

# HIGH FREQUENCY CHEST WALL OSCILLATION AND BRONCHIECTASIS<sup>1</sup>

### **OVERVIEW**

Using a High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation (HFCWO) device to treat bronchiectasis reduced hospital visits, related healthcare usage (e.g., emergency room trips) and prescriptions/antibiotic use.

#### **RESULTS**

A clinical outcomes study of 59 patients with non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis using HFCWO produced encouraging results.'



57% fewer antibiotic prescriptions



60% decrease in emergency room visits



58% decrease in number of hospital visits



68% of patients reported improved quality of life

## **BENEFITS OF HFCWO**

HFCWO is an encouraging option for treating bronchiectasis.

- Consistently effective airway clearance therapy.
- Treatment monitoring available to connect patients with their health care team.
- Alternative methods are largely techniqueand effort-dependent.
- Less complicated for caregivers and doesn't require a certain technique.



#### **USING HIGH FREQUENCY CHEST WALL OSCILLATION**

Produces significant results in multiple areas.

DECREASE	INCREASE	GOOD-EXCELLENT
<ul> <li>Hospitalizations<sup>2,4</sup></li> <li>Office, emergency department and hospital outpatient visits<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Prescriptions/antibiotic use<sup>2,4</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improvement in dyspnea and quality of life<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Significant increase of Forced Vital Capacity (FVC)<sup>2</sup> and Forced Expiratory Volume (FEV) after treatment<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Improvement in several lung function parameters compared to chest percussion therapy (CPT)<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ability to clear lungs<sup>4</sup></li> <li>Overall respiratory health<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>

# MEDICARE COVERAGE CRITERIA FOR HFCWO AIRWAY CLEARANCE THERAPY

### **BRONCHIECTASIS**

#### PATIENT DIAGNOSED WITH BRONCHIECTASIS:

Confirmed by a standard CT scan, which is characterized by:

a) Daily productive cough for at least six continuous months.

OR

b) Frequent (i.e., three or more in a year) exacerbations requiring antibiotic therapy.

**AND** 

There must be well-documented failure of standard treatments to adequately mobilize retained secretions.

# **EXAMPLES OF STANDARD TREATMENTS:**

- Manual CPT
- Positive expiratory pressure (PEP) device
- Postural drainage
- Nebulized medication with mucolytic

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