Exercise training is an integral part of pulmonary rehabilitation. The effectiveness of exercise training is largely contingent upon the quality of the exercise prescription. Successful exercise prescription is based upon scientific principles and the artful application of those principles to individually tailor programs.

The primary objectives of this session are to: identify the core components of exercise prescription and discuss some disease related considerations when prescribing exercise for patients with respiratory abnormalities. This session will provide an opportunity for people of all levels of clinical experience to come together and share in the interactive learning activity. The format will include hands-on, case study examples designed to be applicable to your clinical practice.

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