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Respiratory physiotherapy in the bronchiectasis guidelines: is there a loud voice we are yet to hear?

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Bronchiectasis is a chronic respiratory disease of airway dilatation, where patients typically suffer from respiratory infections, fatigue, sputum, cough, dyspnoea and poor quality of life [1, 2]. This condition has received increased interest over the past years, with important developments in establishing national and international patient registries [3–5], randomised controlled trials of new treatments [6–8] and disease-specific health status questionnaires, such as the Bronchiectasis Health Questionnaire and the Quality of Life Questionnaire – Bronchiectasis [9, 10]. A number of new treatment approaches have been proposed including long term antibiotic therapies and immune modulating drugs [6, 7, 11, 12].