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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Prehabilitation is a high-priority intervention for patients, the public, clinicians, and health systems. However, existing knowledge syntheses are generally low quality and do not provide insights regarding the relative efficacy of different prehabilitation components (e.g., exercise, nutrition, psychosocial or cognitive interventions). The objective of the planned review is to evaluate the relative efficacy of different prehabilitation components to inform current care, implementation, and future research.

Methods and analysis: We will perform a systematic review and component network meta-analysis (CNMA). We will use a peer-reviewed search strategy to identify all randomized trials of prehabilitation in adult surgical patients from Ovid Medline, Embase, the CINAHL, PsychINFO, Web of Science, and the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, along with grey literature. All stages of the review and data extraction process will be performed in duplicate following recommended best practices. To compare the relative efficacy of different prehabilitation components (prespecified as exercise, nutrition, psychosocial or cognitive interventions), we will use CNMA, an extension of network meta-analysis that allows estimation of the contributions to efficacy of each component of a multicomponent intervention through direct and indirect comparisons. We will use additive CNMA models for critical outcomes (post-operative complications, patient-reported recovery, physical recovery, and length of stay); standard care will be the common reference condition. Pre-specified sensitivity and subgroup analyses will be conducted.

Ethics and dissemination: This review of published data does not require ethical review. Results will be disseminated via scientific conferences, peer reviewed publications, social and traditional media and via our research network to target partners and organizations.

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6 **Strengths and limitations of this study**
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9 -A prespecified protocol based on best practices for systematic review and meta-analysis will guide
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16 findings will be co-produced in an integrated knowledge translation framework
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19 -Component network meta-analysis will allow comparison of the relative efficacy of different
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21 prehabilitation components, even when multiple components are delivered simultaneously
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Introduction

Globally, >300 million surgical procedures are performed each year.^{1,2} These surgeries mostly occur on a planned (also referred to as ‘elective’) basis,³ meaning that wait-times can be positively leveraged to optimize patient status prior to surgery. Patient optimization is critical in supporting high value surgical care as adverse postoperative events that matter to patients and the healthcare system are common.⁴ Complications such as cardiopulmonary events, infections and major bleeding occur in 10-20% of patients.⁵⁻⁷ Impaired functional recovery or new clinically significant disability develop in more than 1 in 5 surgical patients; such adverse events are even more common amongst older patients and those with poor baseline health.⁸⁻¹² Effective strategies to improve outcomes for the millions of people having surgery each year are urgently needed.

Prehabilitation is a process undertaken in advance of surgery, which has the specific intent of improving an individual’s functional, physiologic, cognitive and/or mental health status through targeted interventions.^{13,14} Patients, the public, and international specialty societies identify prehabilitation as a high priority intervention, including multiple James Lind Alliance priority setting partnerships.¹⁵⁻¹⁷ However, despite the face validity and enthusiasm for prehabilitation interventions, a recently completed umbrella review of 55 prehabilitation systematic reviews found that existing evidence synthesis is insufficient to inform practice.¹⁸ Several key knowledge gaps preclude translation of current evidence into practice. First, existing systematic reviews have major methodologic shortcomings; 51 of 55 prehabilitation reviews synthesized in a recent umbrella review were rated as low quality.^{18,19} Second, prehabilitation interventions are heterogeneous, as they may consist of different components, including exercise, nutrition, psychosocial and cognitive interventions, or combinations thereof.¹⁸ Existing prehabilitation reviews have typically focused only on single component interventions, or pooled all types of prehabilitation components or interventions together. This means that patients, clinicians, researchers, and health system planners are unable to determine what specific components, or combinations of components, contribute the most to prehabilitation efficacy and deserve the greatest focus in implementation and future research.

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3 Understanding how the current evidence network can be leveraged to detect differences between the effects
4 of interventions and their individual components would help to address these important gaps.
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7 Component network meta-analysis (CNMA), an extension to network meta-analysis, allows
8 estimation of separate effects for each component of a multicomponent intervention through direct and
9 indirect comparison, even when these are delivered in combination.^{20,21} We propose a CNMA based on an
10 up-to-date, high-quality systematic review, to address important knowledge gaps in the prehabilitation
11 evidence base. Our objective is to estimate which prehabilitation components contribute the greatest
12 efficacy in improving critical outcomes, including postoperative complication rates, patient-reported
13 recovery, physical recovery, and length of stay in adult patients preparing for surgery.
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Methods

Design

This study will be a systematic review with CNMA. This protocol has been prepared in consideration of the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (PRISMA-P) guidelines, the PRISMA extension for network meta-analysis, and specific considerations for CNMA.^{22–24} Methods for the review are directly informed by the Cochrane Handbook and Methodological Expectations of Cochrane Intervention Reviews (MECIR).^{25,26} Findings will be reported according to PRISMA guidance.^{23,27,28} Any deviations from our prespecified methodology will be described in the final report (with rationale).²⁹ The protocol has been submitted for registration to the International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews (PROSPERO).

Patient and public involvement

This review will be conducted and co-produced with partners using an integrated knowledge translation (iKT) framework.^{30–32} Specifically, patients who will be impacted by the research and knowledge users who will implement evidence in practice have been, and will continue to be, regularly engaged through meetings, surveys and one-on-one discussions. A start-up meeting occurred June 3rd, 2022; mid-study, post-synthesis and wrap up team meetings will also be held to ensure meaningful input can be obtained throughout the course of the study. Patient and public involvement will be reported according to the Guidance for Reporting Involvement of Patients and the Public-2 checklist.³³

Intervention definition

A prehabilitation intervention is intended to improve physical, physiologic, cognitive or psychosocial function and to correct deficiencies in these domains in advance of surgery.^{13,14} We will define and operationalize the following working definition of prehabilitation based on consistent descriptions of prehabilitation provided in the literature: a unimodal intervention consisting of exercise (e.g., aerobic, strength or flexibility focused interventions), nutrition (e.g., advice, supplementation or other interventions to improve oral or enteral macro or micronutrient intake), cognitive (e.g., interventions to improve or maintain cognitive function), or psychosocial (e.g., interventions to improve mood, affect or motivation)

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3 training, or a multimodal intervention that combines exercise, nutrition, cognitive, and/or psychosocial
4 training with or without other interventions, undertaken for 7 or more days before surgery.^{13,34–36} No
5 limitations will be placed on duration, location or supervisory approaches to the prehabilitation intervention.
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7 For the purposes of CNMA, intervention components will be classified as: exercise, nutrition, cognitive or
8 psychosocial. The reference category will be standard care, which is the most common comparator in
9 existing randomized trials and meta-analyses of prehabilitation.¹⁸
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18 *Inclusion criteria*

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20 Selection criteria will be informed by our Population-Intervention-Comparator-Outcome question.
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22 We will include randomized trials addressing a population of adults (≥ 18 years; provision of pediatric
23 surgical care is substantively different from adults) undergoing major elective surgery where participants
24 were exposed to a prehabilitation intervention prior to surgery compared to individuals receiving standard
25 care or a different prehabilitation intervention (e.g., another prehabilitation intervention consisting of
26 different components) reporting prespecified outcomes (see *Outcomes* section below).
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33 *Exclusion criteria*

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35 Studies evaluating isolated preoperative risk factor management (e.g., smoking cessation, anemia
36 treatment, medication management in isolation), or interventions applied immediately (≤ 7 days) before
37 surgery (a time frame consistent with enhanced recovery after surgery)^{37,38} will be excluded to be consistent
38 with accepted definitions of prehabilitation.¹⁸ No language exclusions will be applied. Quasi experimental
39 and other non-randomized designs will be excluded.
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45 *Outcomes*

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47 Consultation with partners (patients, clinicians, health system leaders, scientists) and a recent
48 umbrella review performed by our team informed pre-specification of outcomes.¹⁸ This led to the choice of
49 critical and exploratory outcomes that are prioritized by knowledge users and that will be adequately
50 reported in prehabilitation trials. Critical outcomes include: 1) a composite of any postoperative medical or
51 surgical complications during the index hospitalization or within 30 days (a core outcome in surgery and
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3 perioperative medicine^{39,40}) as it is a key step on the causal pathway between prehabilitation and improved
4 recovery after surgery,¹⁰ and is the most commonly reported outcome in prehabilitation RCTs;³⁶ 2) patient-
5 reported recovery (e.g., disability or quality of life; most distal reported measure up to 90-days after
6 surgery); 3) physical recovery (e.g., 6-minute walk test, short physical performance battery; most distal
7 reported measure up to 90-days after surgery); and 4) length of hospital stay (LoS). Exploratory outcomes
8 will be organized per the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Triple Aim domains, and will include health
9 (non-home discharge, mortality), experience (pain, satisfaction), and resource use (costs).^{36,41,42} These
10 exploratory outcomes will be analyzed if adequate data and resources are available.
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20 *Search strategy*

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22 Our search strategy (Supplementary file 1) has been developed with our team's information
23 specialist, and has undergone the Peer Review of Electronic Search Strategies (PRESS) review process with
24 a second, independent information specialist.⁴³ Grey literature sources will be searched.^{26,44} We will
25 translate and apply our search strategy to Ovid Medline, Embase, the CINAHL, PsychINFO, Web of
26 Science, and the Cochrane CENTRAL Register of Controlled Trials. We will assess reference lists of
27 included trials and related reviews to identify citations missed by our search.
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34 *Study review and selection*

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36 All stages of the review will be conducted in duplicate by two independent reviewers using Distiller
37 SR (Evidence Partners, Ottawa, Canada). At each stage of the review, the first 50 citations will be assessed,
38 followed by a meeting of reviewers with study leads to review decisions, identify any issues related to
39 disagreements and/or interpretation of selection criteria, and recalibrate reviewers' approaches as needed.
40 The first stage will include title and abstract review. After full text review by two independent authors, any
41 conflicts will be resolved through consensus in a meeting between study leads and reviewers; reasons for
42 exclusion at full text review will be documented and provided in the final publication.
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51 *Data extraction*

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53 Data will be extracted using a form specifically designed for this review following a piloting
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3 full descriptions of comparator conditions (e.g., standard care, other prehabilitation interventions). All data
4 will be extracted in duplicate; disagreements will be resolved by reviewers through cooperative review of
5 the primary source with a study lead. A full description of all anticipated data points is included in
6 Supplementary file 2. Sample size, population characteristics, and missing data will be collected for each
7 trial. For binary outcomes, we will collect the 2x2 table, event rates and/or effect measures (e.g., odds ratios
8 or risk ratios) along with a measure of uncertainty (e.g., 95% confidence intervals [CIs], p-values). For
9 continuous outcomes we will collect means and standard deviations, and/or effect estimates such as mean
10 differences along with their 95% CIs and p-values. Any missing data will be sought directly from study
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22 *Assessment of bias in included studies*

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24 The Cochrane Risk of Bias 2 tool will be applied in duplicate to each included RCT⁴⁵ to assess
25 within-study bias of the included evidence. Where ≥ 10 studies are available in a meta-analysis, funnel plots
26 and Egger's test will be used to assess for possible publication bias and small-study effects.⁴⁶
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30 *Assessment of certainty of evidence*

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32 We will use the GRADE working group classification to assess the certainty of evidence for each
33 outcome,⁴⁷ including modifications specific to certainty assessment in network meta-analysis.⁴⁸ This will
34 allow us to categorize evidence as high/moderate/low/very-low certainty, which will be reported using
35 appropriate statements.⁴⁹
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41 *Intervention effect estimates*

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43 Pooled effect estimates will be reported as odds ratios (binary outcomes), mean differences
44 (continuous outcomes on a single scale (e.g., LoS)), or standardized mean differences (SMDs) (continuous
45 outcomes on multiple scales (e.g., functional recovery)); point estimates along with 95% CIs will be
46 reported. Where SMDs are calculated from different scales that capture related conceptual outcomes (e.g.,
47 patient-reported recovery via quality of life or disability scales), directionality will be standardized prior to
48 analysis. Where multiple scales that reflect functional recovery are reported within a single included study,
49 we will preferentially select for pooling generic (vs. disease specific) scales to enhance generalizability,
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3 and quality of life (vs. other concepts) scales, as our previous work demonstrates that quality of life is
4 reported far more frequently in prehabilitation studies than related measures like disability.¹⁸ Where
5 continuous outcome measures are not reported as means and standard deviations, we will use the methods
6 of Wan and colleagues to estimate means and standard deviations from reported measures such as medians
7 and interquartile or overall ranges.⁵⁰ Effect estimates derived from cluster randomized trials will be pooled
8 using the reported effect adjusted for clustering, or if not available, a corrected estimate accounting for an
9 estimated design effect.⁵¹

18 *Data syntheses and analyses*

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20 Our approach to analysis will follow previous recommendations, whereby sequential and
21 complimentary techniques will be used to estimate the pooled effects of prehabilitation and its
22 components.^{20,52}

26 Pairwise meta-analysis

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28 Pair-wise meta-analysis will first be used to estimate whether any prehabilitation intervention, or
29 prespecified components (exercise, nutrition, psychosocial or cognitive) improve critical outcomes
30 compared to standard care or comparator interventions (separately). All meta-analysis models will use
31 random-effects, as existing knowledge suggests that assumptions for fixed-effect meta-analysis will not be
32 met (in particular due to heterogeneity related to different surgical procedures).¹⁸ We will use the Hartung-
33 Knapp-Sidik-Jonkman method to derive appropriate CIs.⁵³ Between-study variance will be estimated using
34 the restricted maximum likelihood method and its 95% CI using the Q-profile approach.⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶ We will also
35 calculate the I^2 statistic to quantify the percentage of variability due to between-study heterogeneity rather
36 than random error. If substantial heterogeneity exists, sources will be explored using subgroup analysis and
37 meta-regression, based on prespecified postulated effect modifiers (type of surgery, age, type of
38 prehabilitation, baseline functional status).

51 Assessment of assumptions for NMA and CNMA

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53 We will assess for transitivity (the assumption that two components can be validly compared via
54 common control condition) both visually and statistically. Visual evaluation will be conducted via
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3 assessment of the distribution of effect modifiers in tabular and graphical presentations across treatment
4 comparisons. We will visually inspect similarity of the distribution of the following effect modifiers: type
5 of surgery, age, baseline functional status, comorbidity or American Society of Anesthesiologists' Score,
6 presence of cancer, presence of malnutrition. Statistical assessment of transitivity will involve a global
7 assessment of consistency using the design-by-treatment interaction model,⁵⁷ and a local assessment
8 through the node-splitting approach.⁵⁸ For the CNMA, we will assess the additivity assumption using the
9 method of Rucker and colleagues based on the difference in Q statistics between the additive CNMA and
10 standard NMA model.²⁴
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22 Network meta-analysis

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24 Next, we will conduct a standard NMA, also referred to as a full interaction model in CNMA,²⁰ and
25 generate network plots to visually explore the available evidence base. We will perform a random-effects
26 NMA assuming a common between-studies variance (τ^2) across the whole network, using the restricted
27 maximum likelihood method.⁵⁹ We will estimate summary effect measures (odds ratios, mean differences,
28 weighted mean differences) along with 95% CIs and 95% prediction intervals. To assess the magnitude of
29 heterogeneity we will compare the estimated τ^2 with an empirical distribution for dichotomous data.⁶⁰ We
30 will obtain a treatment hierarchy using P-scores, which take values between 0 and 1, and which is based on
31 the estimated treatment effects and their associated uncertainty.⁶¹
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43 Component network meta-analysis

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45 We will use an additive CNMA model to evaluate the influence of the individual components,
46 where each component has its own effect, and the total effect of an intervention will be equal to the sum of
47 the relative component effects. It should be noted that common components in comparisons of interventions
48 cancel out (i.e., *mean difference*_{A + B vs. A + C} is identical to the effect of *mean difference*_{B vs. C}).
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53 Model Implementation

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3 All analyses will be performed in the R programming language (R Foundation for Statistical
4 Computing, Vienna, Austria). We will fit pair-wise meta-analysis models in R using the *meta* package,⁶²
5 and will conduct all NMA, CNMAs, design-by-treatment interaction models, node-splitting models,
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7 subgroup and sensitivity analyses in R using the *netmeta* package.⁶³
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10 11 *Sensitivity analyses*

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13 If adequate data are available and network geometry is not substantively changed, we will re-
14 estimate our additive CNMA models limited to low risk of bias trials only.
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17 While we have prespecified, based on prior umbrella review, exercise, nutrition, psychosocial and
18 cognitive interventions as the components that we will compare using CNMA, theoretically each
19 component can be further subdivided. If adequate data are available, we will explore CNMA analyses by
20 subcomponent (e.g., exercise: aerobic, strength, other; nutrition: supplementation, counselling, other;
21 psychosocial: anxiety reduction, mood stabilization, other; although ultimately some subcomponents listed
22 here may require further merging or disaggregation based on their distribution between studies) to further
23 refine our understanding of intervention component efficacy. If missing data are present and unaccounted
24 for in primary reports, we will complete sensitivity analyses using appropriate techniques to impute missing
25 values and assess consistency between primary and imputed results.
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36 37 *Dissemination*

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39 Results will be disseminated through presentations at scientific conferences and submission of
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41 organizations and via our investigator network. Social and traditional media will also be used to spread
42 results to a larger audience.
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47 48 **Limitations**

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50 Component network meta-analysis requires specific assumptions and acknowledgement of
51 limitations. Assumptions underlying CNMA are similar to those of network meta-analyses,⁶⁴ and will
52 require assessment prior to analysis. Because network comparisons (direct and indirect) depend upon a
53 common reference condition (i.e., standard care), detailed description of standard care conditions in existing
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3 trials will be described to allow meaningful clinical interpretation of results. Should assumption-violating
4 differences between RCTs be identified, we will incorporate baseline risk meta-regression (i.e., control rate
5 meta-regression) in our analyses.⁶⁵ Some indirect (i.e., via the standard care reference condition)
6 comparisons may not be possible due to a lack of relevant RCT comparators. We have defined our
7 components as exercise, nutrition, psychosocial and cognitive. However, we recognize that these
8 components could be subdivided further, and have therefore pre-specified exploratory investigation of sub-
9 components (e.g., strength vs aerobic exercise) should adequate data be available. Sparse data can also limit
10 the power to detect meaningful differences, especially in CNMA models with interactions and for meta-
11 regression.^{20,66,67}

22 **Conclusion**

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24 Prehabilitation is a promising and high-priority intervention from the perspective of patients, the
25 public, clinicians, scientists, and health systems. The proposed review will provide a high-quality synthesis
26 of all prehabilitation trials. Use of CNMA will allow estimation of the relative efficacy of different
27 prehabilitation components. The findings will directly inform current care, health system implementation
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Supplementary file 1 – Search strategies

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S8	(MH "Exercise+")
S9	(MH "Physical Fitness+")
S10	TI ((exercise or exercises or stretch* or aerobic* or physical activit*)) OR AB ((exercise or exercises or stretch* or aerobic* or physical activit*))
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- S18 (MH "Physical Therapy+")
- S19 (MH "Physical Therapy Service")
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- S21 (MH "Counseling+")
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- S24 (MH "Psychotherapy+")
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Supplementary file 2 – Datapoints extracted from included RCTs

1. Author
2. Year of publication
3. Countries of origin
4. Study start and end dates
5. Patient partners
 - a. As authors
 - i. Demographics
 - ii. Roles
 - b. As acknowledged collaborators
 - i. Demographics
 - ii. Roles
6. Prehabilitation definition
 - a. In introduction or background
 - b. In methods
7. Prehabilitation characteristics
 - a. Multimodal (y/n)
8. Prehabilitation Components (eg, exercise, nutrition, psychosocial, cognitive)
 - a. Type of exercise
 - i. Unimodal
 - ii. Multimodal
 - iii. Interval training
 - iv. Other
 - v. Components (eg, cardio, strength, stretching, respiratory exercise)
 - b. Type of nutrition
 - i. Counselling
 - ii. Supplementation
 - iii. Combined
 - iv. Other
 - c. Type of psychosocial
 - i. Motivational interviewing
 - ii. Anxiety management
 - iii. Stress management
 - iv. Other
 - d. Type of cognitive
 - e. Other co-interventions
9. Enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) (y/n)
10. Weight loss objective (y/n)
11. Duration of prehabilitation
 - a. Average
 - b. Program
 - i. Minimum participation
 - ii. Maximum participation
 - c. Per session
12. Frequency of prehabilitation
13. Intervention time-point
 - a. Preoperative only
 - b. Preoperative plus rehab after surgery
14. Location of prehabilitation

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- a. Home
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15. Supervision
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 - b. Coach-led
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16. Session format
- a. Individual
 - b. Group
 - c. Combined
17. Personalization
- a. Description of personalization
18. Motivation techniques
- a. Description of motivation techniques
 - b.
19. Control (eg, standard care or active controls such as rehabilitation after surgery)
- a. Standard care
 - i. Description of standard care
 - b. Static instructions
 - i. Description of static instructions
 - c. Other prehabilitation
 - i. Description of other prehabilitation
 - d. Rehabilitation
 - i. Description of rehabilitation
 - e. Other
 - i. Description of other
20. Surgical specialty
- a. Orthopedic
 - b. Major non-oncology
 - c. Cardiac/vascular
 - d. Oncology
 - e. Mixed
 - f. Other
21. Surgical procedure(s)
22. Population characteristics
- a. Total sample size
 - b. Sample size per arm
 - c. Age (average, range)
 - d. Sex (% females vs. males)
 - e. Gender (% women vs. men vs. non-binary/transgender/other)
 - f. Presence of specific risk factors
 - i. Multimorbidity (≥ 2 comorbidities)
 - ii. ASA score
 - iii. Frailty
 - iv. Malnutrition
 - v. Obesity
 - vi. Baseline functional status
 - vii. Disability
 - viii. Presence of cancer
 - 1. Use of neoadjuvant therapies

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3 23. Outcomes (counts, summary statistics, effect estimates with 95%CI; per time window)
4 a. Health
5 i. Complications
6 1. Any
7 2. Cardiopulmonary
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9 4. Infectious
10 ii. Discharge disposition
11 iii. Physical functional recovery
12 iv. Disability
13 v. Quality of life
14 vi. Mortality
15 b. Experience
16 i. Pain
17 ii. Patient satisfaction
18 c. Resource use
19 i. Length of stay
20 ii. Costs
21 d. Intervention Safety
22 i. Any intervention-attributable adverse events
23 ii. Cardiopulmonary adverse events during intervention period
24 iii. Falls during intervention period
25 iv. Assessor-confirmed intervention-attributable adverse events
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27 24. Adherence
28 a. Outcome type
29 i. Binary
30 1. Threshold used
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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Prehabilitation is a high-priority intervention for patients, the public, clinicians, and health systems. However, existing knowledge syntheses are generally low quality and do not provide insights regarding the relative efficacy of different prehabilitation components (e.g., exercise, nutrition, psychosocial or cognitive interventions). The objective of the planned review is to evaluate the relative efficacy of different prehabilitation components to inform current care, implementation, and future research.

Methods and analysis: We will perform a systematic review and component network meta-analysis (CNMA). We will use a peer-reviewed search strategy to identify all randomized trials of prehabilitation in adult surgical patients from Ovid Medline, Embase, the CINAHL, PsychINFO, Web of Science, and the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, along with grey literature. All stages of the review and data extraction process will be performed in duplicate following recommended best practices. To compare the relative efficacy of different prehabilitation components (prespecified as exercise, nutrition, psychosocial or cognitive interventions), we will use CNMA, an extension of network meta-analysis that allows estimation of the contributions to efficacy of each component of a multicomponent intervention through direct and indirect comparisons. We will use additive CNMA models for critical outcomes (post-operative complications, patient-reported recovery, physical recovery, and length of stay); standard care will be the common reference condition. Pre-specified sensitivity and subgroup analyses will be conducted.

Ethics and dissemination: This review of published data does not require ethical review. Results will be disseminated via scientific conferences, peer reviewed publications, social and traditional media and via our research network to target partners and organizations.

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Introduction

Globally, >300 million surgical procedures are performed each year.[1,2] These surgeries mostly occur on a planned (also referred to as ‘elective’) basis,[3] meaning that wait-times can be positively leveraged to optimize patient status prior to surgery. Patient optimization is critical in supporting high value surgical care as adverse postoperative events that matter to patients and the healthcare system are common.[4] Complications such as cardiopulmonary events, infections and major bleeding occur in 10-20% of patients.[5-7] Impaired functional recovery or new clinically significant disability develop in more than 1 in 5 surgical patients; such adverse events are even more common amongst older patients and those with poor baseline health.[8-12] Effective strategies to improve outcomes for the millions of people having surgery each year are urgently needed.

Prehabilitation is a process undertaken in advance of surgery, which has the specific intent of improving an individual’s functional, physiologic, cognitive and/or mental health status through targeted interventions.[13,14] Patients, the public, and international specialty societies identify prehabilitation as a high priority intervention, including multiple James Lind Alliance priority setting partnerships.[15-17] However, despite the face validity and enthusiasm for prehabilitation interventions, a recently completed umbrella review of 55 prehabilitation systematic reviews found that existing evidence synthesis is insufficient to inform practice.[18] Several key knowledge gaps preclude translation of current evidence into practice. First, existing systematic reviews have major methodologic shortcomings; 51 of 55 prehabilitation reviews synthesized in a recent umbrella review were rated as low quality.[18,19] Second, prehabilitation interventions are heterogeneous, as they may consist of different components, including exercise, nutrition, psychosocial and cognitive interventions, or combinations thereof.[18] Existing prehabilitation reviews have typically focused only on single component interventions, or pooled all types of prehabilitation components or interventions together. This means that patients, clinicians, researchers, and health system planners are unable to determine what specific components, or combinations of components, contribute the most to prehabilitation efficacy and deserve the greatest focus in

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14 indirect comparison, even when these are delivered in combination.[20,21] We propose a CNMA based on
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16 an up-to-date, high-quality systematic review, to address important knowledge gaps in the prehabilitation
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18 evidence base. Our objective is to estimate which prehabilitation components contribute the greatest
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Methods

Design

This study will be a systematic review with CNMA. The study began in March 2022 and has an anticipated end date of March 2023. This protocol has been prepared in consideration of the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (PRISMA-P) guidelines, the PRISMA extension for network meta-analysis, and specific considerations for CNMA.[22-24] Methods for the review are directly informed by the Cochrane Handbook and Methodological Expectations of Cochrane Intervention Reviews (MECIR).[25,26] Findings will be reported according to PRISMA guidance.[23,27,28] Any deviations from our prespecified methodology will be described in the final report (with rationale).[29] The protocol has been submitted for registration to the International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews (PROSPERO).

Patient and public involvement

This review will be conducted and co-produced with partners using an integrated knowledge translation (iKT) framework.[30-32] Specifically, patients who will be impacted by the research and knowledge users who will implement evidence in practice have been, and will continue to be, regularly engaged through meetings, surveys and one-on-one discussions. A start-up meeting occurred June 3rd, 2022; mid-study, post-synthesis and wrap up team meetings will also be held to ensure meaningful input can be obtained throughout the course of the study. Patient and public involvement will be reported according to the Guidance for Reporting Involvement of Patients and the Public-2 checklist.[33]

Intervention definition

A prehabilitation intervention is intended to improve physical, physiologic, cognitive or psychosocial function and to correct deficiencies in these domains in advance of surgery.[13,14] We will define and operationalize the following working definition of prehabilitation based on consistent descriptions of prehabilitation provided in the literature: a unimodal intervention consisting of exercise (e.g., aerobic, strength or flexibility focused interventions), nutrition (e.g., advice, supplementation or other

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3 interventions to improve oral or enteral macro or micronutrient intake), cognitive (e.g., interventions to
4 improve or maintain cognitive function), or psychosocial (e.g., interventions to improve mood, affect or
5 motivation) training, or a multimodal intervention that combines exercise, nutrition, cognitive, and/or
6 psychosocial training with or without other interventions, undertaken for 7 or more days before
7 surgery.[13,34-36] No limitations will be placed on duration, location or supervisory approaches to the
8 prehabilitation intervention. For the purposes of CNMA, intervention components will be classified as:
9 exercise, nutrition, cognitive or psychosocial. The reference category will be standard care, which is the
10 most common comparator in existing randomized trials and meta-analyses of prehabilitation.[18]
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24 Selection criteria will be informed by our Population-Intervention-Comparator-Outcome question.
25 We will include randomized trials addressing a population of adults (≥ 18 years; provision of pediatric
26 surgical care is substantively different from adults) undergoing major elective surgery where participants
27 were exposed to a prehabilitation intervention prior to surgery compared to individuals receiving standard
28 care or a different prehabilitation intervention (e.g., another prehabilitation intervention consisting of
29 different components) reporting prespecified outcomes (see *Outcomes* section below).
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39 Studies evaluating isolated preoperative risk factor management (e.g., smoking cessation, anemia
40 treatment, medication management in isolation), or interventions applied immediately (≤ 7 days) before
41 surgery (a time frame consistent with enhanced recovery after surgery)[37,38] will be excluded to be
42 consistent with accepted definitions of prehabilitation.[18] No language exclusions will be applied. Quasi
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51 Consultation with partners (patients, clinicians, health system leaders, scientists) and a recent
52 umbrella review performed by our team informed pre-specification of outcomes.[18] This led to the choice
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3 reported in prehabilitation trials. Critical outcomes include: 1) a composite of any postoperative medical or
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5 perioperative medicine)[39,40] as it is a key step on the causal pathway between prehabilitation and
6 improved recovery after surgery,[10] and is the most commonly reported outcome in prehabilitation
7 RCTs;[36] 2) patient-reported recovery (e.g., disability or quality of life; most distal reported measure up
8 to 90-days after surgery); 3) physical recovery (e.g., 6-minute walk test, short physical performance battery;
9 most distal reported measure up to 90-days after surgery); and 4) length of hospital stay (LoS). Exploratory
10 outcomes will be organized per the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Triple Aim domains, and will
11 include health (non-home discharge, mortality), experience (pain, satisfaction), and resource use
12 (costs).[36,41,42] These exploratory outcomes will be analyzed if adequate data and resources are available.

23 24 *Search strategy*

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26 Our search strategy (Supplementary file 1) has been developed with our team's information
27 specialist, and has undergone the Peer Review of Electronic Search Strategies (PRESS) review process with
28 a second, independent information specialist.[43] Grey literature sources will be searched.[26,44] We will
29 translate and apply our search strategy to Ovid Medline, Embase, the CINAHL, PsychINFO, Web of
30 Science, and the Cochrane CENTRAL Register of Controlled Trials. We will assess reference lists of
31 included trials and related reviews to identify citations missed by our search.

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41 All stages of the review will be conducted in duplicate by two independent reviewers using Distiller
42 SR (Evidence Partners, Ottawa, Canada). At each stage of the review, the first 50 citations will be assessed,
43 followed by a meeting of reviewers with study leads to review decisions, identify any issues related to
44 disagreements and/or interpretation of selection criteria, and recalibrate reviewers' approaches as needed.
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46 conflicts will be resolved through consensus in a meeting between study leads and reviewers; reasons for
47 exclusion at full text review will be documented and provided in the final publication.

48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 *Data extraction*

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3 Data will be extracted using a form specifically designed for this review following a piloting
4 exercise by the review team. Key to the implementation of CNMA as our analytic approach, we will collect
5 full descriptions of comparator conditions (e.g., standard care, other prehabilitation interventions). All data
6 will be extracted in duplicate; disagreements will be resolved by reviewers through cooperative review of
7 the primary source with a study lead. A full description of all anticipated data points is included in
8 Supplementary file 2. Sample size, population characteristics, and missing data will be collected for each
9 trial. For binary outcomes, we will collect the 2x2 table, event rates and/or effect measures (e.g., odds ratios
10 or risk ratios) along with a measure of uncertainty (e.g., 95% confidence intervals [CIs], p-values). For
11 continuous outcomes we will collect means and standard deviations, and/or effect estimates such as mean
12 differences along with their 95% CIs and p-values. Any missing data will be sought directly from study
13 authors.
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16 *Assessment of bias in included studies*

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18 The Cochrane Risk of Bias 2 tool will be applied in duplicate to each included RCT[45] to assess
19 within-study bias of the included evidence. Where ≥ 10 studies are available in a meta-analysis, funnel plots
20 and Egger's test will be used to assess for possible publication bias and small-study effects.[46]
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23 *Assessment of certainty of evidence*

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25 We will use the GRADE working group classification to assess the certainty of evidence for each
26 outcome,[47] including modifications specific to certainty assessment in network meta-analysis.[48] This
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28 appropriate statements.[49]
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31 *Intervention effect estimates*

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33 Pooled effect estimates will be reported as odds ratios (binary outcomes), mean differences
34 (continuous outcomes on a single scale (e.g., LoS)), or standardized mean differences (SMDs) (continuous
35 outcomes on multiple scales (e.g., functional recovery)); point estimates along with 95% CIs will be
36 reported. Where SMDs are calculated from different scales that capture related conceptual outcomes (e.g.,
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3 analysis. Where multiple scales that reflect functional recovery are reported within a single included study,
4 we will preferentially select for pooling generic (vs. disease specific) scales to enhance generalizability,
5 and quality of life (vs. other concepts) scales, as our previous work demonstrates that quality of life is
6 reported far more frequently in prehabilitation studies than related measures like disability.[18] Where
7 continuous outcome measures are not reported as means and standard deviations, we will use the methods
8 of Wan and colleagues to estimate means and standard deviations from reported measures such as medians
9 and interquartile or overall ranges.[50] Effect estimates derived from cluster randomized trials will be
10 pooled using the reported effect adjusted for clustering, or if not available, a corrected estimate accounting
11 for an estimated design effect.[51]

22 *Data syntheses and analyses*

24 Our approach to analysis will follow previous recommendations, whereby sequential and
25 complimentary techniques will be used to estimate the pooled effects of prehabilitation and its
26 components.[20,52]

30 Pairwise meta-analysis

32 Pair-wise meta-analysis will first be used to estimate whether any prehabilitation intervention, or
33 prespecified components (exercise, nutrition, psychosocial or cognitive) improve critical outcomes
34 compared to standard care or comparator interventions (separately). All meta-analysis models will use
35 random-effects, as existing knowledge suggests that assumptions for fixed-effect meta-analysis will not be
36 met (in particular due to heterogeneity related to different surgical procedures).[18] We will use the
37 Hartung-Knapp-Sidik-Jonkman method to derive appropriate CIs.[53] Between-study variance will be
38 estimated using the restricted maximum likelihood method and its 95% CI using the Q-profile
39 approach.[54-56] We will also calculate the I^2 statistic to quantify the percentage of variability due to
40 between-study heterogeneity rather than random error. If substantial heterogeneity exists, sources will be
41 explored using subgroup analysis and meta-regression, based on prespecified postulated effect modifiers
42 (type of surgery, age, type of prehabilitation, baseline functional status).

56 Assessment of assumptions for NMA and CNMA

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3 We will assess for transitivity (the assumption that two components can be validly compared via
4 common control condition) both visually and statistically. Visual evaluation will be conducted via
5 assessment of the distribution of effect modifiers in tabular and graphical presentations across treatment
6 comparisons. We will visually inspect similarity of the distribution of the following effect modifiers: type
7 of surgery, age, baseline functional status, comorbidity or American Society of Anesthesiologists' Score,
8 presence of cancer, presence of malnutrition. Statistical assessment of transitivity will involve a global
9 assessment of consistency using the design-by-treatment interaction model,[57] and a local assessment
10 through the node-splitting approach.[58] For the CNMA, we will assess the additivity assumption using the
11 method of Rucker and colleagues based on the difference in Q statistics between the additive CNMA and
12 standard NMA model.[24]

23 24 25 26 Network meta-analysis

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28 Next, we will conduct a standard NMA, also referred to as a full interaction model in CNMA,[20]
29 and generate network plots to visually explore the available evidence base. We will perform a random-
30 effects NMA assuming a common between-studies variance (τ^2) across the whole network, using the
31 restricted maximum likelihood method.[59] We will estimate summary effect measures (odds ratios, mean
32 differences, weighted mean differences) along with 95% CIs and 95% prediction intervals. To assess the
33 magnitude of heterogeneity we will compare the estimated τ^2 with an empirical distribution for
34 dichotomous data.[60] We will obtain a treatment hierarchy using P-scores, which take values between 0
35 and 1, and which is based on the estimated treatment effects and their associated uncertainty.[61]

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49 We will use an additive CNMA model to evaluate the influence of the individual components,
50 where each component has its own effect, and the total effect of an intervention will be equal to the sum of
51 the relative component effects. It should be noted that common components in comparisons of interventions
52 cancel out (i.e., *mean difference*_{A + B vs. A + C} is identical to the effect of *mean difference*_{B vs. C}).

Model Implementation

All analyses will be performed in the R programming language (R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria). We will fit pair-wise meta-analysis models in R using the *meta* package,[62] and will conduct all NMA, CNMAs, design-by-treatment interaction models, node-splitting models, subgroup and sensitivity analyses in R using the *netmeta* package.[63]

Sensitivity analyses

If adequate data are available and network geometry is not substantively changed, we will re-estimate our additive CNMA models limited to low risk of bias trials only.

While we have prespecified, based on prior umbrella review, exercise, nutrition, psychosocial and cognitive interventions as the components that we will compare using CNMA, theoretically each component can be further subdivided. If adequate data are available, we will explore CNMA analyses by subcomponent (e.g., exercise: aerobic, strength, other; nutrition: supplementation, counselling, other; psychosocial: anxiety reduction, mood stabilization, other; although ultimately some subcomponents listed here may require further merging or disaggregation based on their distribution between studies) to further refine our understanding of intervention component efficacy. If missing data are present and unaccounted for in primary reports, we will complete sensitivity analyses using appropriate techniques to impute missing values and assess consistency between primary and imputed results.

Ethics and Dissemination

Results will be disseminated through presentations at scientific conferences and submission of peer-reviewed manuscripts. Using our iKT approach, we will also perform targeted dissemination to partner organizations and via our investigator network. Social and traditional media will also be used to spread results to a larger audience. Ethics approval was not required as this study does not require participation of human subjects.

Limitations

Component network meta-analysis requires specific assumptions and acknowledgement of limitations. Assumptions underlying CNMA are similar to those of network meta-analyses,[64] and will

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3 require assessment prior to analysis. Because network comparisons (direct and indirect) depend upon a
4 common reference condition (i.e., standard care), detailed description of standard care conditions in existing
5 trials will be described to allow meaningful clinical interpretation of results. Should assumption-violating
6 differences between RCTs be identified, we will incorporate baseline risk meta-regression (i.e., control rate
7 meta-regression) in our analyses.[65] Some indirect (i.e., via the standard care reference condition)
8 comparisons may not be possible due to a lack of relevant RCT comparators. We have defined our
9 components as exercise, nutrition, psychosocial and cognitive. However, we recognize that these
10 components could be subdivided further, and have therefore pre-specified exploratory investigation of sub-
11 components (e.g., strength vs aerobic exercise) should adequate data be available. Sparse data can also limit
12 the power to detect meaningful differences, especially in CNMA models with interactions and for meta-
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Supplementary file 1 – Search strategies

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- 2 (preoperative* rehabilitation or preoperative* training).tw,kw.
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- 4 Preoperative Exercise/
- 5 ((exercise* or diet or nutrition* counsel?ing) and (surgery or surgical)).ti.
- 6 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj3 (exercis* or physiotherap* or physical therapy or diet or nutrition* or physical activit* or counsel?ing or conditioning)).tw,kf.
- 7 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj5 ((psychological or psychosocial or cognitive) adj3 (intervention* or therap*))).tw,kf.
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- 9 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj5 (resistance or strength or weight or muscle) adj2 training).tw,kf.
- 10 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj5 (food adj3 (counsel* or support* or modif*))).tw,kf.
- 11 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj5 ((energy or protein) adj3 supplement*)).tw,kf.
- 12 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj5 (exercise or exercises or stretch* or aerobic* or physical activit*)).tw,kf.
- 13 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj5 (cbt or cognitive behavio?r*)).tw,kf.
- 14 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj2 counsel*).tw,kf.
- 15 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj2 supplement*).tw,kf.
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- 17 *Preoperative Care/ or *Preoperative Period/ or (preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*).ti.
- 18 exp Exercise Therapy/ or Exercise/
- 19 Physical Fitness/
- 20 (exercise or exercises or stretch* or aerobic* or physical activit*).tw,kw.
- 21 ((resistance or strength or weight or muscle) adj2 training).tw.
- 22 diet therapy/ or Nutrition Therapy/ or Nutritional Support/
- 23 (diet or dietary or nutrit*).tw,kw.
- 24 (food adj3 (counsel* or support* or modif*)).tw.
- 25 ((energy or protein) adj3 supplement*).tw.
- 26 Dietary Supplements/
- 27 Physical Therapy Modalities/ or (physical therap* or physiotherap*).tw,kw.
- 28 Counseling/ or counsel?ing.tw,kw.
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6 therapy or diet or nutrition* or physical activit* or counsel?ing or conditioning)).tw.
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9 cognitive) adj3 (intervention* or therap*))).tw.
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11 muscle) adj2 training).tw.
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13 modif*))).tw.
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15 supplement*)).tw.
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17 ((exercise* or diet or nutrition* counsel?ing) and (surgery or surgical)).ti.
18 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj5 (cbt or cognitive behavio?r*)).tw.
19 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj2 counsel*).tw.
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27 ((resistance or strength or weight or muscle) adj2 training).ti.
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29 (diet or dietary or nutrit*).ti.

23 (food adj3 (counsel* or support* or modif*)).ti.
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 26 (physical therap* or physiotherap*).ti.
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 9 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj2 (diet or dietary or nutrit*)).tw.
 10 ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*) adj5 (resistance or strength or weight or
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S4	TI (((perioperat* or peri operat*) N3 (exercis* or physiotherap* or physical therapy or diet or nutrition* or physical activit* or counsel?ing))) OR AB (((perioperat* or peri operat*) N3 (exercis* or physiotherap* or physical therapy or diet or nutrition* or physical activit* or counsel?ing)))
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S9	(MH "Physical Fitness+")
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nutrit*)))

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surg*) N5 (resistance or strength or weight or muscle) N2
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((energy or protein) N3 supplement*)))

S33 TI (((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*)
N5 (exercise or exercises or stretch* or aerobic* or physical
activit*))) OR AB (((preoperat* or pre-operat* or
presurg* or pre-surg*) N5 (exercise or exercises or stretch*
or aerobic* or physical activit*)))

S34 TI ((preoperat* or pre-operat* or presurg* or pre-surg*)
N5 (cbt or cognitive behavior* or cognitive behaviour)))
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surg*) N5 (cbt or cognitive behavior* or cognitive
behaviour)))

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presurg* or pre-surg*) N2 counsel*))

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12 OR control))) OR MH (placebos OR crossover design OR
13 comparative studies) OR AB ((control W5 group) OR
14 (cluster W3 RCT) OR PT (randomized controlled trial)))
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Supplementary file 2 – Datapoints extracted from included RCTs

1. Author
2. Year of publication
3. Countries of origin
4. Study start and end dates
5. Patient partners
 - a. As authors
 - i. Demographics
 - ii. Roles
 - b. As acknowledged collaborators
 - i. Demographics
 - ii. Roles
6. Prehabilitation definition
 - a. In introduction or background
 - b. In methods
7. Prehabilitation characteristics
 - a. Multimodal (y/n)
8. Prehabilitation Components (eg, exercise, nutrition, psychosocial, cognitive)
 - a. Type of exercise
 - i. Unimodal
 - ii. Multimodal
 - iii. Interval training
 - iv. Other
 - v. Components (eg, cardio, strength, stretching, respiratory exercise)
 - b. Type of nutrition
 - i. Counselling
 - ii. Supplementation
 - iii. Combined
 - iv. Other
 - c. Type of psychosocial
 - i. Motivational interviewing
 - ii. Anxiety management
 - iii. Stress management
 - iv. Other
 - d. Type of cognitive
 - e. Other co-interventions
9. Enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) (y/n)
10. Weight loss objective (y/n)
11. Duration of prehabilitation
 - a. Average
 - b. Program
 - i. Minimum participation
 - ii. Maximum participation
 - c. Per session
12. Frequency of prehabilitation
13. Intervention time-point
 - a. Preoperative only
 - b. Preoperative plus rehab after surgery
14. Location of prehabilitation

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- a. Home
 - b. Facility
 - c. Combined
15. Supervision
- a. Self-directed
 - b. Coach-led
 - c. Combined
16. Session format
- a. Individual
 - b. Group
 - c. Combined
17. Personalization
- a. Description of personalization
18. Motivation techniques
- a. Description of motivation techniques
 - b.
19. Control (eg, standard care or active controls such as rehabilitation after surgery)
- a. Standard care
 - i. Description of standard care
 - b. Static instructions
 - i. Description of static instructions
 - c. Other prehabilitation
 - i. Description of other prehabilitation
 - d. Rehabilitation
 - i. Description of rehabilitation
 - e. Other
 - i. Description of other
20. Surgical specialty
- a. Orthopedic
 - b. Major non-oncology
 - c. Cardiac/vascular
 - d. Oncology
 - e. Mixed
 - f. Other
21. Surgical procedure(s)
22. Population characteristics
- a. Total sample size
 - b. Sample size per arm
 - c. Age (average, range)
 - d. Sex (% females vs. males)
 - e. Gender (% women vs. men vs. non-binary/transgender/other)
 - f. Presence of specific risk factors
 - i. Multimorbidity (≥ 2 comorbidities)
 - ii. ASA score
 - iii. Frailty
 - iv. Malnutrition
 - v. Obesity
 - vi. Baseline functional status
 - vii. Disability
 - viii. Presence of cancer
 - 1. Use of neoadjuvant therapies

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3 23. Outcomes (counts, summary statistics, effect estimates with 95% CI; per time window)
4 a. Health
5 i. Complications
6 1. Any
7 2. Cardiopulmonary
8 3. Surgical
9 4. Infectious
10 ii. Discharge disposition
11 iii. Physical functional recovery
12 iv. Disability
13 v. Quality of life
14 vi. Mortality
15 b. Experience
16 i. Pain
17 ii. Patient satisfaction
18 c. Resource use
19 i. Length of stay
20 ii. Costs
21 d. Intervention Safety
22 i. Any intervention-attributable adverse events
23 ii. Cardiopulmonary adverse events during intervention period
24 iii. Falls during intervention period
25 iv. Assessor-confirmed intervention-attributable adverse events
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27 24. Adherence
28 a. Outcome type
29 i. Binary
30 1. Threshold used
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32 b. Adherence rate
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