years

498 *Primary endpoint

499 **5.2 USUAL CARE AND INTERVENTION**

500 **Usual care (both arms):** Usual medical, nursing and allied health care will be provided to
501 both groups. Usual physiotherapy care does not routinely involve assessment or
502 treatment pre-operatively or after discharge from the acute hospital stay. Physiotherapy in
503 the post-operative period (when patients are in hospital after surgery) follows a clinical
504 pathway as per usual practice. This will be audited via the medical records for the purpose

505 of this study to document the physiotherapy participants in both groups receive. The usual
506 care physiotherapist on the ward will be blinded to group allocation.

507 **Intervention arm:** In addition to usual care, participants randomised to the intervention
508 arm will also receive an exercise and education self-management program as tested in
509 our feasibility study [15]. The intervention implements the best available evidence
510 regarding PA for lung cancer [7, 8, 53]. The intervention components are focused around
511 education, training and enablement from the behavioural change wheel framework [54]
512 and on behavioural change support to address patients' behavioural, emotional,
513 situational and/or cognitive barriers to initiating/sustaining action (exercise) [55, 56]. The
514 program consists of two appointments with physiotherapist (just before hospital discharge
515 post-op) and weekly telephone call support up to 12 weeks post-operatively. The following
516 describes the intervention (which was piloted in our previous study) [15]:

517 1. Post-operative physiotherapy appointment(s). If needed this appointment can be split
518 over two sessions. These sessions are usually delivered while the patient is still in
519 hospital after surgery, but if the patient is discharged home quickly, they can be
520 delivered over the telephone if needed: The first half of the appointment is focused on:

- 521 a. Assessing the patient's current level of PA, fitness, HRQoL and mood
- 522 b. Assessing the patient's readiness for behavioural change regarding PA

523 The focus of the second half of the appointment will be:

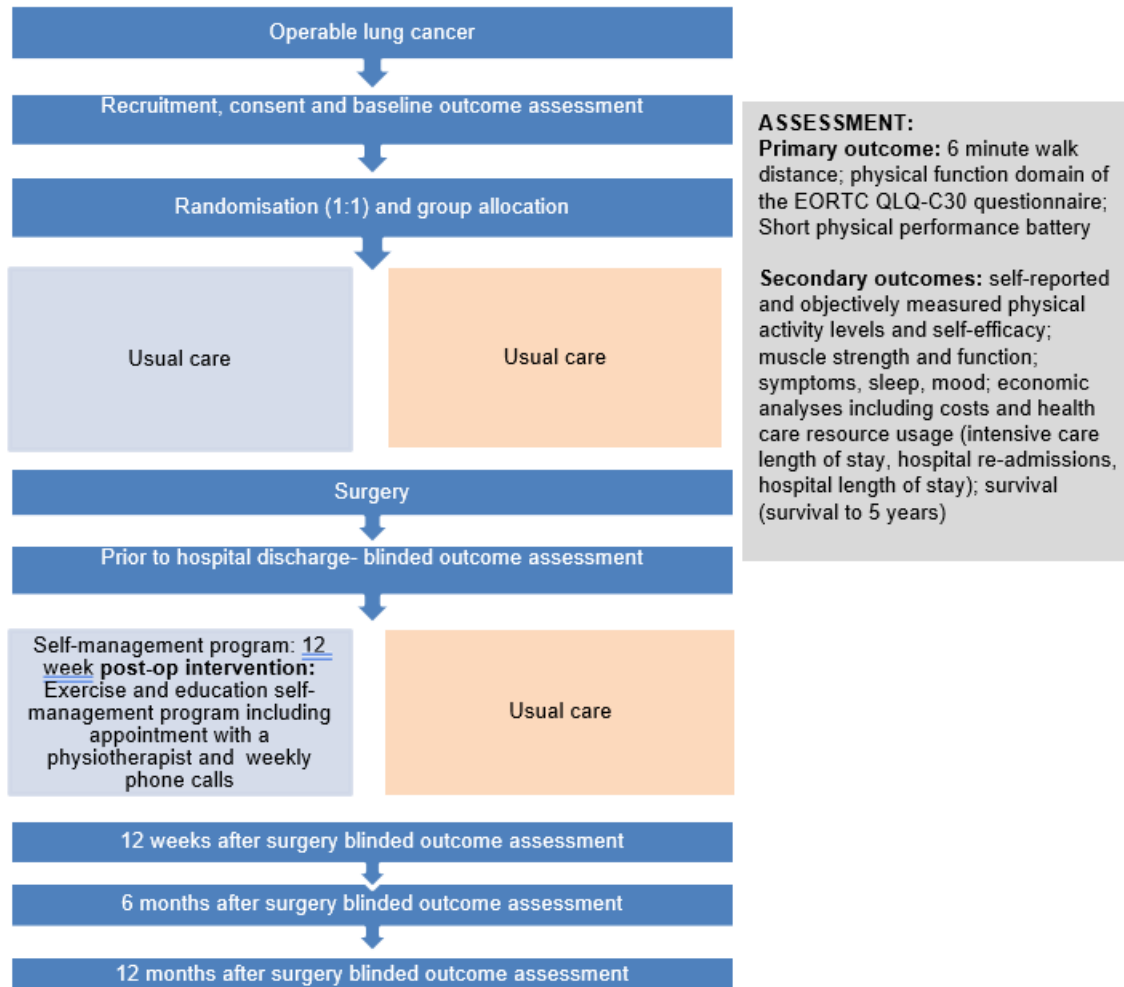
- 524 c. Educating the patient and their carer(s) about PA. Patients will be given access
525 to resources with the information about PA to take home. Participants will also
526 be given a Garmin activity tracker watch to use during the intervention period
527 to self-monitor their physical activity
- 528 d. Working with the patient and their carer to set personalized and individual
529 goals regarding their participation in PA. Patients with lung cancer present with
530 other comorbid disease, including depression and COPD that are unique to
531 this diagnosis. Therefore to improve efficacy a targeted approach to PA is
532 required, that addresses individual goals and PA prescribed from a baseline
533 PA/fitness test for each individual separately.
- 534 e. Identifying barriers and enablers for the patient to be engaged in sufficient PA
535 and brainstorm strategies to overcome these.

536 A focus of the program is Behavioural Change Support. There is growing
537 recognition that provision of treatment education or advice alone is not sufficient to
538 produce significant changes in health behaviour. There are three main groups of
539 processes that are required to support patient behaviour change for adherence to
540 treatment [55]. These are building a strong therapeutic alliance, building or
541 reinforcing motivation and building or reinforcing self-efficacy. The clinical practice
542 model developed from these processes instructs clinicians on how to engage
543 patients in clinical face-to-face and telephone consultations [56]. The model
544 actively addresses individual behavioural, emotional, situational and cognitive
545 barriers to initiating and sustaining action to meet clinical guidelines for PA. A
546 cancer diagnosis may represent "a teachable moment"-a time that survivors are
547 more receptive to health behaviour counselling in PA [57]. Furthermore
548 improvement in PA, symptoms and HRQoL in people with a variety of chronic
549 diseases including lung cancer are reported using these techniques [58 , 59].

550 2. Weekly follow-up phone calls from the physiotherapist to the patient (and where
551 possible the carer) to promote adherence to PA goals, progress exercise and discuss
552 any new barriers or issues (the phone calls occur each week up until 12 weeks post-
553 op).

554 Participants will be asked to keep an exercise diary during the intervention period to
555 record their daily exercises.

556 The costs of delivering the intervention will be recorded.



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558 Figure 2: Trial time-line

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560 5.3 RANDOMISATION

561 The randomisation list will be devised by the independent statistician and carried out
562 through a central telephone service to ensure allocation concealment. Following consent
563 and assessment, participants are randomised 1:1 (intervention or usual care).

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565 5.4 STUDY METHODOLOGY

566 Procedure: Potentially eligible participants identified through weekly cancer multi-
567 disciplinary team meetings/clinics at the hospitals. At recruitment participants provide
568 written informed consent (if being recruited in person at the hospital) or Redcap e-consent
569 (if consented by the doctor during their telehealth appointment), complete assessment
570 and are randomly allocated off-site to ensure concealment (Figure 2). Reasons for attrition
571 over the 12 month trial period will be collected and assessed.

572 Intervention methodology: Trained physiotherapists will provide the intervention. An
573 intervention protocol will be developed to ensure standardization of the intervention. The
574 intervention procedures will be strictly monitored for protocol adherence.

575 Blinding: Blinding of participants and therapists cannot be achieved due to the nature of
576 the intervention. However, assessors blinded to allocation will undertake assessments.
577 Assessor blinding will be assessed with a questionnaire. The usual care ward
578 physiotherapist (who is not involved in the trial intervention) will be blinded to group
579 allocation. Blinding of this physiotherapist will be assessed by a questionnaire.

580 Outcome measures: will be evaluated across the following time points: prior to surgery,
581 before hospital discharge, 3 months post-operatively, 6 months post-operatively, and 12
582 months post operatively. This testing will take up to 90 minutes per testing session. The
583 outcomes and the outcome measures are described in section 4.2.

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585 **6. STUDY POPULATION**

586 **6.1 RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE**

587 Consecutive patients will be screened from lists of patients reviewed at the lung cancer
588 multi-disciplinary team weekly meeting and outpatient clinics (medical oncology,
589 radiotherapy, respiratory lung mass and thoracic surgery) at each hospital. Participants
590 may be recruited any time between time of presentation to the lung clinic/MDT meeting
591 and surgery (this period of time is usually only a few weeks). Participant eligibility for
592 inclusion will be confirmed by their surgeon or respiratory physician. Due to COVID-19
593 many patients are now seen by their doctor(s) at the lung cancer outpatient clinics via
594 telehealth. At recruitment participants will be asked to provide informed consent (via a
595 hard copy of the PICF if attending the clinic in person, or via Red-cap e-consent if
596 attending the clinic via telehealth), complete assessment and then be randomly allocated
597 to the intervention or usual care arm off-site to ensure concealment (Figure 2).

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599 **6.2 INCLUSION CRITERIA**

600 Eligible participants will include:

- 601 - Adults, aged 18 years or over
- 602 - Able to provide consent
- 603 - Planned to receive surgical treatment for non-small cell lung cancer
- 604 - Expected to be alive > 6 months
- 605 - Surgeon or physician approval
- 606 - Not currently meeting the physical activity guidelines (150 minutes of moderate
607 intensity physical activity per week)
- 608 - Eastern Cooperate Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status of 0-2 at study entry

ECOG 0 Fully active

ECOG 1 Walking, but only can do light work

ECOG 2 Rest in bed LESS than half the day, do not work but can care for self

ECOG 3 Rest in bed MORE than half the day, and only partially cares for self

ECOG 4 Bedridden

609 **6.3 EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

610 Participants will be excluded if they satisfy any of the following criteria:

- 611 - Non-English speaking (insufficient English language skills to complete the
612 questionnaires)

- 613 - Metastatic disease (stage IV lung cancer)
- 614 - Acute uncontrolled cardiovascular or respiratory issues
- 615 - Decompensated heart failure, severe aortic stenosis, uncontrolled arrhythmia, or acute
- 616 coronary syndrome
- 617 - Non-ambulant (for example: amputee, spinal cord injury, wheel-chair bound)
- 618 - ECOG performance status of 3 or 4 at study entry
- 619 - Cognitive impairment

620 6.4 CONSENT

621 For this trial, individual consent will be obtained from participants themselves. Potential
622 participants will be asked to provide consent prior to participation (and prior to baseline
623 outcome assessment and randomisation) (Figure 2). According to the National Statement
624 on the Ethical Conduct in Human Research, participation will be voluntary and all
625 information will be given to the participant in order to clarify the purposes, methods, risks
626 and potential benefits of the research.

627 Due to COVID-19 and the transition to many hospital outpatient appointments being
628 conducted via telehealth, as of 28 October 2021, we added an option for consent via
629 Redcap e-consent for those patients who are attending their lung clinic medical/surgical
630 appointments via telehealth to still allow them the option to participate in the trial.

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632 6.5 LIMITATIONS

633 With the design of this trial it is not possible to blind the participants or the interventionists.
634 We will ensure the assessors are blinded. Another potential limitation is selection bias in
635 that participants who consent to the trial may be those who are interested in exercise.
636 Another potential limitation is that participants in both groups may be encouraged to
637 exercise based on their participation in this trial. We are recording their exercise levels
638 and will carefully assess the level of exercise (including change) of participants in both
639 groups throughout the study and report on this.

640 7. PARTICIPANT SAFETY AND WITHDRAWAL

641 7.1 RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY

642 The tests and exercise program to be applied in this trial are unlikely to cause physical
643 and/or psychological distress. The assessments will be performed by a trained
644 physiotherapist who will be with the participant at all times. Participants may find the walk
645 tests and functional tests tiring and the exercise programs as these are types of physical
646 activity. Participants will be provided a rest between these tests. If a participant reports an
647 injury associated with exercise they will be referred to their general practitioner for review.

648 7.2 HANDLING OF WITHDRAWALS

649 As with any physiotherapy assessment or treatment patients can choose not to have it. If
650 the patient or their families request not to have physiotherapy assessment this decision
651 will be respected. Based on current clinical practice we do not expect patients to request
652 to be withdrawn from the study due to the assessment and intervention proposed. All
653 assessment tools are safe and quick and testing at each time point will take a maximum of
654 90 minutes. No adverse events are anticipated to occur during the protocol. If an adverse
655 event does occur the surgeon will be notified immediately.

656 8. STATISTICAL METHODS

657 8.1 SAMPLE SIZE ESTIMATION & JUSTIFICATION

658 Sample size estimation: The sample size is based on a primary hypothesis that
659 participants in the intervention arm will improve physical function measured by EORTC
660 QLQ-C30 physical function domain compared to participants in usual care arm. A total
661 sample size of 88 (44 per arm) provides 80% power with a two-sided alpha = 0.05 to
662 detect a minimum difference of 12.9 in mean outcome between the two arms at follow-up,
663 assuming a standard deviation of 21.3 (from our prior published data [64]). We will recruit
664 112 participants, to allow for approximately 88 participants after 20% drop out (our current
665 drop-out rate is 18%).

666 Feasibility: In July 2022 we finished recruitment of the 112 participants. Allowing for all
667 patients to complete the final 12-month assessment, we predict the trial will complete
668 participant data collection by June 2023. The final six months (second half of 2023) will be
669 utilized for completion of data entry, data processing (ultrasound images), statistical
670 analyses, trial reporting, and preparation for dissemination of results (conferences and
671 publications).

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673 8.2 STATISTICAL METHODS TO BE UNDERTAKEN

674 The statistical analysis plan for this trial is overseen by Dr Karen Lamb; and the health
675 economics and cost effectiveness aspect is overseen by Michelle Tew.

676 All data analyses will be undertaken on an intention-to-treat approach, according to the
677 intention-to-treat definition set by the FDA (the planned treatment regimen) rather than the
678 actual treatment given. It has the consequence that subjects allocated to a treatment
679 group should be followed up, assessed, and analyzed as members of that group
680 irrespective of their compliance with the planned course of treatment. We expect missing
681 data will be missing completely at random (MCAR) so missing data will be ignored unless
682 otherwise specified. For the primary analysis, the distribution of mean change in EORTC
683 QLQ-C30 physical function domain from baseline to 3 months will be compared between
684 the two arms (intervention and usual care) using a Wilcoxon rank sum test. Participants
685 will be excluded in this analysis if a participant's EORTC QLQ-C30 physical function data
686 is not collected at either baseline or 3 months visit. Similar analyses will be performed for
687 change from baseline to 6 and 12 months follow-up. For the secondary objectives, the
688 effect of a self-management program intervention, measured by physical activity, muscle
689 strength and function, exercise capacity, health-related quality of life, sleep and symptoms
690 in patients with operable lung cancer will be analyzed using Wilcoxon rank sum test
691 (continuous outcomes) and Fisher's exact test (binary outcomes). A detailed statistical
692 analysis plan will be documented prior to data base lock

693 The health economic analysis will a healthcare system perspective. It will consider the
694 implementation costs of the exercise and self-management program, compared with usual
695 care in addition to the downstream cost differences associated with length of stay,
696 complications and formal and informal care post-surgery. An incremental cost-
697 effectiveness ratio will be constructed based on a cost per additional case of
698 hospitalization averted. In addition utility data derived from the EQ-5D will be used to
699 calculate a cost per quality adjusted life year (QALY) gained for the intervention group in
700 comparison to standard care. Extensive one-way and probabilistic sensitivity analyses will
701 be conducted to test the sensitivity of the results.

702 Qualitative data from interviews will be analysed using thematic analysis [61]. Interview
703 data will be transcribed by one researcher and cross checked by another researcher. De-
704 identified interview transcripts will be uploaded to NVivo 1.0 hosted by The University of

705 Melbourne for coding. NVivo files will be password protected and accessible only to the
706 research team. Text will be read line by line and themes will be identified to best describe
707 the views and responses of the group. Data will be coded in themes. The following
708 questions will be considered: What are people saying? What are people feeling? What is
709 really important? [62]. Member checking of interpreted data will be used as recommended
710 by Creswell 2009 [63]. This form of member checking involves providing participants with
711 a summary of the analysis of their interview transcript to determine if the interpretation is
712 consistent with the participants' perspective.

713 **9. DATA SECURITY & HANDLING**

714 **9.1 DETAILS OF WHERE RECORDS WILL BE KEPT & HOW LONG WILL THEY BE** 715 **STORED**

716 Study data will be kept in a locked filing cabinet only accessible to researchers. All records
717 will be kept for a minimum of 5 years post study closure.

718 **9.2 CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY**

719 Study data (coded) will be stored in a secure and confidential manner. All participant data
720 will be coded. Only the members of the research team will have access to the study
721 database. Paper data will be kept in a locked filing cabinets in locked areas. Electronic
722 versions will be kept on a password-protected database accessible only to the research
723 team. This data will only be used for purposes of research. Only summary data will be
724 published.

725 **9.3 ANCILLARY DATA**

726 Any muscle ultrasound images collected within this study will be de-identified with images
727 assigned a code. It will not be possible to re-identify the participant the code will not be
728 linked to a re-identifiable database. All images will be stored in a password protected
729 database at RMH to ensure confidentiality. Data collected will be kept for a minimum of 5
730 years post study closure at RMH.

731 Addition to plan (14 September 2022): The University of Kentucky collaborators (Dr Mayer
732 and Dr Yuan Wen) have new software (MyoVision MKUS) which enables automated
733 image analysis of the muscle ultrasound images to occur. This software was not available
734 at the time of design of this study when the initial ethics application was submitted. The
735 University of Kentucky will be provided with de-identified ultrasound images to 1) assess
736 the accuracy and reliability of MyoVision MKUS in different patient populations including
737 lung cancer using some of our samples. One of the researchers on our team (Dr Selina
738 Parry) will manually analysed several images (as per the original plan). This analysis will
739 compared against the automated analysis using the MyoVision MKUS software. If
740 appropriate accuracy and reliability exists for our samples, all images from the cohort will
741 then be automatically analysed using this software. No personal health information will be
742 shared. Equal access and ownership of the data will occur between two collaborators.

743 We will transfer de-identified ultrasound images via One-drive which is only accessible to
744 members of the research team.

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747 **10. APPENDIX**

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749 **List of Attachments included:**

Document Name
Demographic data collection form
6MWD testing procedure and recording sheet
Muscle strength testing procedure and recording sheet
Participant questionnaires
Pre and post exercise intervention survey

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923 **1.2 Amendments to original protocol, including pauses to recruitment due to COVID-19 during**
 924 **screening period**

Date	Nature of amendment	Reason for amendment
1 st December 2017	Updated methodology related to quadriceps muscle ultrasound measurement: Quadriceps muscle ultrasound measures to be completed day 1 post-surgery before the patient is randomised.	Initially the protocol included quadriceps muscle ultrasound to be completed pre-surgery but this was deemed not feasible and the timing changed to immediately post-operative. Note: these data contribute to a secondary analysis and are not reported in the main trial paper. Data will be reported separately.
23 rd March 2020	Recruitment paused for trial	Due to COVID-19, we were required to pause participant recruitment.
6 th January 2021	Correction to intervention description to more clearly describe that there is one initial face to face appointment (consultation) with the physiotherapist on the ward after surgery before discharge (not two sessions). The session can be split over two days if needed, but the standardised intervention provides one session for patients after surgery before they are discharged home (usually 3-4 days later). Additionally, the word 'pamphlet' was replaced with 'booklet' to more accurately reflect the information to be given to patients given it is 10 pages long.	On reflection it was noted these descriptions were not clear in the protocol and hence the wording was updated. There was an initial error referring to a pre-operative consultation which was not part of the intervention in the current trial.
12 th February 2021	Recruitment resumed for trial	Due to easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we were permitted to resume recruitment.
12 th February 2021	In-person assessments windows widened from +/- 14 days to +/- 28 days	Due to COVID-19, assessment windows were widened to allow increased possibility of completing in-person assessments outside of any periods of isolation.
13 th May 2021	Updated methodology related to qualitative interviews. Qualitative interviews were planned to be conducted on a sub-set of participants allocated to the intervention group (changes made prior to commencement of recruitment into this sub-study). Changes to	Change to timing to allow interviews to occur soon after completion of the intervention period to reduce the limit of recall bias. Change to allow videoconferencing for interviews due to COVID-19.

	<p>protocol: interviews will occur at 3 months post-operatively instead of 6 months post-operatively; interviews can be conducted in-person or via video-conferencing (rather than only as an in-person option); and sample size for interviews changed to 'until data saturation is reached' rather than pre-set of 15 participants.</p>	<p>Sample size for interviews updated according to best practice that interviews continue until data saturation rather than a pre-determined set of n=15 as previously noted.</p> <p>Note: these data contribute to a secondary analysis and are not reported in the main trial paper. Data will be reported separately.</p>
20 th August 2021	Recruitment paused for trial	Due to COVID-19, we were required to pause participant recruitment
17 th September 2021	Recruitment resumed for trial	Due to easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we were permitted to resume recruitment.
5 th October 2021	<p>In preparing the trial protocol for publication, the planned statistical analyses were refined. The updated version stated: "A constrained longitudinal data analysis model will be used to analyse the primary outcome (EORTC QLQ c30) across all time points (baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months after surgery), with study group, time point and a study group by time point interaction, and recruitment site included in the model. The model will be restricted to have a common baseline mean score across the study groups based on the assumption that there are no differences in the mean outcome between groups at baseline due to randomisation. The absolute difference in mean change in EORTC QLQ c30 physical function domain from baseline between groups will be estimated (including two-sided 95% confidence interval) at 3-months after surgery (primary time point). The constrained longitudinal data analysis model provides valid inference if the missing data mechanism is at most missing at random. Similar analyses will be conducted for the secondary outcomes. The complier average causal effect will be estimated in primary outcome analyses, in addition to the intention-to-treat effect, using collected adherence data. Heterogeneity of the</p>	<p>Previous version stated: "For the primary analysis, the EORTC QLQ-C30 physical function domain at 3 months will be compared between the two arms (intervention and usual care) controlling for EORTC QLQ-C30 at baseline and the hospital site (used to stratify the randomisation) using ANCOVA. Prior to analysis, tests for normality will be undertaken and if the assumptions are violated, non-parametric (bootstrapping) methods will be used. For the secondary objectives, the effect of the intervention, measured by physical activity levels and self-efficacy, physical function, muscle strength and function, exercise capacity, health-related quality of life, sleep and symptoms in patients with operable lung cancer, similar analyses will be performed at 3 month follow-up. To evaluate whether primary and secondary outcomes are maintained over time (3 and 6 months; quality of life to 12 months), a mixed-effects linear model adjusting for baseline will be performed. A detailed statistical analysis plan will be documented prior to data base lock"</p>

	<p>intervention effect according to post-operative cancer treatment (no post-operative treatment/post-operative chemotherapy, radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy) will be assessed in exploratory analyses by including interactions between post-operative treatment and study group. The number and percentage of participants with adverse events will be summarised by study group. A health economic analysis run alongside the clinical trial.”</p>	
28 th October 2021	<p>Addition of option for e-consent via Redcap</p>	<p>Due to COVID-19 many hospital outpatient appointments were converted to telehealth. Protocol amended to add an option for consent via Redcap e-consent for those patients who are attending their lung clinic medical/surgical appointments via telehealth to still allow them the option to participate in the trial.</p>

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AE	Adverse Event
BFI	Brief Fatigue Inventory
CACE	Complier Average Causal Effects
CI	Confidence Interval
CONSORT	Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
COST	COmprehensive Score for financial Toxicity
DLCO	Diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide
ECOG-PS	Eastern Cooperate Oncology Group - Performance Status
EORTC-QLQ	European Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer - Quality of Life Questionnaire
FEV1	Forced Expiratory Volume in the first second
FVC	Forced Vital Capacity
HRQoL	Health-Related Quality of Life
ICH	International Council for Harmonisation
IPAQ-SF	International Physical Activity Questionnaire Short Form
LC	Lung Cancer
MAR	Missing At Random
MET	Metabolic Equivalent Tasks
NSCLC	Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
PVD	Peripheral Vascular Disease
REDCap	Research Electronic Data Capture
SAE	Serious Adverse Event
SAP	Statistical Analysis Plan
SD	Standard Deviation
SPIRIT	Standard Protocol Items: Recommendations for Interventional Trials
SPPB	Short Physical Performance Battery
TIDieR	Template for Intervention Description and Replication
6MWD	6-Minute Walk Distance

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1042 **1. INTRODUCTION**

1043 **1.1 Preface**

1044 The majority of people with operable lung cancer now survive yet they suffer significant physical
1045 hardship. New models of care are required to minimise morbidity for this large and vulnerable
1046 group. This project will test the benefit of an exercise and education self-management program,
1047 compared to usual care, for people undergoing surgery for lung cancer to improve their physical
1048 function and functional recovery. The project will involve a planned sample of 112 people
1049 undergoing surgery for lung cancer in Victoria, Australia. Participants will be randomised before
1050 surgery to either the intervention arm (exercise and education self-management program) or the
1051 usual care (no exercise program) arm. Participants in both arms will receive usual medical, nursing
1052 and allied health care. In addition to usual care, participants in the intervention arm will receive
1053 an exercise and education self-management program. The program consists of one to two
1054 appointments with a physiotherapist (before hospital discharge post-operatively). Additionally,
1055 the patient will receive weekly phone calls up to 12 weeks after surgery to promote adherence to
1056 physical activity goals, discuss barriers/issues with their exercise and progress their exercise
1057 program. The intervention is designed to be equitable and inclusive of rural patients, as
1058 measurement and intervention appointments are timed with surgical consults and the additional
1059 intervention is phone-based. Participants in both arms will undergo a battery of tests with a
1060 blinded assessor including measurement of physical function, quality of life and physical activity
1061 prior to surgery, at hospital discharge, and at 12 weeks, 6 months and 12 months post-surgery.
1062 This study will provide important information on the benefit of an exercise-based intervention for
1063 people with lung cancer.

1064 **1.2 Purpose of the SAP**

1065 The purpose of this Statistical Analysis Plan (SAP) is to outline the pre-planned analyses to be
1066 completed to support the main publication of the CAPACITY trial. Versions of the SAP will be
1067 tracked until unblinding and thereafter, with a clear distinction between the changes before and
1068 after unblinding. Any analyses not identified in the SAP after breaking of the study blind will be
1069 clearly identified as such in the main publication and will be considered post-hoc. This SAP
1070 excludes the description of the analysis of the economic data (European Quality of Life
1071 Instrument, healthcare resource usage, cost of delivering intervention) collected as part of the
1072 study which will be documented separately.

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1074 2 STUDY OBJECTIVES AND ENDPOINTS

1075 2.1 Study Objectives and Hypotheses

1076 The primary objective of this study is:

- 1077 • to evaluate the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on physical
1078 function at 3 months post-operative in patients with operable lung cancer compared with
1079 usual care (control).

1080 *Hypothesis 1: The self-management program compared with usual care will improve*
1081 *physical function at three months after surgery.*

1082 The secondary objectives are:

- 1083 • To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on physical
1084 function, physical activity (levels and self-efficacy), muscle strength and function, health-
1085 related quality of life (HRQoL), fatigue, sleep, symptoms, distress, financial toxicity,
1086 survival and return to work/usual activities in patients with operable lung cancer
1087 compared with usual care (control).

1088 *Hypothesis 2: The self-management program compared with usual care will improve*
1089 *physical function, physical activity (levels and self-efficacy), muscle strength and function,*
1090 *health-related quality of life (HRQoL), sleep and symptoms in patients with operable lung*
1091 *cancer at 3, 6 and 12 months after surgery.*

- 1093 • *To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on health
1094 care resource usage and financial burden for patients with operable lung cancer at 12
1095 months after surgery compared with usual care (control).

1096 *Hypothesis 3: The self-management program compared with usual care will reduce health*
1097 *care resource usage (including hospitalisations, length of stay and intensive care*
1098 *admissions) in the first 12 months after surgery and reduce financial burden for patients.*

- 1100 • *To explore the cost effectiveness of a self-management program (exercise and
1101 education) for patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).
1102 *Hypothesis 4: The self-management program will be cost-effective compared to current*
1103 *standard treatment in patients with operable lung cancer at 12 months after surgery.*

1104 **Note: Analyses for these objectives (hypotheses 3 and 4) will not be described in this SAP but*
1105 *will be documented in a separate analysis plan to be undertaken in the future*

1106 2.2 Outcome measures

1107 The primary outcome measure is the physical function domain score of the European
1108 Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer questionnaire (EORTC QLQ C30 version 3)
1109 at 3 months post-operatively.

1110 The secondary outcome measures are listed below. Derivation of the measures, where applicable,
1111 will be provided in Section 3.5. Information on demographic and baseline variables can be found
1112 in Section 0.

- 1113 • Physical function:
 - 1114 - Physical function domain score of the EORTC QLQ-c30 at 6 and 12 months after
1115 surgery.
 - 1116 - Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB) overall and individual (gait, balance, and
1117 chair) scores at 3 and 6 months post-operatively
- 1118 • Health-related quality of life and symptoms:
 - 1119 - EORTC QLQ-C30 domain and single item scores at 3, 6 and 12 months post-
1120 operatively

- 1121 - EORTC QLQ-LC13 domain and single item scores at 3, 6 and 12 months post-
- 1122 operatively
- 1123 • Functional exercise capacity:
- 1124 - 6-minute walk distance at 3 and 6 months post-operatively
- 1125 • Muscle strength:
- 1126 - Quadriceps strength test at 3 and 6 months post-operatively
- 1127 - Hand grip strength test at 3 and 6 months post-operatively
- 1128 • Physical activity levels at 3 and 6 months post-operatively:
- 1129 - International Physical Activity Questionnaire short form (IPAQ-SF)
- 1130 ○ Total MET (minutes/week)
- 1131 ○ Categorical Score of IPAQ physical activity (high, moderate or low)
- 1132 - Sedentary activity at 3 and 6 months post-operatively
- 1133 ○ Television and video viewing time
- 1134 • Self-efficacy for physical activity:
- 1135 - Barriers, task and walking self-efficacy scales at 3 and 6 months post-operatively
- 1136 • Fatigue:
- 1137 - Brief fatigue inventory global score at 3 and 6 months post-operatively
- 1138 • Distress:
- 1139 - Distress thermometer at 3 and 6 months post-operatively
- 1140 • Sleep:
- 1141 - Sleep disturbance-short form 8b PROMIS Item Bank at 3 and 6 months post-
- 1142 operatively
- 1143 • Financial toxicity:
- 1144 - COmprehensive score for financial toxicity (COST) at 3 and 6 months post-operatively
- 1145 • Return to work for participants who had employment or non-paid volunteer work prior to
- 1146 surgery: Employment questionnaire adapted for lung cancer at 3, 6 and 12 months post-
- 1147 operatively
- 1148 - Current employment status
- 1149 - Time to return to work after hospital discharge
- 1150 • Return to usual activities for participants who did not have employment in the 6 months prior
- 1151 to surgery: Employment questionnaire adapted for lung cancer at 3, 6 and 12 months post-
- 1152 operatively
- 1153 - Time to return to usual activities after hospital discharge
- 1154 • Survival status at 12 months

1155 2.3 Safety outcomes

1156 Intervention participants will be asked during telehealth consultations to report any adverse
1157 events. These include:

- 1158 • Serious adverse events are defined as any events which are life-threatening or result in
- 1159 death or hospitalisation (or prolongation of hospitalisation), incapacity or disability.
- 1160 • Minor adverse events include new or progressive pain, non-injurious falls, severe
- 1161 dyspnoea, worsening fatigue, palpitations, neurological deficits and altered cognitive
- 1162 status.

1163 2.4 Other outcomes

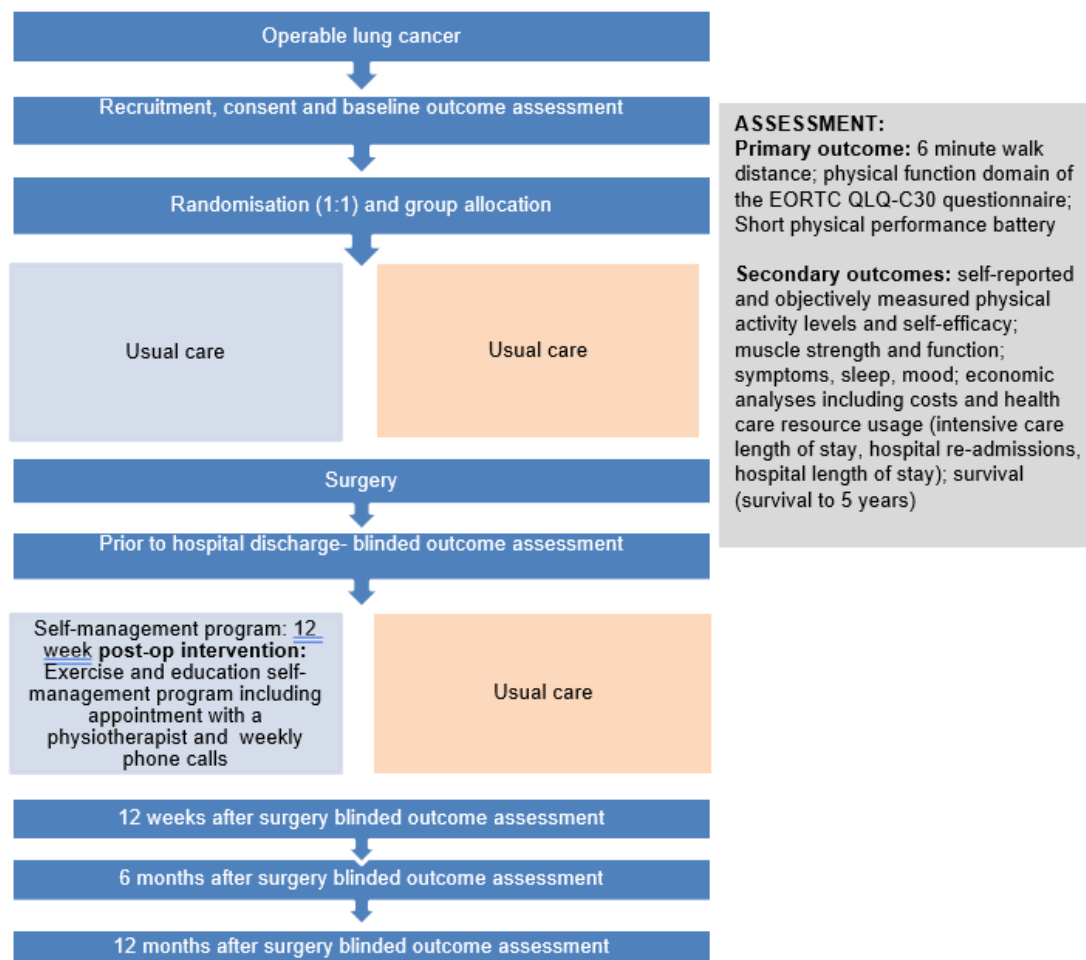
1164 Data will be collected on the number and reason for hospital re-admissions in 12 months since
1165 surgery.

1166 **3 STUDY METHODS**

1167 **3.1 Study Design and Plan**

1168 This is a multisite, parallel-group, two-arm, phase II randomised controlled superiority trial with a
1169 1:1 allocation ratio to either a 12-week programme of home-based exercise and self-management
1170 plus usual care (Program/intervention) or usual care alone (control). The study schema is shown
1171 in Figure 1. The protocol will follow the recommendations of Standard Protocol Items:
1172 Recommendations for Interventional Trials (SPIRIT), Guidelines for Reporting Trial Protocols and
1173 Completed Trials Modified Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Other Extenuating Circumstances
1174 CONSERVE-SPIRIT extension) and Template for Intervention Description and Replication (TIDieR).
1175 The total recruitment target is 112 participants.

1176 Participants will be asked to participate in five testing sessions across the 12 month period of the
1177 study with the first testing session just prior to surgery and subsequent sessions scheduled:
1178 before hospital discharge, and at 3 months, 6 months and 12 months post surgery. Each testing
1179 session is anticipated to take a maximum of 90 minutes in total. Assessments will occur in the
1180 outpatient physiotherapy, thoracic surgery or respiratory medicine departments, however for
1181 participants unable to travel/drive to attend or those who prefer not to attend the hospital the
1182 hospital for follow-up appointments, will be offered a home visit assessment if they live within a
1183 feasible distance of the hospital.



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1185 **Figure 1: CAPACITY Trial schema**

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1188 **3.2 Intervention groups**

1189 The program consists of one to two appointments with a physiotherapist (before hospital
1190 discharge post-operatively). Additionally, the patient will receive weekly phone calls up to 12
1191 weeks after surgery to promote adherence to physical activity goals, discuss barriers/issues with
1192 their exercise and progress their exercise program. The intervention is designed to be equitable
1193 and inclusive of rural patients, as measurement and intervention appointments are timed with
1194 surgical consults and the additional intervention is phone-based.

1195 **3.3 Inclusion-Exclusion Criteria**

1196 Eligible participants are adults, aged 18 years or over who meet all the following inclusion criteria:

- 1197 i) Able to provide consent
- 1198 ii) Planned to receive surgical treatment for non-small cell lung cancer
- 1199 iii) Expected to be alive > 6 months
- 1200 iv) Have surgeon or physician approval to participate in the study
- 1201 v) Are not currently meeting the physical activity guidelines (150 minutes of moderate
1202 intensity physical activity per week)
- 1203 vi) Have an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status of 0-2 at study
1204 entry
 - 1205 - ECOG 0: Fully active
 - 1206 - ECOG 1: Walking, but only can do light work
 - 1207 - ECOG 2: Rest in bed LESS than half the day, do not work but can care for self

1208 Participants will be deemed ineligible to participate if they satisfy any of the following exclusion
1209 criteria:

- 1210 i) Are non-English speaking (insufficient English language skills to complete the
1211 questionnaires)
- 1212 ii) Have metastatic disease (stage IV lung cancer) at study entry
- 1213 iii) Have acute uncontrolled cardiovascular or respiratory issues
- 1214 iv) Have decompensated heart failure, severe aortic stenosis, uncontrolled arrhythmia, or
1215 acute coronary syndrome
- 1216 v) Are non-ambulant (for example: amputee, spinal cord injury, wheel-chair bound)
- 1217 vi) Have an ECOG performance status of 3 or 4 at study entry
- 1218 vii) Have cognitive impairment (determined as not being able to provide consent for surgery)

1219 **3.4 Randomisation and Blinding**

1220 Eligible participants were randomly allocated in a 1:1 ratio to either the exercise and education
1221 arm or to the usual care arm. Randomisation was stratified by hospital site (A – Royal Melbourne
1222 Hospital and B – St Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne). The randomisation schedule was computer
1223 generated by an independent statistician and allocation was carried out centrally by the lead
1224 investigator or site trial coordinator using the Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCap)
1225 randomisation module. Block permuted randomisation with varying block sizes was used.
1226 Allocation concealment was achieved by only releasing the randomisation code after the
1227 participant completed the baseline outcome measures and had undergone surgery.

1228 Randomisation occurred day 1 or 2 post surgery to ensure all patients had undergone surgery and
1229 received confirmation of a diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). If the histological
1230 diagnosis was still unconfirmed at this point, the patient was randomised and retained in the
1231 trial¹. The final diagnoses will be reported at the end of the trial. Following randomisation, the
1232 intervention physiotherapist was contacted by the lead investigator or trial coordinators and
1233 informed of the group allocation. Blinding of participants and the intervention physiotherapists
1234 was not possible due to the nature of the exercise intervention. Outcome assessors were blinded
1235 to group allocation throughout all assessment periods. If an assessor became unblinded, it was
1236 documented and reported. All usual care staff who provide usual clinical care to patients on the
1237 ward were blinded to group allocation. Other study investigators (excluding those involved in
1238 delivering the intervention), including the study statistician, will remain blinded until the database
1239 has been cleaned, a blinded data review has taken place and the data are ready for analysis.

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1241 **3.5 Sample Size**

1242 A sample size of 88 (44 per arm) was required to provide 80% power with a two-sided alpha of
1243 0.05 to detect a minimum difference of 12.9 in mean EORTC QLQ-C30 physical function score
1244 (primary outcome) between the two arms at 3-months follow-up (primary time point), assuming a
1245 standard deviation of 21.3 (from our prior published data). To allow for an anticipated drop-out
1246 rate of 20% the sample size was increased to 112 participants (an additional 24 participants).

1247 At the time of writing the SAP recruitment was completed with 116 participants randomised.

¹ However, if no patients no longer meet the eligibility criteria (Section 0) they will be deemed ineligible and excluded in the analysis population.

1248 **3.6 Study Visit Schedule**

1249 Study variables were collected according to the study visit schedule in Table 1. At the time of writing this SAP, recruitment was complete, and the study was
 1250 in the follow-up period.

1251 **Table 1: Schedule of enrolment, intervention and assessments**

Assessment/ Procedure	Pre-surgery and before randomisation	Post-operatively before hospital discharge	3 months post-operatively	6 months post-operatively	12 months post-operatively
ENROLMENT:					
Eligibility screen	X				
Informed Consent	X				
Allocation		X*			
Demographic and medical information, including surgical procedure	X	X			
ASSESSMENTS:					
EORTC QLQ-c30 and LC13 questionnaire	X		X**	X	X
Physical function test– 6MWD	X		X	X	
Physical function test –SPPB	X	X	X	X	
Muscle strength and function tests	X	X	X	X	
Physical activity – activity devices, and PA levels questionnaires	X		X	X	
Self-efficacy questionnaires	X	X	X	X	
Symptoms, sleep, fatigue, financial burden, return to work and mood questionnaires	X		X	X	X (return to work only)
Intervention satisfaction and knowledge questionnaires (intervention group only)	X		X		
EQ 5D 5L	X		X	X	X
Health care resource usage data over 12 months					X
Pre post surveys (views of program)	X		X		
Interviews with 15-20 participants				X	
Survival follow-up					x (and at 5 years)

1252 *1 to 2 days post-op

1253 **Timepoint of the primary endpoint (physical function score)

1254 Time-windows will be applied to all visit data collected at baseline, 3-months, 6-months and 12-
 1255 months, with assessments outside the predefined visit windows excluded from the analyses. Relative
 1256 days inclusive of visit date will be derived as the visit date minus the randomisation date. The visit
 1257 windows in Table 2 will be applied to the relative days.
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1259 **Table 2: Assessment visit windows**

Visit	Target day	Lower limit (incl.)	Upper limit (incl.)
Day -1 – Screening		Day -10	Day -1
Pre-surgery and before randomisation			
Day 0 – Randomisation date		Day 0	Day 0
Post-operatively before hospital discharge*			
Month 3 – 3 months post-operatively	Day 90	Day 62	Day 118
Month 6 – 6 months post-operatively	Day 180	Day 152	Day 208
Month 12 - 12 months post-operatively	Day 365	Day 323	Day 407

1260 *Assessments at this visit are not included in this analysis

1261 3.7 Outcome Variables

1262 A detailed description of the efficacy study variables, grouped according to domain, is presented in
 1263 Sections 0 to 0. For each outcome measure, details on the data type of variable, whether it will be
 1264 derived and the variable name in the study database is provided in Table 9.

1265 The patient-reported outcomes were obtained from the following questionnaires:

- 1266 - The European Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life
 1267 Questionnaires: core 30-item (EORTC QLQ-c30, version 3) and the Lung Cancer 13-item
 1268 supplement (EORTC QLQ-LC13)
- 1269 - The International Physical Activity Questionnaire Short Form (IPAQ-SF)
- 1270 - Self-efficacy for physical activity
- 1271 - Brief Fatigue Inventory (BFI)
- 1272 - Distress Thermometer
- 1273 - Sleep Disturbance-Short Form 8b PROMIS Item Bank V1.0
- 1274 - COmprehensive Score for financial Toxicity (COST)

1275 The objective outcomes were obtained from the following questionnaires or tests:

- 1276 - Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB)
- 1277 - 6-minute walk distance test (6MWD)
- 1278 - Quadriceps strength test
- 1279 - Hand grip strength test

1280 Published scoring manuals, if available, will be used if required to derive the outcomes for each
 1281 questionnaire used in the study.

1282 In the subsections that follow, some of the outcome variables are to be derived by the statistician
 1283 performing the analysis. In most cases there is a questionnaire manual detailing how to compute
 1284 composite scores if items are missing. If a questionnaire manual does not describe how to handle
 1285 missing data for a questionnaire then the score will be coded as missing.

1286 **3.7.1 Physical function**

1287 Physical function will be measured via two methods: the EORTC QLQ-c30 instrument (primary
1288 endpoint) and the Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB).

1289 **EORTC QLQ-c30**

1290 The physical function score from the EORTC QLQ-c30 will be derived from 5 items (Items 1 to 5) which
1291 are coded with response categories of: 1 - Not at all; 2 - A little; 3 - Quite a bit; and 4 - Very much. The
1292 responses to the 5 items are averaged to produce a raw score (RS, with range of 1 to 4) and then a
1293 linear transformation is applied to re-scale and produce a score (S) with a range of 0 to 100. A high
1294 physical function score indicates better function.

1295 In general, the calculation of a functional scale from the QLQ-c30 is derived as follows:

- 1296 1. Calculate the raw score (RS): $RS = (I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n)/n$
1297 2. Apply the linear transformation to 0-100 to obtain the score S,
1298 Functional scales: $S = \left\{1 - \frac{(RS-1)}{range}\right\} \times 100$

1299 If at least 50% of the subscale items are missing, for the physical function scale this equates to any 3 of
1300 the 5 questions, then the physical function score will be treated as missing.

1301 **SPPB**

1302 The SPPB will produce 4 outcomes based on the following tests performed by participants:

- 1303 1. Gait speed: participants are instructed to walk a distance of 4 meters and the average of two
1304 trials are used;
1305 2. Standing balance: participants are assessed in three different static positions (side-by-side
1306 stand, semi-tandem stand and tandem stand) for 10 seconds each, and
1307 3. Chair rise task: participants are instructed to stand up and sit down five times in a row as
1308 quickly as possible.
1309 4. Overall SPPB performance score

1310 Each individual test is scored on a scale of zero to four points with higher scores indicating better
1311 performance. The three test scores are summated to give an overall SPPB performance score ranging
1312 from zero to 12 points. A zero score indicates poor function whilst 12 indicates excellent function. It
1313 has been previously reported in the literature that for older adults a score of 10 is considered the cut-
1314 off for mobility impairment (i.e. scores <10 = poor mobility) and will be used to guide interpretation of
1315 results (not as an outcome).

1316 If a participant attends the visit but was not physically able to complete a test, a score of 0 is given for
1317 that test. If a participant did not attend or refuses to do the test, the score is treated as missing.

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1326 **3.7.2 Health-related quality of life and symptoms**

1327 Both the EORTC QLQ-c30 and EORTC QLQ-LC13 questionnaires will be used to assess health-related
 1328 quality of life and symptoms.

1329 **EORTC QLQ-c30**

1330 Health-related quality of life and symptoms outcomes will be derived using scales from the EORTC
 1331 QLQ-c30. The EORTC QLQ-c30 generates 9 multi-item scales: 5 functional scales (physical, role,
 1332 emotional, cognitive and social functioning), 3 symptom scales (pain, fatigue and nausea/vomiting)
 1333 and a global health status/quality of life scale and six single-item scales (appetite loss, dyspnoea,
 1334 diarrhea, constipation, insomnia and financial impact). The items used to generate each scale are
 1335 summarised in Table 3. The first 28 items are functional and symptom scales coded with response
 1336 categories: 1 - Not at all; 2 - A little; 3 - Quite a bit; and 4 - Very much. The last two items measuring
 1337 global health status/QoL are recorded on a Likert scale: 1 - very poor to 7 - excellent.

1338 **Table 3 The EORTC QLQ C30 version 3.0 scales and items**

	Scale	Number of items	Item range*	Version 3.0 Item numbers	Function scales
Global health status / QoL					
Global health status/QoL (revised) [†]	QL2	2	6	29, 30	
Functional scales					
Physical functioning (revised) [†]	PF2	5	3	1 to 5	F
Role functioning (revised) [†]	RF2	2	3	6, 7	F
Emotional functioning	EF	4	3	21 to 24	F
Cognitive functioning	CF	2	3	20, 25	F
Social functioning	SF	2	3	26, 27	F
Symptom scales / items					
Fatigue	FA	3	3	10, 12, 18	
Nausea and vomiting	NV	2	3	14, 15	
Pain	PA	2	3	9, 19	
Dyspnoea	DY	1	3	8	
Insomnia	SL	1	3	11	
Appetite loss	AP	1	3	13	
Constipation	CO	1	3	16	
Diarrhoea	DI	1	3	17	
Financial difficulties	FI	1	3	28	

* *Item range* is the difference between the possible maximum and the minimum response to individual items; most items take values from 1 to 4, giving *range* = 3.

[†] (revised) scales are those that have been changed since version 1.0, and their short names are indicated in this manual by a suffix “2” – for example, PF2.

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 1340 The EORTC QLQ-c30 scales have not been computed within the study database so will be derived
 1341 according to the EORTC QLQ-c30 scoring manual². All the scales and single-item measures are linearly
 1342 transformed to a scale of zero to 100. Higher scores on functional domains and global health
 1343 status/quality of life scale represent higher functioning and higher HRQoL. Lower scores on symptom
 1344 domains and single items represent less symptoms.

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² <https://www.eortc.org/app/uploads/sites/2/2018/02/SCmanual.pdf>

1348 Calculation of EORTC QLQ-c30 scales

1349 The principle for scoring these scales is the same in all cases:

- 1350 1. Estimate the average of the items that contribute to the scale; this is the raw score.
1351 2. Use a linear transformation to standardise the raw score, so that scores range from 0 to 100; a
1352 higher score represents a higher ("better") level of functioning, or a higher ("worse") level of
1353 symptoms.

1354 In practical terms, if items $I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n$ are included in a scale, the procedure is as follows:

- 1355 3. Calculate the raw score (RS): $RS = (I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n)/n$
1356 4. Apply the linear transformation to 0-100 to obtain the score S,

1357 Functional scales: $S = \left\{1 - \frac{(RS-1)}{range}\right\} \times 100$

1358 Symptom scales / items: $S = \left\{\frac{(RS-1)}{range}\right\} \times 100$

1359 Global health status / QoL: $S = \left\{\frac{(RS-1)}{range}\right\} \times 100$

1360 The range is the difference between the maximum possible value of RS and the minimum possible
1361 value. The QLQ-c30 has been designed so that all items in any scale take the same range of values.
1362 Therefore, the range of RS equals the range of the item values. Most items are scored 1 to 4, giving
1363 range = 3. The exceptions are the items contributing to the global health status/QoL, which are 7-point
1364 questions with a range of 6.

1365 If at least 50% of the subscale items are missing, then the subscale will be treated as missing. Missing
1366 single items will also be treated as missing. No multiple imputation will be used.

1367 The Stata command "qlqc30³" will be used to perform the scoring of the EORTC QLQ-c30. The code for
1368 this has been checked by the SAP author (DZ) to ensure the correct derivation and handling of missing
1369 data.

1370 **EORTC QLQ-LC13 lung cancer supplement module**

1371 Health-related quality of life and symptoms outcomes specific to lung cancer will be derived using
1372 scales from the EORTC QLQ-LC13 module. The QLQ-LC13 includes questions assessing lung cancer-
1373 associated symptoms (cough, haemoptysis, dyspnoea and site-specific pain) and treatment-related
1374 side effects (sore mouth, dysphagia, peripheral neuropathy and alopecia). The items used to generate
1375 each scale are summarised in Table 4.

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1377 The scoring approach for the QLQ-LC13 is identical in principle to that for the symptom scales/single
1378 items of the QLQ-c30 with missing data handled the same way as described above. The only exception
1379 to this is when deriving the "Dyspnoea" scale where if item 5 is missing then item 3 and item 4 should
1380 be used as single-items as not to introduce bias in the measure.

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1382 The Stata command "qlqlc13" will be used to perform the scoring of the EORTC QLQ-LC13. This
1383 command has been created by the SAP author (DZ) using the "qlqc30" command as template.

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³ Bascoul-Mollevi, C., Castan, F., Azria, D., & Gourgou-Bourgade, S. (2015). EORTC QLQ-C30 Descriptive Analysis with the qlqc30 Command. The Stata Journal, 15(4), 1060–1074.

1389 **Table 4 The EORTC QLQ-LC13 scales and items**

Scale name	Scale	Number of items	Item range*	QLQ-LC13 Item numbers	†
Symptom scales / items					
Dyspnoea†	LCDY	3†	3	3,4,5	X
Coughing	LCCO	1	3	1	
Haemoptysis	LCHA	1	3	2	
Sore mouth	LCSM	1	3	6	
Dysphagia	LCDS	1	3	7	
Peripheral neuropathy	LCPN	1	3	8	
Alopecia	LCHR	1	3	9	
Pain in chest	LCPC	1	3	10	
Pain in arm or shoulder	LCPA	1	3	11	
Pain in other parts	LCPO	1	3	12	

* "Item range" is the difference between the possible maximum and the minimum response to individual items.

† The dyspnoea scale should only be used if all three items have been answered. Some respondents ignore question 5 because they never climb stairs; in this case, the score for the dyspnoea scale would be biased if it were based upon the other two items. Hence if item 5 is missing then items 3 and 4 should be used as single-item measures.

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1391 **3.7.3 Functional exercise capacity**

1392 Functional exercise capacity will be measured using the 6-minute walk distance (6MWD)

1393 **6-minute walk distance functional exercise capacity**

1394 The 6-minute walk distance (6MWD) is a field walking test performed according to the American
 1395 Thoracic Society guidelines⁴. Participants are asked to walk up and down a 30m flat straight corridor
 1396 and cover as much ground as possible in six minutes. The American Thoracic Society guideline
 1397 recommends using the best of two repeated 6MWD. The resulting outcome is a distance with a range
 1398 from 0 meters to 800 meters. If the participant has only one attempt then this will be the outcome
 1399 measure. If a participant attends the visit but was not able to complete or attempt a test then a score
 1400 of 0 is given for that test. If a participant declined the test or did not attend the visit then each score is
 1401 treated as missing.

1402 **3.7.4 Muscle strength**

1403 Muscle strength will be measured using four outcomes derived from two tests: quadriceps strength
 1404 test (left and right) and the hand grip strength test (left and right).

1405 **Quadriceps strength test**

1406 Quadriceps muscle strength is measured by two quantities:

- 1407 i) highest peak force (kilograms) and
 1408 ii) longest time (seconds) to peak force over 6s.

1409 The test is repeated three times for each participant on each leg after a practice bilaterally. The
 1410 highest peak force (kilograms) and longest time to peak force over 6s out of the 6 trials conducted on
 1411 each leg (3x left quadricep, 3x right quadricep) will be analysed. If only one leg has been tested, this
 1412 result will still be used. If a test is only performed once, then the single measure obtained will be used
 1413 in the analysis.

1414 **Hand grip strength test**

⁴ American Thoracic Society, ATS statement: guidelines for the six-minute walk test. American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, 2002. 166: p. 111-117.

1415 Hand grip strength test is measured by two quantities:

- 1416 i) highest peak force (kilograms) and
- 1417 ii) longest time (seconds) to peak force over 6s.

1418 The test is repeated three times for each participant on each hand after a practice bilaterally. The
1419 highest peak force (kilograms) and longest time to peak force over 6s out of the 6 trials conducted on
1420 each hand (3x left hand, 3x right hand) will be analysed. If only one hand has been tested, this result
1421 will still be used.

1422 If a participant attends the visit but did not complete or attempt a test then a score of 0 is given for
1423 that test. If a participant did not attend the visit then each score is treated as missing.

1424 *3.7.5 Physical activity levels*

1425 **International Physical Activity Questionnaire- Short Form**

1426 Physical activity will be measured using two outcomes derived from the International Physical Activity
1427 Questionnaire Short Form (IPAQ-SF), a 7-item questionnaire asking participants to recall their physical
1428 activity from the past seven days. The first 6 items (number of minutes and days spent on walking,
1429 moderate and vigorous activity) are used to calculate the first outcome of total physical activity
1430 Metabolic Equivalent Tasks (MET)-minutes/week. This is derived by adding up the calculated MET-
1431 minutes within each physical activity intensity level: vigorous intensity, moderate intensity, and
1432 walking.

1433 Calculation of Total physical activity MET-minutes/week

1434 The calculation of the score* is:

- 1435 1. Walking MET-minutes/week = 3.3 x walking minutes x walking days
- 1436 2. Moderate MET-minutes/week = 4.0 x moderate-intensity activity minutes x moderate days
- 1437 3. Vigorous MET-minutes/week = 8.0 x vigorous-intensity activity minutes x vigorous-intensity days
- 1438 4. Total physical activity MET-minutes/week = sum of Walking (i)+ Moderate (ii) + Vigorous MET-
1439 minutes/week scores (iii)

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1441 * As per the IPAQ-SF guidelines⁵, all walking, moderate and vigorous activity time variables exceeding
1442 180 minutes will be truncated (that is re-coded) to be equal to 180 minutes. This rule permits a
1443 maximum of 21 hours of activity in a week to be reported for each category (3 hours * 7 days).
1444 However, if the sum of all walking, moderate and vigorous time variables exceeds 960 minutes (16
1445 hours) then this should be excluded from the analysis⁶. Also, only values of 10 or more minutes of
1446 activity should be included in the calculation of the IPAQ-SF MET-minutes/week scores.

1448 Calculation of categorised physical activity

1449 The second outcome is a categorisation of the MET-minutes/week scores into three groups according
1450 to their physical activity levels:

- 1451 i. "High" physical activity level - meeting any one of the following criteria: vigorous-intensity
1452 activity on ≥ 3 days and accumulating ≥ 1500 MET-min/week, or ≥ 7 days of any activity
1453 accumulating ≥ 3000 MET-min/week);
- 1454 ii. "Moderate" physical activity level - meeting any one of the following criteria: ≥ 3 days of
1455 vigorous activity of ≥ 20 min/day; or ≥ 5 days of moderate-intensity activity and/or walking ≥ 30
1456 min; or ≥ 5 days of activity accumulating ≥ 600 MET-min/ week);
- 1457 iii. "Low" physical activity level - no physical activity reported or some activity reported but not
1458 satisfying neither high or moderate criteria.

1459 If data are missing in walking, moderate or vigorous days or minutes or a response of "Don't know/Not
1460 sure" then the data is set as missing.

⁵ https://www.physio-pedia.com/images/c/c7/Quidelines_for_interpreting_the_IPAQ.pdf

⁶ Assumes than on average an individual sleeps 8 hours per day

1461 **Sedentary behaviour**

1462 Sedentary behaviour will be assessed via the question “On average over the last week, how many
1463 hours per day did you watch television or videos?”. The outcome is a self-reported average number of
1464 hours per day with no derivation required.

1465 ***3.7.6 Self-efficacy for physical activity***

1466 Self-efficacy for physical activity will be measured by three outcomes based on a questionnaire
1467 concerning barriers, task and walking self-efficacy where participants had to indicate how confident
1468 they felt carrying out exercise in certain situations. This included a 9-item barrier self-efficacy scale, a
1469 4-item task self-efficacy scale, and a 6-item walking self-efficacy scale. Items were rated on a scale
1470 from 0% “Not at all confident” to 100% “Extremely confident” in 10% increments.

1471 **Calculation of self-efficacy scores**

1472 Overall scores for each scale (barriers, task and walking) need to be derived by averaging the scores
1473 from the items within each scale⁷:

1474 1. The **barrier self-efficacy overall score**

- 1475 • Six or more items out of the 9-item barrier self-efficacy scales must be completed to
1476 calculate this score. The arithmetic mean is taken across the completed items to give a range
1477 of scores from 0% to 100%.
- 1478 • If more than 3 items are missing, then the barrier score is treated as missing.

1479 2. The **task self-efficacy overall score**

- 1480 • Three or more items out of the 4-item task self-efficacy scales must be completed to
1481 calculate this score. The arithmetic mean is taken across the completed items to give a range
1482 of scores from 0% to 100%.
- 1483 • If more than 1 item is missing, then the task score is treated as missing.

1484 3. The **walking self-efficacy overall score**

- 1485 • Four or more items out of the 6-item walking self-efficacy scales must be completed to
1486 calculate this score. The arithmetic mean is taken across the completed items to give a range
1487 of scores from 0% to 100%.
- 1488 • If more than 2 items are missing, then the walking score is treated as missing.

1489 ***3.7.7 Fatigue***

1490 Fatigue will be measured using the Brief Fatigue Inventory (BFI) to derive the outcome global BFI
1491 score. The BFI contains 9 items assessing the severity of fatigue and the impact of fatigue on daily
1492 function in patients with cancer and asks about fatigue over the past 24 hours.

1493 To calculate the global BFI score at least five of the nine BFI items must be completed to calculate this
1494 score. The arithmetic mean is calculated across the completed items to give a range of scores from 0
1495 to 10. If more than 4 items are missing, then the global BFI score is treated as missing.

1496 ***3.7.8 Distress***

1497 The Distress Thermometer will be used to measure distress. It is a visual analogue scale with scores
1498 from 0 (“no distress”) to 10 (“extreme distress”) with a midpoint anchor of 5 labelled as “moderate
1499 distress” (11). No derivation will be required for this score as it is a single item.

⁷ Due to a scoring manual being unavailable for this questionnaire, the approach to deal with missing data is based on the paper by Ritter and Loring (Journal of clinical epidemiology 2014: 67:1265-1273) which used a self-efficacy questionnaire for physical activity that had scales based on 4 and 6 items and in their methods they stated how many non-missing responses were required to complete the scale. This was extrapolated for the 9-item scale.

1500 **3.7.9 Sleep**

1501 Sleep disturbance will be measured using the sleep disturbance-short form 8b PROMIS item bank 8-
 1502 item Sleep Disturbance – Short Form 8b (12). Each item is rated on a 5-point scale (1=never; 2=rarely;
 1503 3=sometimes; 4=often; and 5=always). The resulting sleep score, a T-score, will be derived as per the
 1504 scoring manual⁸ as described below:

1505 Calculation of T-score

- 1506 1. Due to the coding format in the CAPACITY REDCap database, the following items need to be
 1507 reversed so that the correct summation can occur: Items 2,3,7 and 8 will be recoded by subtracting
 1508 the response from 6 so that 1 becomes 5, 2 becomes 4, 3 stays as 3, 4 becomes 2 and 5 becomes 1.
- 1509 2. If *all 8 items have a response*, the total raw score is calculated by summing the 8 responses resulting
 1510 in a score ranging from 8 to 40 with higher scores indicating greater severity of sleep disturbance.
- 1511 3. If *at least 4 items have a response*, the total raw score is calculated by summing the response scores
 1512 from the items that were answered. Multiply this sum by the total number of items in the short form
 1513 then divide by the number of items that were answered. If the result is a fraction, round up to the
 1514 nearest whole number. This is a \ed total raw score. For pro-rated scores, this calculation assumes
 1515 that responses are missing at random.
- 1516 4. If *at least 4 items do not have a response* then a total raw score cannot be computed and is treated
 1517 as missing.
- 1518 5. The total raw score is then converted to a T-score using Table 5. The T-score rescales the raw score
 1519 into a standardized score with a mean of 50 and a standard deviation (SD) of 10. Therefore a person
 1520 with a T-score of 40 is one SD below the mean.

1521 **Table 5: PROMIS 8b short form conversion table**

Sleep Disturbance 8b Short Form Conversion Table			Sleep Disturbance 8b Short Form Conversion Table		
Raw Score	T-score	SE*	Raw Score	T-score	SE*
8	28.9	4.8	24	54.3	2.5
9	33.1	3.7	25	55.3	2.5
10	35.9	3.3	26	56.3	2.5
11	38.0	3.0	27	57.3	2.5
12	39.8	2.9	28	58.3	2.5
13	41.4	2.8	29	59.4	2.5
14	42.9	2.7	30	60.4	2.5
15	44.2	2.7	31	61.5	2.5
16	45.5	2.6	32	62.6	2.5
17	46.7	2.6	33	63.7	2.6
18	47.9	2.6	34	64.9	2.6
19	49.0	2.6	35	66.1	2.7
20	50.1	2.5	36	67.5	2.8
21	51.2	2.5	37	69.0	3.0
22	52.2	2.5	38	70.8	3.2
23	53.3	2.5	39	73.0	3.5
			40	76.5	4.4

*SE = Standard Error on T-score metric

1529 **3.7.10 Financial toxicity**

1530 Financial toxicity will be measured using the COmprehensive Score for financial Toxicity (COST)
 1531 questionnaire to derive the single outcome financial toxicity score based on 11 items.

1532 Calculation of the financial toxicity score

- 1533 1. Negatively stated-items 2,3,4,5,8,9 and 10 will be recoded by subtracting the response from 4
 1534 so that 0 becomes 4, 1 becomes 3, 2 stays as 2, 3 becomes 1 and 4 becomes 0.
- 1535 2. If *all 11 items have a response* then the total raw score can be calculated by summing the 11
 1536 responses to obtain a score ranging from 0 to 44 with higher scores indicating better financial
 1537 well-being.
- 1538 3. If *at least 6 items have a response*, the total raw score is calculated by summing the response
 1539 scores from the items that were answered. Multiply this sum by the total number of items in

⁸ https://staging.healthmeasures.net/images/PROMIS/manuals/PROMIS_Sleep_Disturbance_Scoring_Manual.pdf

1540 the short form then divide by the number of items that were answered. This is a pro-rated
1541 total raw score. For pro-rated scores, this calculation assumes that responses are missing at
1542 random.
1543 4. If *at least 5 items do not have a response* then a total raw score cannot be computed and is
1544 treated as missing.

1546 **3.7.11 Return to work/Return to usual activities**

1547 This objective will be reported differently depending on the participants employment status. Selected
1548 questions from the Employment questionnaire adapted for this trial specific to the lung cancer surgery
1549 context⁹.

1550 For participants who were working (including non-paid volunteer work) prior to their surgery, the
1551 following two questions will be used to calculate the number of weeks they record at follow-up to first
1552 return to work:

- 1553 i) Have you worked at all since you left the hospital? (question 7)
- 1554 ii) How many weeks after hospital discharge did you return to work? (question 8)

1555 For participants who were not working 6 months prior to their surgery, the following question will be
1556 used to calculate the number of weeks they record at follow-up to first resume usual activity:

- 1557 i) If you were not working in the 6 months before you were in the hospital, how many weeks
1558 after hospital discharge did you return to the most important activity you did before being
1559 admitted to the hospital (e.g., gardening or attending religious service)? (question 5)

1560 **3.7.12 Survival**

1561 Survival status will be determined for all participants at 12 months post-surgery.

1562 **3.7.13 Hospital re-admissions**

1563 Data will be collected on the number of hospital re-admissions in 12 months since surgery. No
1564 derivation is required.

1565 **3.7.14 Outcomes not being covered in the main study analysis**

1566 There are secondary outcomes pertaining to muscle strength and physical activity levels that were
1567 included in the study protocol that will not be considered in the main analysis of the CAPACITY study.
1568 However, it is possible that an analysis of them may be undertaken in the future at the discretion of
1569 the CAPACITY study investigators.

1570 The measures that will not be analysed and presented are:

- 1571 i) Quadriceps muscle mass and quality (Muscle strength)
- 1572 ii) Respironics ActiCal Z Watch accelerometer measures (Physical activity levels)
- 1573 iii) Rating against PA guidelines for people with cancer (Physical activity levels)
- 1574 iv) Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly (Physical activity levels)

1575 **4 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1576 **4.1 Timing of Final Analysis**

1577 Blinded study data entered and stored in the REDCap study database hosted by the University of
1578 Melbourne will be transferred to the trial biostatistician located at the Centre for Epidemiology and
1579 Biostatistics at the University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia. After the last participant has
1580 concluded the 12-month study participation, all study data are available and have been cleaned, a
1581 blinded review meeting will be held with the CAPACITY study team and study biostatisticians (Karen

⁹ The questionnaire was created by Dale M. Needham, MD, PhD and the Johns Hopkins University Outcomes After Critical Illness & Surgery (OACIS) Group, is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. It has been approved for adaption and use in the trial.

1582 Lamb, Diana Zannino) prior to database lock (i.e., it is locked so that data cannot be subsequently
1583 amended). During this masked data review meeting, the following topics will be discussed and decided
1584 upon without knowledge of the underlying treatment code:

- 1585 1. Participants who have withdrawn consent, in relation to the use of the participant’s data (or
1586 part of it) in any of the analyses (Section 0).
- 1587 2. Participant’s inclusion or exclusion status with regards to the “as randomised” and “as
1588 treated” treatment group (e.g., in the case of misallocation). The exact process for assigning
1589 the statuses will be defined and documented in the minutes of the meeting prior to breaking
1590 the mask along with the reason for classifying dyad to “as randomised” and “as treated”.
- 1591 3. Participant’s overall adherence to study intervention as defined in Section 0, in relation to the
1592 use of the participant’s data (or part of it) in the per protocol population (Section 0) and the
1593 safety population (Section 0). Overall adherence will be listed and tabulated for the purpose of
1594 the blinded data review meeting.
- 1595 4. Participants with (minor or major) protocol violations as defined in Section 0, in relation to the
1596 use of the participant’s data (or part of it) in the per protocol population (Section 0).
1597 Participants with (minor/major) protocol violations will be listed and tabulated for the purpose
1598 of the blinded data review meeting.
- 1599 5. Participant’s inclusion or exclusion status with regards to each analysis population (Section 0)
1600 guided by items 1-4 listed previously. The exact process for assigning the statuses will be
1601 defined and documented in the minutes of the meeting prior to breaking the blind along with
1602 any predefined reasons for removing a participant (or part of its data) from a particular
1603 population.

1604 After database lock, the random code will be obtained from the independent statistician who
1605 generated the randomisation code and added to the study database by the trial statistician. No
1606 database may be locked, random code unmasked, or analyses completed until the SAP has been
1607 approved. The planned analyses in this SAP will be conducted after unmasking of the database and
1608 any changes to this SAP after unmasking will be documented in an amendment of this SAP and
1609 considered as post-hoc analyses.

1610 *The expected timing for data review and database lock is August 2023 and the analyses described in*
1611 *this SAP are expected to be performed by December 2023.*

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1613 4.2 Analysis Populations

1614 The following analysis populations are planned. The status of each participant with regards to the
1615 populations and “as randomised”/ “as treated” treatment group will be finalised during the blinded
1616 data review meeting.

1617 4.2.1 Full Analysis/Randomised Population

1618 This will consist of all participants who were randomised, excluding participants who have withdrawn
1619 from the study, including use of all existing data collected to withdrawal date, as documented in the
1620 minutes of the blinded data review meeting. Participants will be reported and analysed according to
1621 their randomised study arm (“as randomised”). This population will be used in the analysis of the
1622 effectiveness study variables. This will be the intention-to-treat population.

1623 **4.2.2 Per Protocol Population**

1624 This will consist of all participants who were randomised and had confirmed histological diagnosis of
1625 lung cancer. This population will be used as the secondary analysis set for the efficacy analyses on
1626 primary and secondary endpoints as described in Section 3.7. This population will also be used for the
1627 exploratory effectiveness analysis, where a complier average causal effect analysis will be undertaken
1628 to determine the effect among those that receive the intervention according to the protocol,
1629 considering adherence to the intervention as defined in Section 0.

1630 **4.2.3 Safety Population**

1631 This will consist of all participants in the intervention arm who completed at least one exercise
1632 session.

1633 **4.3 Covariates and Subgroups**

1634 **4.3.1 Covariates**

1635 The models used for all study variables will be adjusted for the stratification variable, participating
1636 study site (i.e., Royal Melbourne Hospital and St Vincent's Hospital).

1637 **4.3.2 Subgroups**

1638 An exploratory subgroup analysis based on postoperative cancer treatment will be performed for the
1639 primary outcome at 3-months post-randomisation using the full analysis population. The subgroup
1640 analysis listed below will be performed irrespective of whether the primary objective of the study
1641 based on EORTC-QLQ physical function at 3 months post-randomisation was achieved or not. The
1642 subgroups are:

- 1643 • Postoperative cancer treatment: postoperative treatment/postoperative chemotherapy,
1644 radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy
- 1645 • No postoperative cancer treatment: postoperative treatment/postoperative chemotherapy,
1646 radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy

1647 **4.4 Missing Data**

1648 To describe the missing data, the frequency and percentage of participants with a missing value at
1649 baseline, 3 months post-randomisation, 6 months post-randomisation and 12 months post-
1650 randomisation will be summarised for each of the study variables in Section 0 overall and by
1651 treatment arm (program, usual care) for the full analysis population. Where available, reasons for the
1652 missingness will be tabulated. In addition, baseline and demographic characteristics (Section 0) will be
1653 summarised overall and for those with and without a missing value at baseline, 3 months post-, 6
1654 months post-randomisation and 12 months post-randomisation separately to examine if any
1655 characteristics appear to be associated with the presence or absence of data.

1656 As the primary strategy to handle missing data, the analysis of continuous study variables will use a
1657 likelihood-based approach (i.e., constrained longitudinal data analysis, see Section 0). This approach
1658 assumes that the probability of missing data on the study variable is not related to the missing data
1659 but to some of the observed measured data in the model. That is, it assumes that the data are Missing
1660 at Random (MAR).

1661 **4.5 Interim Analyses and Data Monitoring**

1662 There were no interim analyses planned nor has an unplanned interim analysis occurred for this study.
1663 There was no formal Data and Safety Review Committee however, data quality reviews were
1664 performed by the principal and senior investigators.
1665

1666 **4.6 Multi-centre Studies**

1667 This was a multi-centre study recruiting from 2 sites. The randomisation schedule was stratified by
1668 site. The primary and secondary study variables will be analysed for all sites combined with
1669 adjustment for site in the models. Due to a small recruitment number at one of the sites¹⁰ an
1670 exploratory subgroup analyses will not be performed.

1671 **4.7 Multiple Testing**

1672 The comparison of the primary outcome (physical function) between self-management program
1673 (exercise and education) compared to usual care at 3 months will be performed at the 5% significance
1674 level. All secondary outcomes are exploratory and were not powered for. Therefore, no adjustment
1675 for multiple secondary outcomes will be adopted. Instead, all effect sizes and corresponding 95%
1676 confidence intervals (CIs) will be reported to let readers use their own judgement about the relative
1677 weight of the conclusions on the effect of the interventions on the secondary outcomes. This
1678 approach aligns with the usage of p-values favoured by the American Statistical Association. This
1679 approach will also be used for exploratory subgroup analyses.

1680 **4.8 Estimand Framework**

1681 The analysis of the study outcomes will follow the estimand framework (ICH E9(R1)) which involves
1682 specifying the following attributes of the estimand¹¹:

- 1683 i) Population of interest
- 1684 ii) Variable (or endpoint) of interest
- 1685 iii) Treatment description
- 1686 iv) Handling of intercurrent event(s)¹²
- 1687 v) Population level summary for the variable

1688
1689 There is only one intercurrent event within this trial which is death due to any cause. To deal with this
1690 intercurrent event the While-alive/while on treatment strategy will be adopted for all the estimands
1691 for the primary and secondary outcomes as outlined in Section 0. This involves using measurements
1692 up until the time of the intercurrent event which censors measurements after the intercurrent event.
1693

¹⁰ St Vincent's hospital recruited 12 participants, compared to Royal Melbourne hospital with 107 participants.

¹¹ An estimand is a precise description of the treatment effect which reflects the clinical question posed by a clinical trial objective.

¹² An intercurrent event is one that occurs after randomisation and prior to observation of the trial endpoints that affect either the interpretation or the existence of the measurements associated with the clinical question of interest.

1694 **5 SUMMARY OF STUDY DATA**

1695 Participant data will be analysed and presented according to their randomised treatment allocation.
1696 Outcomes will be summarised using frequencies and percentages (based on the non-missing sample
1697 size) for categorical/binary variables, mean and standard deviation for continuous variables, or median
1698 and quartiles (25th and 75th percentile) for non-symmetrical continuous variables as assessed through
1699 graphical displays (histograms and/or boxplots).

1700 Please refer to Appendices A and B for a listing tables and figures and corresponding templates for the
1701 reporting of study data. Appendix C provides data mapping to the study database (i.e., the name of
1702 the variables to be used).

1703 **5.1 Subject Disposition**

1704 The flow of participants will be presented in a Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (CONSORT)
1705 diagram (Figure 1) and a summary of subject disposition during the study period (up to 12 months
1706 post-surgery) (Table 1.1) as presented in Appendix C.

1707 The following will be included:

- 1708 • Number of participants assessed for eligibility
- 1709 • Number of participants not meeting the inclusion criteria and declined to participate
- 1710 • Number of participants allocated to intervention group or usual care
- 1711 • Number of participants completing visits at 3 months, 6 months and 12 months and number of
1712 participants who withdrew from the study and lost to follow-up
- 1713 • Number of participants dropped out and for what reasons (death, toxicity, treatment failure,
1714 withdrew consent)
- 1715 • Number of participants available for analysis for each of the primary, secondary and safety
1716 outcomes.
1717

1718 **5.2 Derived variables**

1719 Any primary or secondary outcome variables requiring derivation are described in Section 0 and are
1720 indicated in the data mapping plan in Appendix C.

1721 **5.3 Protocol deviations and violations**

1722 Protocol deviations and violations will not be provided as the study protocol did not specify what
1723 constituted a protocol deviation or violation.

1724 **5.4 Baseline Demographic Variables**

1725 The summary statistics will be produced for the following demographic and baseline variables in
1726 accordance with Section 0.

1727 **Baseline demographics**

- 1728 • Age (in years) at surgery
- 1729 • Sex (Female/Male)
- 1730 • CAPACITY study site (Royal Melbourne Hospital/St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne)
- 1731 • ECOG performance status
- 1732 • Cancer histological type
- 1733 • Cancer stage
- 1734 • Previous cancer diagnosis (including lung)
- 1735 • Comorbidities (diabetes, tobacco consumption, renal insufficiency, respiratory (COPD),
1736 cardiovascular (PVD), neoplastic, alcoholism → Colinet comorbidity Score)
- 1737 • Race/ethnicity
- 1738 • Body mass index

- 1739 • Smoking history
- 1740 • Respiratory function (FEV1, FEV1/FVC, DLCO actual, DLCO percent predicted)
- 1741 • Highest Education
- 1742 • Occupational status
- 1743 • Living arrangement (pre-admission)

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1745 **Surgical and hospital details**

- 1746 • Type of surgery
- 1747 • Hospital length of stay
- 1748 • Any postoperative treatment
- 1749 • ICU admission, length of stay, intubation
- 1750 • Mobility status (use of gait aid, level of independence, endurance)

1751

1752 **Post-operative therapy**

- 1753 • If chemotherapy or radiotherapy received

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1755 **5.5 Treatment Compliance**

1756 During the weekly telehealth consultations, participants in the intervention group will be asked to
1757 recall their adherence rate to the exercise programme and report their daily step count.

1758 Adherence rate will be reported as the percentage of consultations delivered over the 12 weeks
1759 (number delivered against target of 12 sessions). Completion rate will be reported as the percentage
1760 of participants who continue consultations to 12 weeks.

1761

1762 6 EFFICACY ANALYSES

1763 In general, continuous primary and secondary outcomes where there was a scheduled baseline visit
1764 and at least 1 post-surgery time points (3, 6 and/or 12 months) will be analysed using a likelihood-
1765 based longitudinal data analysis model incorporating all available outcome data as the response. Each
1766 model will include the study group allocation, time point and a study group by time point interaction
1767 and recruitment site. The absolute difference in mean change in the outcome score from baseline
1768 between the two study groups will be estimated at each post-surgery timepoint and reported with
1769 corresponding 95% confidence intervals (CI).

1770 In addition to the analysis of participants according to their allocated group, the complier average
1771 causal effect will be estimated in secondary analyses, using collected adherence data. Heterogeneity
1772 of the intervention effect according to postoperative cancer treatment (no postoperative
1773 treatment/postoperative chemotherapy, radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy) for the primary
1774 outcome will be assessed in exploratory analyses by including interactions between postoperative
1775 treatment and study group.

1776 Further details on the analysis approach for the other outcomes not covered above are provided in
1777 section 0.

1778 6.1 Primary Efficacy Analysis

1779 The primary outcome (physical function domain total score of the EORTC QLQ C30) will be analysed
1780 using a likelihood-based longitudinal data analysis model, with response consisting of all scores
1781 (baseline, 3 months, 6 months and 12 months after surgery). The model will include factors
1782 representing study group, time point and a study group by time point interaction and recruitment site
1783 included in the model. The model will be restricted to have a common baseline mean score across the
1784 study groups (enforced statistically in the statistical model) based on the assumption that there are no
1785 differences in the mean outcome between groups at baseline due to randomisation, thus assuming
1786 the randomisation was effective. The constrained longitudinal data analysis model provides valid
1787 inference if the missing data mechanism for the outcome is at most missing at random.

1788 The absolute difference in mean change in EORTC QLQ c30 physical function domain from baseline
1789 between groups will be estimated (including corresponding two-sided 95% CI and two-sided *p*-value)
1790 at 3 months after surgery (primary time point).

1791 6.2 Secondary Efficacy Analyses

1792 Secondary continuous outcomes will be analysed using a likelihood-based longitudinal data analysis
1793 model as per the primary outcome analysis. The model will include factors representing study group,
1794 time point and a study group by time point interaction and recruitment site included in the model.
1795 Results will be expressed as mean difference for the groups at 3 months, 6 months and 12 months
1796 post-randomisation where applicable, including two-sided 95% CI.

1797 The secondary categorical outcome, IPAQ physical activity with High, Moderate, Low responses, will
1798 be analysed using a likelihood-based longitudinal multinomial logistic regression model with a
1799 multinomial logit link function. The model will include factors representing study group, time point
1800 and a study group by time point interaction and recruitment site included in the model. Results will be
1801 expressed as a Relative Risk Ratio for the relative comparison of the risk of the outcome (with “Low”
1802 as the reference category) compared between study groups at 3 months and 6 months post-
1803 randomisation where applicable, including two-sided 95% CI. If the frequencies of the IPAQ physical
1804 activity categories are low (e.g., less than 10 in a category) then consideration will be made to
1805 combine categories to form a binary response (e.g., Low/Moderate vs High or Low vs Moderate/High)
1806 and will be analysed using a likelihood-based longitudinal data analysis model with a logistic link
1807 function. The model will include factors representing study group, time point and a study group by

1808 time point interaction and recruitment site included in the model. Results will be expressed as an Odds
 1809 Ratio for the relative comparison of the odds of the outcome compared between study groups at 3
 1810 months and 6 months post-randomisation where applicable, including two-sided 95% CI.

1811 The Kaplan-Meier method will be used to estimate the survival probability at 12 months post-surgery
 1812 in each arm. Follow-up time will be measured from the date of operation until the date of death from
 1813 any cause or date last known alive. Participants who have not died by the study closeout date will be
 1814 censored. Participants who withdraw or are lost to follow-up before the closeout date will be
 1815 censored at the date they are last known to be alive. Survival probability at 12 months will be reported
 1816 for each study arm. A Cox proportional hazard model will be used to estimate the hazard ratio (HR)
 1817 and corresponding 95% CI for time to death between the arms with the control group as the
 1818 reference.

1819 To estimate the mean time in weeks to return to work or usual activity, as separate analyses based on
 1820 the employment status of the participant 6 months prior to their surgery, an accelerated failure time
 1821 survival model will be used to obtain an estimate of the mean difference between the arms with
 1822 corresponding 95% CI.

1823 For continuous secondary outcomes measured at more than 2 timepoints, differences between
 1824 randomised groups over time will be presented graphically with the mean parameter value at each
 1825 timepoint for each treatment group with corresponding 95% confidence intervals.

1826 *p*-values for the secondary outcomes will not be presented.

1827 6.3 Estimand-to-analysis for primary and secondary objectives

1828 The estimands concerning the primary objective and secondary objectives are described in Table 6 and
 1829 Table 7. The handling of the intercurrent events and missing data will adopt the same strategy as per
 1830 Table 6 as well as the analysis approach which is further described in Section 0.

1831 **Table 6: Estimand-to-analysis for the primary endpoint**

Objective: To evaluate the effect of a self-management program on physical function at 3 months post-operative in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care	
Estimand: The difference in mean physical function score (as measured with the EORTC-QLQ c30) between a self-management program (based on exercise and education) compared with usual care (control) after 3 months post-surgery or death (whichever occurs first) in patients with operable lung cancer	
Intervention: 12-week program comprising aerobic and resistance exercises, behavioural change counselling and resources (activity tracker, diary and booklet)	
ESTIMAND	ANALYSIS
Target population	Analysis set
Patients with operable lung cancer	Full analysis population (§0)
Variable	Outcome measure
Physical function score as measured with the EORTC-QLQ c30	Physical function score measured 3 months post-surgery.
Handling of intercurrent events	Handling of missing data
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths: while-alive strategy 	Participants will be excluded if physical function not collected at 3 months.
Population-level summary measure	Analysis approach
Absolute difference in mean change in physical function score from baseline between groups at 3 months post-surgery.	Constrained longitudinal data analysis including all timepoints (baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months after surgery), with study group, time point and a study group by time point interaction and recruitment site included in the model. A contrast will be used to obtain the mean difference at 3 months and corresponding 95% confidence interval and <i>p</i> -value (§0).

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Table 7: Estimand-to-analysis for the secondary endpoints

Secondary Objective	Treatments	Population	Variable & Outcome measure/s	Handling of intercurrent events*	Population-level summary	Analysis**
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on physical function in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (§0)	i. EORTC QLQ-c30 Physical function domain score at 6 and 12 months post- surgery ii. SPPB overall and individual (gait, balance, and chair) scores at 3- and 6-months post-surgery	While-alive strategy	Absolute difference in mean change in physical function score from baseline between groups at 3 (for SPPB scores), 6- and 12-months post-surgery.	As per Table 6 with additional contrasts for comparisons at 6- and 12-months post-surgery.
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on physical activity (levels and self-efficacy) in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (§0)	IPAQ-SF total MET (minutes/week) and categorical (high/moderate/low); and barriers, task and walking self-efficacy scales at 3 and 6 months post-surgery. Sedentary activity based on average television and video viewing hours per day.	While-alive strategy	Absolute difference in mean total MET from baseline between groups at 3- and 6-months post-surgery.	As per Table 6 with additional contrasts for comparisons at 6 months post-surgery.
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on muscle strength and function in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (§0)	Quadriceps and hand grip strength test measured as a peak force and time to peak force at 3 and 6 months post-surgery	While-alive strategy	Absolute difference in mean change in muscle strength and function from baseline between groups at 3- and 6-months post-surgery.	As per Table 6 with additional contrasts for comparisons at 6 months post-surgery.
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on health-related quality of life (HRQoL) and symptoms in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (§0)	EORTC QLQ-c30 and LC13 domain and single item scores at 3-, 6- and 12-months post- surgery	While-alive strategy	Absolute difference in mean change in HRQoL score from baseline between groups at 3-, 6- and 12-months post-surgery.	As per Table 6 with additional contrasts for comparisons at 6- and 12-months post-surgery.
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on fatigue in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (§0)	Brief fatigue inventory global score at 3- and 6-months post-surgery	While-alive strategy	Absolute difference in mean change in fatigue score from baseline between groups at 3- and 6-months post-surgery.	As per Table 6 with additional contrasts for comparisons at 6 months post-surgery.
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on sleep in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (§0)	Sleep disturbance-short form 8b PROMIS Item Bank sleep T-score at 3- and 6-months post-surgery	While-alive strategy	Absolute difference in mean change in sleep T-score from baseline between groups at 3- and 6-months post-surgery.	As per Table 6 with additional contrasts for comparisons at 6 months post-surgery.
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on distress in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (§0)	Distress thermometer at 3- and 6-months post-surgery	While-alive strategy	Absolute difference in mean change in distress score from baseline between groups at 3- and 6-months post-surgery.	As per Table 6 with additional contrasts for comparisons at 6 post-surgery.
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on financial toxicity in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (§0)	COmprehensive score for financial toxicity (COST) at 3- and 6-months post-surgery	While-alive strategy	Absolute difference in mean change in financial toxicity score from baseline between groups at 3- and 6-months post-surgery.	As per Table 6 with additional contrasts for comparisons at 6 months post-surgery.
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on survival in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (§0)	Survival status at 12 months post-surgery	While-alive strategy	Hazard ratio with usual care as the reference.	Kaplan-Meier method to estimate survival probability at 12 months in each arm

						with corresponding 95% CI. Hazard ratio and 95% CI with control as reference.
To assess the effect of a self-management program (exercise and education) on return to work/usual activities in patients with operable lung cancer compared with usual care (control).	Usual care plus self-management program (exercise and education); usual care	Full analysis population (S0)	Number of weeks to usual activities for those not employed and number of weeks to return to work in those employed	While-alive strategy	Difference in mean time (in weeks) to return to work (or usual activities) between groups	An accelerated failure time survival model to estimate the difference between arms.

1834 Intercurrent event for all objectives is death

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1837 6.4 Exploratory Efficacy Analyses

1838 6.4.1 Complier average causal effect

1839 A sensitivity analysis will estimate the treatment effect on the primary outcome assuming adherence
1840 to the intervention, as defined in Section 0. The complier average causal effect will be estimated
1841 using an instrumental variables approach where randomisation is the instrument for adherence.

1842 Two-stage least square models will be fit, with complier average causal effects (CACE) reported with
1843 95% confidence intervals and p -values.

1844 If there is missing data in the primary outcome at 3 months consideration will be made to use
1845 multiple imputation for the purpose of performing the CACE analysis as an additional analysis.

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1847 6.4.2 Subgroup analyses

1848 An exploratory subgroup analysis based on postoperative cancer treatment will be performed for
1849 the primary outcome at 3-months post-surgery using the full analysis population. The subgroups are:

1850 i. Postoperative cancer treatment: postoperative treatment/postoperative chemotherapy,
1851 radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy

1852 ii. No postoperative cancer treatment: postoperative treatment/postoperative chemotherapy,
1853 radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy

1854 Heterogeneity of the intervention effect according to postoperative cancer treatment (no
1855 postoperative treatment/postoperative chemotherapy, radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy) will be
1856 assessed by including interactions between postoperative treatment and study group. The model
1857 will include as covariates the stratification factors used in randomisation, and an interaction term
1858 estimating the interaction between the intervention and the subgroup variable. Specific subgroup
1859 intervention effect estimates and corresponding 95% confidence intervals will be presented
1860 obtained from the model along with the interaction p -value. If there is no evidence of interaction (p -
1861 value >0.05), any differences between subgroups will be regarded as due to chance.

1862 7 SAFETY ANALYSES

1863 Safety outcomes will be reported for the intervention group only. For all minor and serious adverse
1864 events, data including pseudo study ID, date/time of adverse event, description of the adverse event
1865 and action taken will be reported for each participant experiencing an adverse event as a line listing.

1866 7.1 Adverse Events

1867 The following adverse events will be reported:

- 1868 • fall not resulting in injury
- 1869 • severe breathlessness
- 1870 • new or progressive pain
- 1871 • neurological deficits
- 1872 • altered mental status
- 1873 • palpitations
- 1874 • light headedness
- 1875 • progressive fatigue
- 1876 • progressive anorexia

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1878 Adverse events reported as “Other” will be reviewed and assessed by the PI if they should also be
1879 reported. The number and percentage of participants with at least one adverse event will be
1880 reported along with the total number of episodes for adverse events. This will also be provided for
1881 each type of adverse event (listed above) separately.

1882 7.2 Serious Adverse Events

1883 The number and percentage of participants with at least one serious adverse event will be reported
1884 along with the total number of serious adverse events. This will also be provided for each type of
1885 serious adverse event (life-threatening or result in death or hospitalisation (or prolongation of
1886 hospitalisation), incapacity or disability) separately.

1887 8 FIGURES

1888 Where appropriate, graphical displays of the primary and secondary analyses will be given and
1889 convey information display in a corresponding summary table. A list and template for the planned
1890 figures is provided in Appendix A and Appendix B.

1891 9 REPORTING CONVENTIONS

- 1892 • The mean, standard deviation, and any other statistics other than quantiles, will be
1893 reported to one decimal place greater than the original data.
- 1894 • Quantiles, such as median, or minimum and maximum will use the same number of
1895 decimal places as the original data.
- 1896 • Percentages will be reported with no decimal place for sample sizes less than 100 and with
1897 1 decimal point if greater than 100.
- 1898 • Estimated parameters, not on the same scale as raw observations (e.g. regression
1899 coefficients) will be reported to 3 significant figures.
- 1900 • p -values >0.0001 will be reported to 4 decimal places; p -values less than 0.0001 will be
1901 reported as “ <0.0001 ”. This follows the guidelines from the target journal *Thorax*.
- 1902 • In any cells in a row of data for which no data are reported, two mid-dots (··) will be included
1903 in the table and NA (Not Applicable) as a footnote.

1904 For publication purposes, if the target journals guidelines differ in their reporting conventions to
1905 those listed above, the reporting will change to reflect the guidelines of the journal.

1906 10 TECHNICAL DETAILS

1907 Analysis will be conducted using Stata/SE for Windows version 17.0 (64-bit, x64). We will report the
1908 software and version used at the time of reporting.

1909 11 SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE PROTOCOL

1910 Due to various constraints, outcomes noted in sections 0 and 0 that were specified in the trial
1911 protocol will not be included in this analysis.

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APPENDIX A – TABLE AND FIGURE LISTING FOR THE FINAL REPORT

Heading	Title	Population Set
Figure 1	The CONSORT flow chart	Not applicable
Figure 2	Measures over time	Randomised
Figure 3	Kaplan-Meier survival curve	Randomised
Table 1.1	Summary of Subject Disposition during study period	Randomised
Table 1.2	Summary of Baseline Characteristics by treatment arm and overall	Randomised
Table 1.3	Summary of treatment compliance	Randomised
Table 2	Summary of primary outcome by treatment arm	Randomised
Table 3.1	Summary of secondary outcomes with measures at baseline	Randomised
Table 3.2	Summary of secondary outcome – IPAQ-SF categorical outcome activity	Randomised
Table 3.3	Summary of survival secondary outcome	Randomised
Table 3.4	Summary of secondary outcome return to work/usual activities	Randomised
Table 4	Summary of Adverse Events (Intervention arm only)	Safety
Table 5.1	Summary of Serious Adverse Events (Intervention arm only)	Safety
Table 5.2	Listing of Serious Adverse Events (Intervention arm only)	Safety

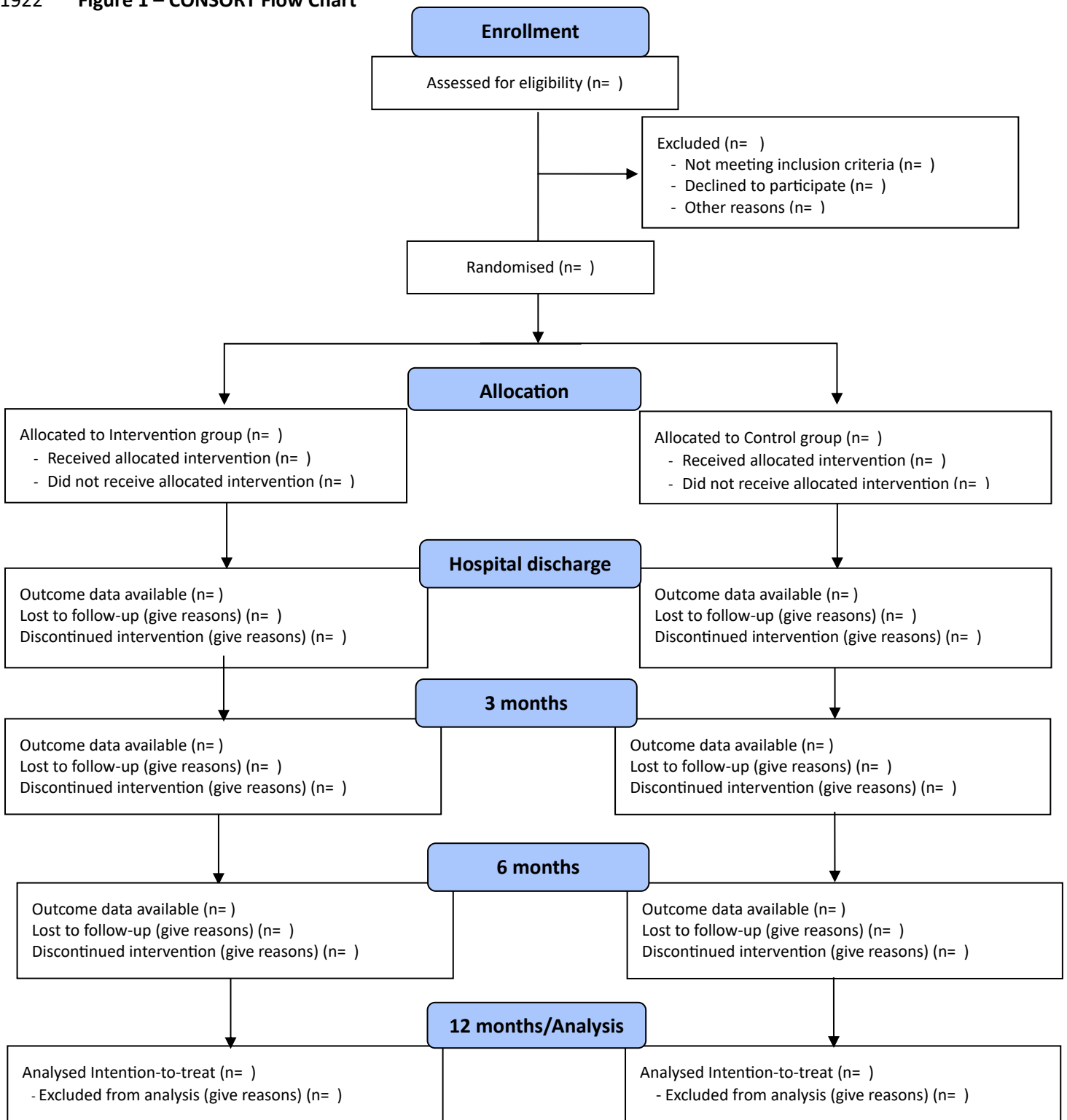
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1917 All figures and tables will be repeated for the Per Protocol analysis population described in Section 0.

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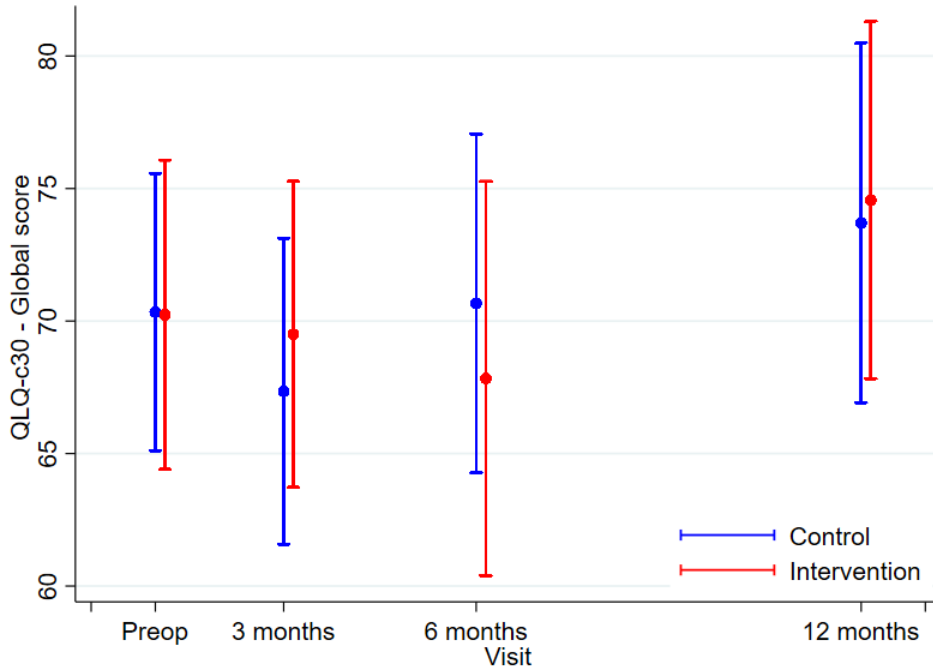
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1922 Figure 1 – CONSORT Flow Chart



1923 **Figure 2 Measures over time (presented as mean and 95% confidence interval)**

1924 Mock example of QLQ-c30 Global score



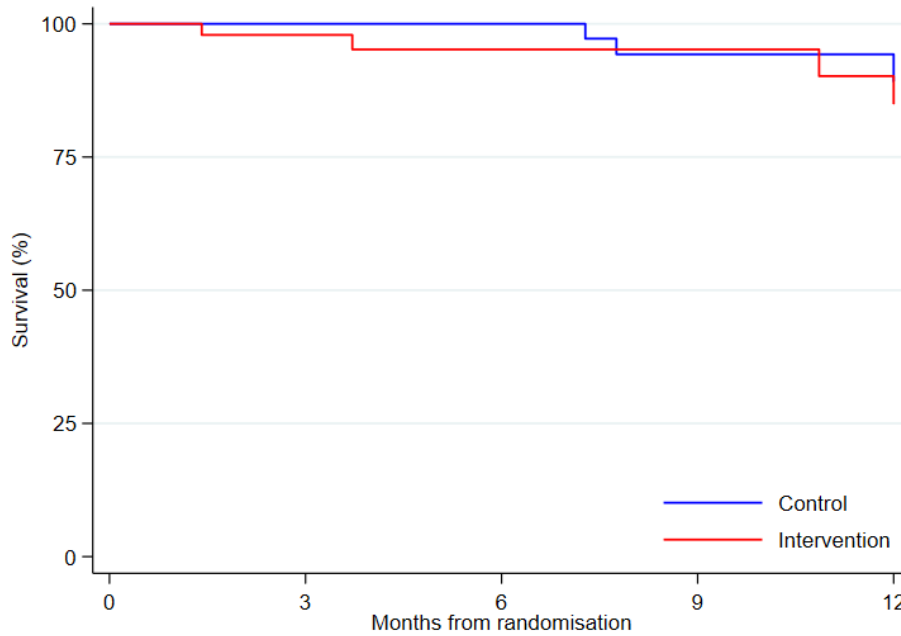
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1928 **Figure 3 Kaplan-Meier survival curve**

1929 Mock example of survival curve



Number at risk

	0	3	6	9	12
Control	58	47	37	25	18
Intervention	58	38	30	20	17

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1936 **Table 1.1 - Summary of Subject Disposition during study period**

Subject disposition	Control group N=	Intervention N=	All subjects N=
Randomised			
Discharged from hospital			
3 months post-surgery			
6 months post-surgery			
12 months post-surgery			
Early discontinuation			
Reason for discontinuation *			
Death			
Toxicity			
Treatment failure			
Withdrew consent			
Other			

1937 Data are presented as n (%).

1938 *More than one reason possible for discontinuation/withdrawal

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1940 **Table 1.2 - Summary of Baseline Characteristics**

1941 *Note: There may be some categorical variables such as occupation status and education level that*
 1942 *will be reported based on collapsed similar categories or low frequencies. This will be decided at the*
 1943 *discretion of the principle investigator.*

Characteristic	Statistic	Control group N=	Intervention N=	All subjects N=
Age at surgery, years	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min- Max			
Sex				
Male	n (%)			
Female	n (%)			
CAPACITY study site				
Royal Melbourne Hospital	n (%)			
St Vincent's Hospital	n (%)			
ECOG performance status				
0	n (%)			
1	n (%)			
2	n (%)			
Cancer histological type				
Squamous	n (%)			
Adenocarcinoma	n (%)			
Large cell	n (%)			
Other	n (%)			
- Other cancer type	n (%)			
- Non cancer	n (%)			
Cancer stage				
Stage IA	n (%)			

Characteristic	Statistic	Control group N=	Intervention N=	All subjects N=
Stage IB	n (%)			
Stage IIA	n (%)			
Stage IIB	n (%)			
Stage IIIA	n (%)			
Stage IV	n (%)			
Any co-morbidities	n (%)			
- COPD	n (%)			
- Tobacco consumption	n (%)			
- Diabetes	n (%)			
- Renal insufficiency	n (%)			
- Cardiovascular	n (%)			
- Neoplastic	n (%)			
- Alcoholism	n (%)			
Colinet co-morbidity Score	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
0 (No comorbidities)	n (%)			
1	n (%)			
2	n (%)			
3	n (%)			
4	n (%)			
5	n (%)			
6	n (%)			
7 (all co-morbidities above)	n (%)			
Race/ethnicity				
White	n (%)			
Black/African American	n (%)			
Asian	n (%)			
American Indian or Alaska Native	n (%)			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	n (%)			
More than one race	n (%)			
Unknown	n (%)			
Body mass index	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
Smoking history				
Never smoked	n (%)			
Quit smoking longer than 8 weeks ago	n (%)			
Current smoker	n (%)			
Education				
No formal schooling	n (%)			
Finished primary schooling	n (%)			

Characteristic	Statistic	Control group N=	Intervention N=	All subjects N=
Some or completed secondary or high school	n (%)			
Some or completed trade, community or TAFE college	n (%)			
Some university	n (%)			
Completed Bachelor's degree	n (%)			
Completed Masters or PhD degree	n (%)			
Other	n (%)			
Occupational status				
Working - Full Time (at least 35 hours per week)	n (%)			
Working - Part Time (less than 35 hours per week)	n (%)			
On paid or unpaid sick leave, but still employed	n (%)			
Temporarily laid off (without pay)	n (%)			
Unemployed	n (%)			
Going to school	n (%)			
Home maker/home duties/child care/elder care/ volunteer	n (%)			
Retired with/without any paid work	n (%)			
Receiving disability payments	n (%)			
Awaiting approval for disability payments	n (%)			
Other	n (%)			
Don't know	n (%)			
No answer	n (%)			
Living arrangement				
Home alone	n (%)			
Home with family	n (%)			
Home with supports	n (%)			
Retirement village	n (%)			
Nursing home – low level care	n (%)			
Nursing home – high level care	n (%)			
Other	n (%)			
Respiratory function				
- FVC in litres actual	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
- FVC in percent predicted	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
- FEV1 in litres actual	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			

Characteristic	Statistic	Control group N=	Intervention N=	All subjects N=
- FEV1 in percent predicted	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
- FEV1/FVC ratio	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
- DLCO in ml/mmHg/min actual	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
- DLCO in percent predicted	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
Surgical and hospital details				
Type of surgery				
Lobectomy	n (%)			
Segmentectomy	n (%)			
Wedge resection	n (%)			
Pneumonectomy	n (%)			
Other (including combination)	n (%)			
Surgery side				
Left	n (%)			
Right	n (%)			
Surgery approach				
Thoracotomy	n (%)			
VATS or RATS	n (%)			
Other	n (%)			
Hospital length of stay, days	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
Any postoperative complications				
ICU admission	n (%)			
Main reason for ICU admission				
Respiratory	n (%)			
Cardiovascular	n (%)			
Neurological	n (%)			
Renal	n (%)			
Other	n (%)			
ICU length of stay (days)	Mean (SD)			
	Median [IQR]			
	Min-Max			
ICU intubation	n (%)			
Mobility status				

Characteristic	Statistic	Control group N=	Intervention N=	All subjects N=
- Use of gait aid	n (%)			
SPS	n (%)			
2WF/4WF	n (%)			
GWF	n (%)			
Crutches	n (%)			
Other	n (%)			
- Level of independence				
Independent	n (%)			
1xA	n (%)			
2xA	n (%)			
Step t/f (1-2xA)	n (%)			
Hoist t/f only	n (%)			
Discharge destination				
Home alone	n (%)			
Home with family	n (%)			
Home with friends	n (%)			
GEM	n (%)			
Inpatient rehab	n (%)			
TCP (awaiting nursing home placement or respite)	n (%)			
Respite	n (%)			
Nursing home	n (%)			
Other	n (%)			
Post-operative therapy				
Type of chemotherapy or radiotherapy				
No chemo or RT	n (%)			
Post-op radical chemoRT	n (%)			
Post-op stereotactic radio (radical)	n (%)			
Post-op palliative radiotherapy	n (%)			
Post-op palliative chemotherapy	n (%)			
Post-op chemotherapy	n (%)			
Other	n (%)			

1944 Note: If data are missing for a variable then an additional row will be included reporting the number
1945 of missing observation for that variable

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Table 1.3 – Summary of treatment compliance (Intervention arm only)

Treatment compliance	Percentage
Adherence rate	
Completion rate	

1953 Note: Adherence rate will be reported as the percentage of consultations delivered over the 12 weeks
1954 (number delivered against target of 12 sessions). Completion rate will be reported as the percentage of
1955 participants who continue consultations to 12 weeks.
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1957 **Table 2 - Summary of primary outcome by treatment arm (Full analysis population)**

Primary Outcome	Control group N= Mean ± SD	Intervention N= Mean ± SD	Estimate (95% CI) (Absolute difference: Intervention minus control)	p-value
EORTC QLQ-c30 Physical function score				
<i>Complier average causal effect (Sensitivity analysis)</i>				
<i>Complier average causal effect (Sensitivity analysis, multiple imputation)</i>				
<i>Subgroup analysis (\$0/\$0)</i>				
Postoperative cancer treatment				
No postoperative cancer treatment				

1958 Note: Mean change from baseline at 3 months post-surgery

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Table 3.1 - Summary of continuous secondary outcomes with measures at baseline

Secondary Outcome*	Control group N= Mean ± SD	Intervention N= Mean ± SD	Estimate (95% CI) (Absolute difference: Intervention minus control)
Physical Function			
EORTC QLQ-c30 Physical function score			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
SPPB overall score			
At 3-months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
SPPB gait score			
At 3-months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
SPPB balance score			
At 3-months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
SPPB chair			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Physical activity (levels and self-efficacy)			
IPAQ-SF total MET (minutes/week)			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
<i>Self-efficacy scales</i>			

Secondary Outcome*	Control group N= Mean ± SD	Intervention N= Mean ± SD	Estimate (95% CI) (Absolute difference: Intervention minus control)
Barriers			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Tasks			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Walking			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Muscle Strength and Function			
Quadriceps strength (peak force)			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Quadriceps strength (time to peak force)			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Hand group strength (peak force)			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Hand group strength (time peak force)			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQoL) and symptoms			
<i>EORTC QLQ-c30 scales</i>			
Global health status/QoL			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Role functioning			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Emotional functioning			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Cognitive functioning			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Social functioning			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Fatigue			
At 3 months post-surgery			

Secondary Outcome*	Control group N= Mean ± SD	Intervention N= Mean ± SD	Estimate (95% CI) (Absolute difference: Intervention minus control)
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Nausea and vomiting			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Pain			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Dyspnoea			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Insomnia			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Appetite loss			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Constipation			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Diarrhoea			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Financial difficulties			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
<i>EORTC QLQ-LC13 scales</i>			
Dyspnoea			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Coughing			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Haemoptysis			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			

Secondary Outcome*	Control group N= Mean ± SD	Intervention N= Mean ± SD	Estimate (95% CI) (Absolute difference: Intervention minus control)
At 12-months post-surgery			
Sore mouth			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Dysphagia			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Peripheral neuropathy			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Alopecia			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Pain in chest			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Pain in arm or shoulder			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Pain in other parts			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
At 12-months post-surgery			
Fatigue			
Brief fatigue inventory global score			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Sleep			
Sleep disturbance-short form 8b PROMIS Item Bank sleep T-score			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Distress			
Distress thermometer			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			
Financial Toxicity			
At 3 months post-surgery			
At 6-months post-surgery			

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Table 3.2a - Summary of secondary outcome – IPAQ-SF categorical outcome for activity level

Secondary Outcome	Control group n (%)			Intervention n (%)		
	Baseline	3 months	6 months	Baseline	3 months	6 months
IPAQ-SF – categorical						
Low						
Moderate						
High						
Missing (count only)						

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1967 **Table 3.2b - Summary of secondary outcome – IPAQ-SF categorical outcome for activity level**

	Moderate vs Low RRR (95% CI)	High vs Low RRR (95% CI)
At 3 months post-surgery		
At 6-months post-surgery		

1968 Note: Intervention vs Control (reference)

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1970 **Table 3.3 - Summary of survival secondary outcome**

Secondary Outcome	Control group N=	Intervention N=	HR (95% CI)
Survival probability* at 12 months post-surgery			

1971 *Note: Reported with 95% CI.

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1973 **Table 3.4 - Summary of secondary outcome return to work/usual activities**

Secondary Outcome	Control group Mean±SD	Intervention Mean±SD	Estimate (95% CI) (Absolute difference: Intervention minus control)
Time to return to work (including non-paid volunteer work)	N=	N=	
Time to return to usual activities	N=	N=	

1974 Note: The sample size for each outcome will not overlap as patients will be classified as either working prior to surgery or not working prior to surgery. If the distribution of the outcome is skewed then the median and IQR, median difference and corresponding 95% CI will be reported.

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Table 4 - Summary of adverse events (Intervention arm only)

Adverse Event	n (%)	Number of episodes
Fall not resulting in injury		
Severe breathlessness		
New or progressive pain		
Neurological deficits		

Adverse Event	n (%)	Number of episodes
Altered mental status		
Palpitations		
Light headedness		
Progressive fatigue		
Progressive anorexia		

1980 Note: The number and percentage reflect participants in the intervention arm who experienced at least one
1981 episode of that adverse event type.

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1983 **Table 5.1 Summary of serious adverse events (Intervention arm only)**

Serious Adverse Event	n (%)	Number of episodes
Death		
Life threatening		
Required hospitalisation or prolonged existing hospitalisation		
Resulted in disability or incapacity		

1984 Note: The number and percentage reflect participants in the intervention arm who experienced at
1985 least one episode of that serious adverse event type.

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1990 **Table 5.2 Listing of serious adverse events (Intervention arm only)**

Subject number	Date of SAE	Serious adverse event type	Description of SAE	Action taken

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APPENDIX C – DATA MAPPING TO DATABASE

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Table 8 Data mapping of baseline characteristics

	Characteristic	Data type	Variable name in database	Derived (outside of database)
Baseline demographics				
	Age at surgery	Continuous	age	No
	Sex	Binary	sex	No
	CAPACITY study site	Categorical	site	No
	ECOG performance status	Categorical	ecog_dr	No
	Cancer histological type	Categorical	histological_type	No
	Cancer stage	Categorical	tnm_stage	No
	Comorbidities - COPD - Tobacco consumption - diabetes - renal insufficiency - respiratory - cardiovascular - neoplastic - alcoholism - Colinet comorbidity Score	Binary Discrete	copd tobacco_consumption diabetes_mellitus_treated renal_insufficiency respiratory cardiovascular neoplastic alcoholism colinet_comorbidity_score	No
	Race/ethnicity	Categorical	race	No
	Body mass index	Continuous	bmi	No
	Smoking history	Categorical	smoking_status	No
	Education	Categorical	highest_education	No
	Occupational status	Categorical	employment_2_grouped	Yes, collapsed categories as per Table 1.2
	Living arrangement	Categorical	social_situation	No
	Respiratory function	Continuous		No

	Characteristic	Data type	Variable name in database	Derived (outside of database)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FVC in litres actual - FVC in percent predicted - FEV1 in litres actual - FEV1 in percent predicted - FEV1/FVC in percent predicted - DLCO in ml/mmHg/min actual - DLCO in percent predicted 		fvc_litres fvc_litres_percentpred fev1_litres fev1_litres_percentpred fev1_over_fvc_percentpred dlco_actual dlco_percentpred	
Surgical and hospital details				
	Type of surgery Side of surgery Surgery approach	Categorical	type_of_surgery type_of_surgery_side type_of_surgery_approach	No
	Hospital length of stay	Continuous	los_surgtodc	No
	Any postoperative complications	Binary	hosp_comp	No
	ICU admission Main reason for ICU admission ICU length of stay ICU intubation	Binary Categorical Continuous Binary	hosp_icu hosp_icu_reason hosp_icu_nodays hosp_icu_vent	No
	Mobility status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of gait aid - Level of independence 	Binary Categorical	dc_mob_aid, dc_mob_aid_yess dc_mob_assistance	No
	Discharge destination	Categorical	dc_dest	No
Prior therapy				
	Type of chemotherapy or radiotherapy	Categorical	rx_type	No

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2001 **Table 9 Data mapping of primary and secondary outcomes**

	Outcome	Data type	Variable name in database	Derived (outside of database)	Value range
Primary outcome					
	<i>EORTC QLQ C30</i> – physical function	Continuous	PF2	Yes	[0, 100]
Secondary outcomes					
<i>Short Physical Performance Battery SPPB</i>					
	Total Balance test score (0-4)	Continuous	sppb_balance_score	No	[0, 4]
	Gait speed Test score (0-4)	Continuous	sppb_gait_score	No	[0, 4]
	Chair Stand Test score (0-4)	Continuous	sppb_chair_score	No	[0, 4]
	Total SPPB score (0-12)	Continuous	sppb_sum_ordinal_score	No	[0, 12]
<i>EORTC QLQ C30</i>					
	Global	Continuous	QL2	Yes	[0, 100]
	Physical functioning	Continuous	PF2	Yes	[0, 100]
	Role functioning	Continuous	RF2	Yes	[0, 100]
	Emotional functioning	Continuous	EF	Yes	[0, 100]
	Cognitive functioning	Continuous	CF	Yes	[0, 100]
	Social functioning	Continuous	SF	Yes	[0, 100]
	Fatigue	Continuous	FA	Yes	[0, 100]
	Nausea and Vomiting	Continuous	NV	Yes	[0, 100]
	Pain	Continuous	PA	Yes	[0, 100]
	Dyspnea	Continuous	DY	Yes	[0, 100]
	Insomnia	Continuous	SL	Yes	[0, 100]
	Appetite loss	Continuous	AP	Yes	[0, 100]
	Constipation	Continuous	CO	Yes	[0, 100]
	Diarrhea	Continuous	DI	Yes	[0, 100]
	Financial difficulties	Continuous	FI	Yes	[0, 100]
<i>EORTC QLQ-LC13</i>					

	Outcome	Data type	Variable name in database	Derived (outside of database)	Value range
	Dyspnoea	Continuous	LCDY	Yes	[0, 100]
	Coughing	Continuous	LCCO	Yes	[0, 100]
	Haemoptysis	Continuous	LCHA	Yes	[0, 100]
	Sore mouth	Continuous	LCSM	Yes	[0, 100]
	Dysphagia	Continuous	LCDS	Yes	[0, 100]
	Peripheral neuropathy	Continuous	LCPN	Yes	[0, 100]
	Alopecia	Continuous	LCHR	Yes	[0, 100]
	Pain in chest	Continuous	LCPC	Yes	[0, 100]
	Pain in arm or shoulder	Continuous	LCPA	Yes	[0, 100]
	Pain in other parts	Continuous	LCPO	Yes	[0, 100]
	<i>6-minute walk distance (6MWD)</i>				
	6 MW distance	Continuous	sixmin_distance_max	Yes, best of 2 attempts, otherwise first attempt: [sixmin_distance_1], [sixmin_distance_2]	[0, 800 meters]
	<i>Muscle strength</i>				
	Quadriceps strength test (bilateral) - Peak force over 6s - Time to peak force over 6s	Continuous	strength_knee_left_highest strength_knee_left_longesttime_2 strength_knee_right_highest strength_knee_right_longesttime	No	[0, 136 kg] [0, 6s]
	Hand grip strength test (bilateral) - Highest strength over 6s	Continuous	strength_grip_right_average strength_grip_left_average	No	[0, 91 kg (200 lbs)]
	<i>IPAQ-SF</i>				
	Total MET-minutes/week of PA	Continuous	pa_met	Yes	[153, 14688]
	Categorical Score of IPAQ	Categorical	ipaq_pa_group	Yes	Coded as: 0 – Low 1 – Moderate

	Outcome	Data type	Variable name in database	Derived (outside of database)	Value range
					2 – High
	<i>Sedentary time</i>	Continuous	acsm_2	No	[0,24 hours]
	<i>Self-efficacy for PA</i>				
	Walking score	Continuous	eff_walk_avg	Yes	[0, 100]
	Barrier score	Continuous	eff_barrier_avg	Yes	[0, 100]
	Task score	Continuous	eff_task_avg	Yes	[0, 100]
	<i>Brief Fatigue Inventory</i>	Continuous	bfi_global	Yes	[0, 10]
	<i>Distress Thermometer</i>	Continuous	q_distress_thermometer	No	[0, 10]
	<i>Sleep Disturbance-short form 8b PROMIS</i>	Continuous	T_score_sleep	Yes	[28.9, 76.5]
	<i>COmprehensive Score for financial Toxicity (COST)</i>	Continuous	finance_total	Yes	[0, 44]
	Return to usual activities	Continuous	employment_5_weeks	No	[0, 52 weeks]
	Return to work	Continuous	employment_8_weeks	No	[0, 52 weeks]
	<i>Survival</i>				
	Survival status	Binary	alive_at_12mnth	No	Coded as 1 – alive, 0 – deceased
			surv_status	Yes	Coded as 0 – alive, 1- deceased
	Follow-up time	Continuous	death_surgtodeath_days	No	[0, 365 days]
			surv_time	Yes	

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2007 **Table 10 Data mapping of safety outcomes**

	Outcome	Data type	Variable name in database	Derived (outside of database)
	Safety outcome (Minor adverse event)			
	Adverse event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fall not resulting in injury - severe breathlessness - new or progressive pain - neurological deficits - altered mental status - palpitations - light headedness - progressive fatigue - progressive anorexia 	Binary	ae_minor_type ae1 ae2 ae3 ae4 ae5 ae6 ae7 ae8 ae9	Yes, only ae1 to ae9 derived from ae_minor_type, for reporting purposes binary indicators will be created
	Safety outcome (Serious adverse event)			
	Date of Adverse Event	Date	ae_dtm	No
	Serious adverse event type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - resulted in death - life threatening - required hospitalisation or prolonged existing hospitalisation - resulted in disability or incapacity 	Categorical	ae_serious_type	No
	Description of SAE	String	ae_description	No
	Action taken	String	ae_action	No

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