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## HOW DOES A PERSONALIZED REHABILITATIVE MODEL INFLUENCE THE FUNCTIONAL RESPONSE OF DIFFERENT ANKLE FOOT ORTHOSES IN A COHORT OF PATIENTS AFFECTED BY NEUROLOGICAL GAIT PATTERN?

Five patients affected by different neurological gait pattern and volunteered to participate to this study were recruited. The comparative spatio-temporal and functional effect on gait pattern of 3 types of AFOs was investigated under 4 study conditions: without AFO or Free-Walk (FW); wearing a Codivilla spring; wearing a carbon unjointed AFO ("Toe-Off"); wearing an innovative carbon-kevlar dynamic joint DAFO (DAFONS=Dynamic Ankle Foot Orthoses with Neuroswing). In line with our rehabilitative model, patients underwent to a weekly treatment session, 80 minutes duration per session, for 4 weeks. Evaluation was made before (time T3= time of recruitment) and after our individualized rehabilitative treatment course (time T4=1 month from T3) by using: G-Walk sensor (by BTS) spatio-temporal measures in different gait performances; clinical/functional outcome measures (Modified Ashworth Scale or MAS for the affected upper and lower limb; Medical Research Council or MRC; orthostatic stability evaluation by using the Berg Balance Scale or BBS). A statistical insignificant change of MRC and MAS scales at time T4, with a significance trend outcome observed at the same time by using the Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test; a statistical significant difference between test duration (sec) by using Toe-Off vs DAFONS and by using Codivilla spring

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vs Toe-Off; a statistical significant increase of the stride length on the left side (% cycle length) by using DAFONS compared to Toe-Off for patient P1, P3 and P5 with a parameter decrease by using DAFONS compared to Codivilla spring and Toe-Off use for patient P2; a statistical significant correlation between BBS trend and test duration (sec) by using Codivilla spring at time T3 and T4; a statistical significant correlation between the BBS trend and the double gait support duration on the right side (% cycle) with number of left step cycles by using DAFONS at time T3 and T4; in a comparative post-treatment visual gait analysis a modification of each patient's static and dynamic postural assessment by using three different types of orthoses.



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