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Research focus

I am a post doc researcher at Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Research - Copenhagen (PMR-C) which is a multi-disciplinary research program in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

During my time as a PhD student, the research area in focus we optimized treatment for patients with an Achilles tendon rupture. My postdoc project focuses on physical activity and exercise among hospitalized patients following a hip fracture.

Current employment

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Education

2022 PhD in basic and clinical research in musculoskeletal sciences, Faculty of health and medical sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

2015 Master of medical sciences (Physiotherapy), Lunds university, Sweden

2006 Bachelor in Physiotherapy, Uppsala University, Sweden

Other professional experience

Member of the steering group for Danish Achilles tendon Database

Research outputs

Randomised three-armed trial investigation of the Copenhagen Achilles tendon Rupture Treatment Algorithm (CARTA) for individualised treatment of acute Achilles tendon rupture

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The Copenhagen Achilles Length Measurement Performed at Time of Acute Achilles Tendon Rupture is Correlated to Tendon Elongation After 1 Year

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Neither heel-rise Height (HRH) nor Achilles tendon resting angle (ATRA) show strong correlations to patient limitations and return to previous activities one year after acute Achilles tendon rupture

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Reliability of the Copenhagen Achilles length measure (CALM) on patients with an Achilles tendon rupture

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