

# An Observation Study to Assess the Potency of Deep Breathing Exercise Among Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

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## ABSTRACT

AN OBSERVATION study was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients at selected hospital in Salem District was done by miss. ADHISAYAJAYA S as a partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Degree of Master of Science in Physician Assistant to the school of Allied Health Sciences, Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be university), Salem

The objective of the study were, to assess the breathing pattern before and after breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in control and experimental group. To evaluate the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in experimental group. To find out the association between the breathing pattern with selected demographic variables in control and experimental group

In this study quasi experimental, non randomized control group pretest-posttest design was adopted. The study include 60 samples patients who were selected by purposive sampling technique. the study was conducted in Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be university), at Salem district demographic data, modified dyspnea Borg scale and intervention for deep breathing exercise these are method used for data collection procedure. The tool was finalized of five medical and nursing experts and pilot study for the its clarity ambiguity and feasibility on similar subject to analyze the experimental data statistical analysis was used Modified Borg scale was used to evaluate the dyspnea. Experimental group received intervention of deep breathing exercise for 25minutes twice a day for without treatment With regard to age, 9(30%) in experimental group and 10(33.3%) in controlgroup belongs to the age group of 51 to 60 years and 9(30%) in experimental group and 9(30%) in control group belonged to the age group of above 60years.

Considering the sex, 17 (56.6%) subjects in the experimental group and 14(46.6%) in the control group were females and the remaining were males.

In relation to education,9(30%) of them had high secondary school and7(23.3%) of them had illiterate in experimental group and 7(23.3%) of them had high school education and 9(30%) of them had higher secondary education in controlgroup.

With regard to the occupation, 9(30%) were self-workers and 9(30%) were industrial workers in experimental group and 9(30%) were self-workers and 8(26.7%) were industrial workers in the control group.

In relation to marital status 22(73.3%) were married and 6(20%) unmarried in experimental groupand15(50%) were married and 6(20%) unmarried control group Regarding the history of previous

copd, 18(60%) in experimental group and 24(80%) in control group had no history of previous copd. Considering the duration of illness, 10(33.3%) subjects having 6 years in and 10(33.3%) subject having 2-5 years in experimental group and 12(40%) subject having 6 years and 9(30%) subject having in control.

With regard to the treatment of copd, 16(53.3%) subjects in the experimental group and 16(53.3%) of subjects in the control group.

Finding softer pretest level of breathing pattern in control group on 2 subjects (6.7%) had moderate level of breathing difficulty and 5subjects (16.7%) had severe level of breathing difficulty. And the post test level of breathing difficulty in control group, 2 subjects (6.7%) had somewhat severe level of breathing difficulty and 10 subjects (33.3%) had slight level of breath difficulty.

Whereas in experimental group, the pre test level of breathing pattern 11 subjects (36.7%) had maximum level of breathing difficulty and 2 subjects (6.7%) had moderate level of breathing difficulty and the post test level of breathing difficulty, 12 subjects (40%) had very very slight level of breath difficulty, and 10(33.3%) had slight breathing difficulty, level of breathing in the experimental group.

The calculated 't' values in the control group were 2.07 which are not significant. It is concluded that there was no significant differences between the pre and posttest level of breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients

The calculated 't' value in the experimental group were 2.64 was statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$  level which clearly shows that there was a significant reduce I level of breathing pattern among patients among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease after giving breathing exercise. Hence H<sub>1</sub> is accepted.

The obtained 't' values for level of pain between the control and experimental group is 4.51 which were highly significant at  $p < 0.05$  level. These findings revealed that the subjects in experimental group had decreased level of breathing pattern aftergiving breathing exercise compared to control group. Hence research hypothesis H<sub>2</sub> is accepted.

## CHAPTER – I INTRODUCTION

*If you know the art of breathing, You have the strength, wisdom, and courage often tigers.*

### Chines age

In the history of medicine there have always been periods when one diseases or group of related disease presented an unusually grave threat to the health of the individual and to the community. In the particular period in which we live, we concerned by the growing number of men disabled by chronic respiratory disease and by the disruption. Such illness are causing in the life of the individual.

“When you can't breathe, nothing else matters”, is the mantra of the American Lung Association. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease results from increased resistance to airflow because of airway obstruction or airway arrowing.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)is a progressive inflammatory disease characterized by chronic obstruction in the peripheral bronchus and pulmonary emphysema. The disease is disabling with symptoms such as chronic cough, phlegm, wheezing, shortness of breath and increased infections of the respiratory passage. Changes in the lungs result in mucus hyper secretion, dysfunction of the cilia, airflow limitation and hyperinflation of the lungs, gas exchange abnormalities, pulmonary hypertension and corpulmonale.

Persons with COPD are greatly under estimated because the disease is usually not diagnosed utilities moderately advanced. Patients usually seek medical help when they have an acute respiratory infection,

with dyspnea being the main concern. Dyspnea is often progressive, and initially occurs with exertion, gradually interfering with daily activities and in late stages dyspnea may be present at rest also. The person becomes more of a chest breather, relying on the intercostals and accessory muscles rather than effective abdominal breathing.

Breathing exercises may assist the patient during rest and activity by decreasing dyspnea, improving oxygenation, and slowing the respiratory rate.

**Minas M, Hatzoglou C 2010** A retrospective study was conducted to assess the Incidence and prevalence of COPD in south India. The data reported that 13680 patients who underwent PFT during the 3 year period there were 9702 males and 4164 females. 946 patients (6.8%) were diagnosed to have COPD according to COPD guidelines of which 811 were males (86%) and 135 more females (14%). Smoking was seen in 830 patients (87.7%) & 116 patients were nonsmokers (12.3%). mean age was 44.65 and 4.15 years. Out of 946 patients 284 had mild COPD 30%. 286 had moderate diseases 30% and the remaining 387 patients 40% had severe COPD. The overall prevalence of COPD in presence study was 6.85% with prevalence of disease in males being 7.4% and females 4.64%. Their for, there is a significant burden of COPD as disease in the community with overall prevalence of 6.85 in south India

**Dechman, G., 2005** A study was conducted at Canada to assess the effects of imposed pursed lips breathing on respiratory mechanics and dyspnea at rest and during exercise in COPD. Eight patients with stable mild to severe COPD participated in the study. The subjects underwent pulmonary function test and bicycle ergometry.

Breathlessness visual analogue scale, inspiratory capacity maneuvers and esophageal balloon were the instruments used. The study result reveals that the patients had no dyspnea at rest, during exercise dyspnea was variably affected by pursed lip breathing. Changes in the individual score were significantly correlated with changes in the end expiratory lung volume ( $p=0.002$ ) and mean inspiratory ratio of pleural pressure to the maximal static inspiratory pressure generating capacity ( $P=0.001$ ). This study concluded that pursed lips breathing can have a variable effect on dyspnea when performed volitionally during exercise by patients with COPD. The effect of pursed lip breathing on dyspnea is related to the combined change that it promotes in the tidal volume and end expiratory lung volume and their impact on the available capacity of the respiratory muscles to meet the demands placed on them in terms of pressure generation

**Robert Bianchi MD 2004** A study was conducted at COPD is estimated to be responsible for more than 13.4 million physician visits and 13% of hospitalizations nationally. These hospitalizations are usually caused by acute exacerbations characterized by an increase in symptoms including dyspnea or shortness of breath (SOB), cough, wheezing and sputum production, that affects an individual's quality of life more than does the physiological impairment. Despite optimal medical and pharmacological therapy, most people with COPD continue to suffer chronic and progressive dyspnea and other symptoms of cough and fatigue.

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capacity of the respiratory muscles to meet the demands placed on them in terms of pressure generation. **M Vtacca 1998A** study was conducted at Japan to evaluate the effects of a short-term pulmonary rehabilitation program on patients with chronic respiratory failure due to pulmonary emphysema. 15 samples were selected for the program which includes pursed lip breathing, diaphragmatic breathing, respiratory muscle stretch gymnastics and walking with synchronized breathing. Visual analogue scale, 6-minute walk. The study reveals that there is a significant decrease in dyspnea ( $P < 0.01$ ), increase in functional exercise capacity ( $P < 0.01$ ) and significant decrease in total lung capacity (TLC) and residual volume (RV) ( $P < 0.01$ ). The findings suggest that this program relieves dyspnea, increases functional exercise capacity, and decreases.

Total lung capacity and residual volume on patients with chronic respiratory failure due to pulmonary emphysema

### NEED FOR THE STUDY

**The World Health Organization (WHO) (2013)** estimated 300 million people suffer from COPD and 2,55,000 people died of COPD (WHO). The COPD statistics in India in 2004 details 57.5 estimated total deaths and 5.1 estimated deaths per 1 lakh population. And 277 disability adjusted life year (DALYs) per 1 lakh and 268 age standardized disability adjusted life year (DALYs) per 1 lakh. The global statistics of asthma (WHO 2004) details 2, 87,000 (0.5%) of total global deaths. In this 1,51,000 men, 1,36,000 women and DALYs includes 8,856,000 for men 7,461,000 women and 1.8 standardized death per 1 lakh and 19.4 million disability and constitutes 6.6 million YLD among men and 1.8 million YLD in high income countries.

**Globally as of (2011)** COPD is estimated to result in economic costs of \$ 2.1 trillion, half of which occurring in the developing world. The 6<sup>th</sup> commonest cause of death, males had a higher prevalence of COPD 11.1 percentage compared to females 4.5 percentage. Statistics shows that chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is a leading cause of death and disability in the United States. Data from a national health survey suggests that at least 24 million Americans were affected by the disease in 2000. Global prevalence of 10.7% confidence interval 7.3-14% in the age group the number of COPD cases increased to 3.84 million in 2010. This increased of 68.9 % was mainly driven by global demographic changes. across the WHO regions the highest prevalence was estimated in the American 13.3% in 1990 and 15.2% 2010 and lowest in south east.

**United States (2011)** Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is one of the leading cause of death, illness and disability in the United States and estimates 10 million American adults were diagnosed with the condition in 2000, but the data from the national health survey suggest that as many as 24 million Americans were actually affected. In 2000 chronic obstructive caused about 119,000 deaths, 726,000 hospitalizations and 1.5 million visits to hospital emergency rooms. A study was to explore dyspnea self-management in African American with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease resulting from sarcoidosis. The study concluded that self care actions should be encouraged and thought and self care resources facilitated. The breathing techniques used by patients with COPD and those with sarcoidosis should be considered during patient and family education. Hence the investigator felt that it is very essential to educate about breathing exercises to reduce the dyspnea in respiratory diseases patients. In state Karnataka prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is Percentage affected chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Prevalence of chronic cough is an important indicator of respiratory morbidity in the community

**Murthy KJR (2010)** A pre-experimental study was conducted on breathlessness in patients with COPD. The twenty two patients with mild to severe COPD were studied. Dyspnea was assessed by a Modified Borg Scale. The patients with deep breathing exercises exhibited a significant reduction in end expiratory volume of the chest wall. Deep breathing exercises decreases end expiratory volume of chest wall and reduces breathlessness. The study showed that a deep breathing exercise is more effective in reducing dyspnea in COPD patients

**Das S, Mukherjee S, Kundu et al (2008)** A comparative study was conducted on effects of deep breathing exercises on dyspnea at rest and during exercise in COPD. The eight COPD patients (6 male and 2 female) with a mean age of 11 years. Deep breathing exercises promoted a slower and deeper breathing pattern both at rest and during exercise. Deep breathing have a variable effect on dyspnea when performed volitionally during exercise by patient with COPD. The study showed effectiveness of deep breathing exercises in patient at rest.

**Geddes E L, et al (2008)** conducted a study to update an original systematic review to determine the effect of inspiratory muscle training (IMT) on inspiratory muscle strength and endurance, exercise capacity, dyspnea and quality of life for adults with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Randomized controlled trials, with adults with stable COPD, comparing IMT to sham IMT or no intervention, low versus high intensity IMT, and different modes of IMT were included. Nineteen of 274 articles in the original search met the inclusion criteria. The updated search revealed 17 additional articles; 6 met the inclusion criteria, all of which compared targeted, threshold or normocapnic hyper ventilation IMT to sham IMT. An update of the sub-group analysis comparing IMT versus sham IMT was performed with 10 studies from original review and 6 from the update.

Sixteen meta-analyses are reported. Results shown that significant improvements in inspiratory muscle strength (PI(max), PI(max) % predicted, peak inspiratory flow rate), inspiratory muscle endurance (RMET, inspiratory threshold loading, MVV), exercise capacity (Ve(max), Borg Score for Respiratory Effort, 6MWT), Transitional Dyspnea Index (focal score, functional impairment, magnitude of task, magnitude of effort), and the Chronic Respiratory Disease Questionnaire (quality of life). Results suggest that targeted, threshold normocapnic hyper ventilation IMT significantly increases inspiratory muscle strength and endurance, improves outcomes of exercise capacity and one measure of quality of life, and decreases dyspnea for adults with stable COPD.

**Framingham (2007)** study focused on the long-term predictive power of vital capacity and forced exhalation volume as the primary markers for life span and pulmonary function measurement appears to be an indicator of general health and Vigor and literally to a measure of living capacity. Breathing exercises can be trained for both negative and positive influences on health. Our exercise promotes relaxation and proper breathing technique will strengthen the lungs. There are many benefits of breathing exercise that is it cleanses the body diseases, steadies the mind and helps in concentration, improved digestion and improve appetite.

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**Masoli et al (2003)** A study was conducted by Masoli et al (2003) showed the global burden of asthma estimates approximately 300 million people worldwide currently have asthma. The study suggested that asthma prevalence increases globally by 50% every decade. With the projected increase in the proportion of world's urban population from 45-50% in 2025, there is likely to be a marked increase in the number of asthmatics worldwide over the next two decades. It is estimated that there may be an additional 100 million persons with asthma by 2025. Deep breathing exercises selected in this study for improving the pulmonary function of the patients are simple, can be performed without any expenses or complex devices and do not require a particular area in a hospital for the practices.

**Breslin EH, et al (1992)** conducted the study to indicate a change in the pattern of chest wall muscle recruitment and improved ventilation with pursed-lip breathing (PLB) in COPD. Pursed lip breathing led to increased rib cage and accessory muscle recruitment during inspiration and expiration, increased abdominal muscle recruitment during expiration, decreased duty cycle of the inspiratory muscles and respiratory rate, and improved SaO<sub>2</sub>. In addition, PLB resulted in no change in pressure across the diaphragm and a less fatiguing breathing pattern of the diaphragm. Changes in chest wall muscle recruitment and respiratory temporal parameters concomitant with the increased SaO<sub>2</sub> indicate a mechanism of improving ventilation with PLB while protecting the diaphragm from fatigue in COPD. Alterations in the pattern of respiratory muscle recruitment with PLB may be associated also with the amelioration of dyspnea. The study suggested further investigation is necessary to explore the relationship between the pattern of respiratory muscle recruitment during PLB and dyspnea.

**Elisabeth Westerdahl, et al (1994)** A study was conducted for validation of a structured questionnaire and prevalence of COPD in rural area of Mysore. The study included 900 adults above 40 years. The instruments used were structured questionnaire and spirometry. Data was collected by survey method. The study reveals that the structured questionnaire is a useful tool for the screening of COPD in field studies and the total prevalence of COPD was 7.1%. Males had a higher prevalence (11.1%) compared to females (4.5%).) conducted a study regarding breathing pattern retraining and exercise in persons with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. They used a method in pulmonary rehabilitation to help alleviate the symptoms of dyspnea endured by people who suffer from air flow obstruction secondary to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Other techniques such as bio feedback also have been successfully used. The article described the altered breathing patterns used by patients with COPD at rest and during physical activity regarding techniques of breathing pattern retraining that have been developed to improve the capacity of persons with COPD to perform activities of daily living, a primarily rehabilitative outcome

**Cary Petal (1990)** A randomized, control study was conducted at Los Angeles to assess the efficacy of pursed lip breathing: a breathing pattern retraining strategy for dyspnea reduction. 40 samples were randomized to 1) pursed lip breathing 2) expiratory muscle training or 3) control. Changes in dyspnea and functional performance were assessed by modified Borg after 6 minute walk distance (6MWD), shortness of breath Questionnaire, Human Activity Profile and physical function scale of short form 36-item Health Survey. The study result reveals that there is a significant reduction for the modified Borg Scale after 6 MWD ( $P=0.05$ ) and physical function ( $P=0.02$ ) from baseline to 12 weeks were only present for pursed lip breathing. The findings suggest that pursed-lips breathing provided sustained

improvement in exertion dyspnea and physical function.

### **STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

“A study to assess the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease who are aged between 50-60 years in selected hospital at Dindigul district”.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

- To assess the breathing difficulty before and after breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in control and experimental group.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in experimental group.
- To find out the association between the pretest level of breathing difficulty with selected demographic variables in control and experimental group.

### **HYPOTHESIS**

**H1:** The mean post test level of breathing difficulty will be significantly lower than the mean pre test level of breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in experimental group

**H2:** There is a significant difference between the mean pretest and mean post-test level of breathing difficulty in experimental group.

**H3:** There will be a significant association between the pretest level of breathing difficulty with selected demographic variables of experimental group

### **OPERATIONAL DEFINITIONS**

#### **Assessment**

It is a process of documenting the information usually in measurable terms.

#### **Effectiveness**

It refers to the significant reduction on dyspnea determined by significant difference in pre and posttest assessment score.

#### **Deep breathing exercise**

It is a type of diaphragmatic breathing which helps in the expansion of lung tissue surface. There by increasing the area of respiratory exchange.

#### **Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease**

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease results from increased resistance to airflow, because of airflow obstruction or airflow narrowing. Chronic obstructive disease is a progressive inflammatory disease characterized by chronic obstruction in the peripheral bronchus and pulmonary emphysema.

#### **Location**

In this study, patients' who are those diagnosed as COPD and got admitted in the selected hospital at Dindigul district.

### **ASSUMPTION**

- After the breathing exercise breathing difficulty will be improve among patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in experimental group.
- Deep breathing exercise reduce breathlessness.

- Breathing exercise training has some effect on knowledge of patient with respiratory diseases.

### **DELIMITATION**

- The data will be collected for 6 weeks.
- Who those are admitted at time of hospital
- Patients having severe dyspnea.

### **PROJECT OUTCOME**

- This study will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise to improve the breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- Non pharmacological approaches.
- Deep breathing exercise will improve the breathing pattern.

## **CHAPTER - II REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

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Review of literature is systematic identification, critical analysis and reporting of existing information on the topic of material for the study. The review of literature is a key step in research process excessive review of literature relevant to research was alone to collect maximum information for laying foundation of this study. The purpose of the review of literature is to gain maximum relevant information and perform the study in a scientific manner. Review of literature is systematic identification, critical analysis and reporting of existing information on the topic of material for the study.

**Review of literature is organized under following categories:**

1. Studies related to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
2. Studies related to incidence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
3. Studies related to deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients.

#### **Studies related to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.**

**GUNEN, HETAL (2008)** A study conducted in different categories of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in railway workers on Eastern India to evaluate the pulmonary function showed the pulmonary function test values were significantly deteriorated in all categories of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients as compared to normal non-smokers, significant deterioration was observed in emphysematous patients when compared to other categories and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is the fourth leading cause of death and 13<sup>th</sup> leading cause of burden of diseases world wide with projected increases in its contributions over the next decade.

The global initiative for chronic obstructive lung disease (GOLD) has classified COPD as ‘a disease state characterized by airflow limitation that is not fully reversible. The airflow limitation is usually both progressive and associated with an abnormal inflammatory response of the lungs to noxious particles or gases’ Active smoking is the major risk factor for COPD worldwide, and the risk attributable to active smoking in COPD varies from 40 to 70% according to the country.

**RON HALBERT ET AL (2008)** Although smoking remains the predominant risk factor, it needs to be emphasized that prevalence of COPD in non-smokers suggests the existence of other risk factors such as passive smoking, occupational exposure, and indoor air pollution. Recently, exposure to biomass smoke resulting from household combustion of solid fuels has been identified as an important risk



factor for COPD, with rural women in developing countries bearing most of this disease burden). In addition to respirable particulate matter, biomass combustion results in high levels of pollutants such as carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen and Sulphur form aldehyde, benzo(a) pyrene, and benzene that are major source of respiratory irritants in the etiopathogenesis of COPD. Although COPD affects twice as many males as females, this difference will diminish given the fact that more and more females throughout the world have taken up smoking in the past few years in developed countries, and non-smoking females are exposed to bio mass combustion products in developing countries.

**JOSHI J.M ETAL (2007)** Recent studies have made important contributions in examining temporal spatial, or multi pollutant patterns, in addition to day-to-day or seasonal variability in house hold concentrations and exposures in biomass using home. Collectively, the evidence from these studies shows that rural women, children in solid fuel using settings experience extremely high levels of air pollutants often at least an order of magnitude higher than what is commonly considered as safe levels of exposure. WHO's Comparative Risk Assessment (15) estimated that about 950,000 children die each year from acute lower respiratory infections as a result of these exposures worldwide along with about 650,000 pre mature deaths of women from COPD and lung cancer.

#### **Studies related to incidence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.**

According to the latest WHO estimates (2004), currently 64 million people have COPD and 3 million people died of COPD. WHO predicts that COPD will become the third leading cause of death worldwide by 2030. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that COPD as a single cause of death shares 4th and 5th places with HIV/AIDS (after coronary heart disease, cerebrovascular disease and acute respiratory infection). The statistics of incidence of COPD in world is as follows.

**The WHO estimates that in 2007**, 2.74 million people died of COPD worldwide. In 1990, a study by the World Bank and WHO ranked COPD 12th as a burden of disease; by 2020, it is estimated that COPD will be ranked 5<sup>th</sup>. According to the WHO, passive smoking carries serious risks, especially for children and those chronically exposed. The WHO estimates that passive smoking is associated with a 10 to 43 percent increase in risk of COPD in adults. Although cigarette smoking is the primary cause of COPD, the WHO estimates that there are 400,000 deaths per year from exposure to biomass fuels.

**In Algeria**, the prevalence of tuberculosis and acute respiratory infection has decreased since 1965, but an increase in chronic respiratory diseases (asthma and COPD) has been observed in the last decade. COPD is estimated to be 6.2 percent in 11 Asian countries surveyed by the Asian Pacific Society of Respiratory Diseases. The use of biomass fuels, especially in the rural areas, contributes towards a higher prevalence of COPD in some of these countries and suggests that COPD may be significantly greater in this region of the world than previously estimated.

**In China**, where it is estimated that over 50 percent of the men smoke, chronic respiratory diseases are the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in large urban areas, but the first leading cause of death in rural areas. In China, smoking rates among women remain low (estimated at 6 percent), although the prevalence of COPD in men and women is about the same. This points to the importance of risk factor other than smoking as a cause for COPD in Chinese women.

**In Malaysia**, respiratory illness is the primary cause of visits to health clinics and outpatient hospital clinics. It is estimated that 50 percent of the male population smokes, with higher rates in the rural areas than the urban areas. COPD is the third leading cause of death in the U.S. (It was originally projected to be the third leading cause of death for both males and females by the year 2020. - The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) released a report

on Dec 10, 2010, "Deaths: Preliminary Data for 2008," confirming that Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) became the third leading cause of death in the U.S. for 2008.) The NHBLI reports 12.1 million adults 25 and older were diagnosed in 2001. It is estimated that there may currently be 16 million people in the United States currently diagnosed with COPD.

**HARRIS. ET AL (2006)** It is estimated that there may be as many as an additional 14 million or more in the United States still undiagnosed, as they are in the beginning stages and have little to minimal symptoms and have not sought health care yet. Men are 7 times more likely to be diagnosed with emphysema than women, though the prevalence in women is on a steady increase and this number is lowering with each year. People over the age of 50 are more likely to be considered disabled, however, the damage started years before. About 1.5 million emergency department visits by adults 25 and older were made for COPD in 2000. More emergency department visits for COPD were made by adult females than adult males (898,000 vs. 651,000).

- About 726,000 hospitalizations for COPD occurred in 2000. More females than males were hospitalized for COPD (404,000 vs. 322,000).
- According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), there were 124,816 deaths in the US in 2002.
- It is the only major disease with an increasing death rate, rising 16%<sup>9</sup>

COPD prevalence estimated based Global Initiative for COPD staging criteria were adjusted for the target population. Logistic regression was used to estimate adjusted odds ratios for COPD associated with 10 years increments and 10 year pack increment. Meta-analysis provided pooled for these risk factors. The findings of stage 2 or higher COPD was 10.1% for men and 8.5% for women. The ORs for 10 years age increments were much the same across sites and for women and men. The pooled estimate was 1.94% per 10 years increment. Sites-specific pack year ORs varied significantly in women, but not in men.

**EMMA DICKINSON ET AL (2006)** A study was conducted on COPD is a common disease, the early diagnosis of which allows effective management and treatment. The prospective observational longitudinal study comprised 164 high risk smokers aged 40 and 76 years. Age, sex, weight, height and smoking habits were recorded and spirometry was performed. Patients were informed of their result and given brief advice on how to stop smoking. After 3 years, the patients underwent the same evaluation. The result of the study revealed that 22% of the smokers were diagnosed with COPD. Three years later, an additional 16.3% were diagnosed as having COPD, and disease had worsened in 38% of those already diagnosed. Of the patients with FEV1 less than 90%, 44.8% developed COPD. An accelerated decrease in FEV1 was found in 18% of the patients. Mean tobacco consumption in 1999 was

28.1 pack years in subjects without COPD and 31.7 pack years in those with COPD, whereas in 2002, consumption was 30.6 packs in the patients with COPD and 31.9 pack years in those without. In the years, 22.8% had stopped smoking

#### **Studies related to deep breathing exercise**

Collins EG, **etal (2003)** conducted a study regarding breathing pattern training and exercise in persons with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. They used a method in pulmonary rehabilitation to help alleviate the symptoms of dyspnea endured by people who suffer from airflow obstruction secondary to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Other techniques such as bio feedback also have been successfully used. The article described the altered breathing patterns used by patients with COPD at rest and during physical activity. The literature is reviewed regarding techniques of breathing pattern

retraining that have been developed to improve the capacity of persons with COPD to perform activities of daily living, a primarily rehabilitative outcome.

**Ritz T, et al (1997)** conducted a review of the behavioral interventions in asthma and breathing training. And the review found that the systematic documenting in the benefits of these techniques in asthma patients. The physiological rationale of abdominal breathing in asthma is not clear, and adverse effects have been reported in chronic obstructive states. Theoretical analysis and empirical observations suggest positive effects of pursed-lip breathing and nasal breathing but clinical evidence is lacking. Modification of breathing patterns alone does not yield any significant benefit. There is limited evidence that inspiratory muscle training and hypo ventilation training can help reduce medication consumption, in particular beta-adrenergic inhaler use. Breathing exercises do not seem to have any substantial effect on parameters of basal lung function. They suggested additional research on the psychological and physiological mechanisms of individual breathing techniques in asthma, differential effects in subgroups of asthma patients, and the generalization of training effects on daily life.

**Nihon Kokyuki Gakkai Zasshi et al (1996)** conducted a study to evaluate the effects of a short-term pulmonary rehabilitation program on dyspnea, exercise capacity, and lung function. 15 patients with chronic respiratory failure due to pulmonary emphysema were enrolled in such a program for 3 weeks as inpatients. The program consisted of pursed lip breathing, diaphragmatic breathing, respiratory muscle stretch gymnastics, and walking with synchronized breathing. The results have shown that dyspnea as measured with a visual analogue scale at the end of a 6-minute walk before and after the program ( $49.7 \pm 4.0\%$  to  $24.2 \pm 3.8\%$ ) decreased significantly ( $p < 0.01$ ). As a measure of functional exercise capacity, the 6-minute walking distance ( $226.9 \pm 32.4$  m to  $292.1 \pm 35.8$  m) increased significantly ( $p < 0.01$ ). As an indicator of maximal exercise capacity, endurance time on an incremental treadmill test did not improve. Spirometric data did not change during the study. Total lung capacity (TLC) ( $8.44 \pm 0.70$  L to  $7.58 \pm 0.74$  L) and residual volume (RV) ( $5.13 \pm 0.53$  L to  $4.28 \pm 0.59$  L) decreased significantly ( $p < 0.01$ ). The findings suggest that this program relieves dyspnea, increases the functional capacity and decreases the functional exercise capacity, and decreases TLC and RV on patients with chronic respiratory failure due to pulmonary emphysema.

**Sutbeyaz ST, et al (1996)** conducted a study to determine whether two types of exercise—breathing retraining (BRT) and inspiratory muscle training (IMT)—improve on cardio pulmonary functions and exercise tolerance in patients with stroke. They used a randomized controlled trial technique in which forty-five inpatients with stroke (24 men, 21 women) were recruited for the study. The subjects were randomized into three groups: 15 assigned to receive inspiratory muscle training (IMT); 15 assigned to receive breathing retraining, diaphragmatic breathing and pursed-lips breathing (BRT); 15 assigned to a control group. All study groups participated in a conventional stroke rehabilitation program. Each subject underwent pulmonary function and cardio pulmonary exercise tests. The results shown that after the training program, the IMT group had significantly improved forced expiratory volume at 1 second (FEV<sub>1</sub>), forced vital capacity (FVC), vital capacity (VC), forced expiratory flow rate 25-75% (FEF<sub>25-75%</sub>) and maximum voluntary ventilation (MVV) values compared with the BRT and control groups, although there were no significant differences between the BRT and control groups ( $P < 0.01$ ). Peak expiratory flow rate (PEF) value was increased significantly in the BRT group compared with the IMT and control groups. The IMT group also had significantly higher peak oxygen consumption (VO<sub>2peak</sub>) than the BRT and control groups, although there were no significant differences between the BRT and control groups ( $P < 0.001$ ). There was a statistically significant increase in maximum inspiratory

pressure (PI (max)) and maximum inspiratory and expiratory pressure (PE (max)) in the BRT group and, PI (max) in the IMT group compared with baseline and the control group. In the IMT group, this was associated with improvements in exercise capacity, sensation of dyspnea and quality of life.

**Breslin EH, et al (1994)** conducted the study to indicate a change in the pattern of chest wall muscle recruitment and improved ventilation with pursed-lip breathing (PLB) in COPD. Pursed lip breathing led to increase rib cage and accessory muscle recruitment during inspiration and expiration, increased abdominal muscle recruitment during expiration, decreased duty cycle of the inspiratory muscles and respiratory rate, and improved SaO<sub>2</sub>. In addition, PLB resulted in no change in pressure across the diaphragm and a less fatiguing breathing pattern of the diaphragm. Changes in chest wall muscle recruitment and respiratory temporal parameters concomitant with the increased SaO<sub>2</sub> indicate a mechanism of improving ventilation with PLB while protecting the diaphragm from fatigue in COPD. Alterations in the pattern of respiratory muscle recruitment with PLB may be associated also with the amelioration of dyspnea. The study suggested further investigation is necessary to explore the relationship between the pattern of respiratory muscle recruitment during PLB and dyspnea.

**Van der Schans CP, et al (1992)** conducted a study to assess the effect of breathing with a positive expiratory pressure of 5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O, simulating pursed lips breathing (SPLB), on respiratory muscle activity and pulmonary function during induced airway obstruction. In twelve asthmatic patients, tonic and phasic electro myography (EMG) activity of the following muscles was obtained: scalene muscle, parasternal muscle, and abdominal muscles. Pulmonary function and EMG measurements were performed before and after propranolol induced airway obstruction. The results shown that simulated pursed lips breathing resulted in a significant increase of functional residual capacity and tidal volume both at baseline and during airway obstruction. Phasic respiratory muscle activity during PEP breathing increased especially at baseline. It shown the beneficial effects of breathing with a positive expiratory pressure of 5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O, which is similar to pursed lips breathing, cannot be explained by changes in respiratory muscle activity or pulmonary function

**Das S, Mukherjee S, ETAL (1992)** A pre-experimental study was conducted on breathlessness in patients with COPD. the twenty two patients with mild to severe COPD were studied. Dyspnea was assessed by a Modified Borg Scale. The patients with deep breathing exercises exhibited a significant reduction in end expiratory volume of the chest wall. Deep breathing exercises decreases end expiratory volume of chest wall and reduce breathlessness. The study showed that deep breathing exercises are more effective in reducing dyspnea in COPD patients. Dyspnea at rest and during exercise in COPD. The eight COPD patients (6 male and 2 female) with a mean age of 11 years. Deep breathing exercises promoted a slower and deeper breathing pattern both at rest and during exercise. Deep breathing have a variable effect on dyspnea when performed volitionally during exercise by patient with COPD. The study showed effectiveness of deep breathing exercises in patient at rest

**Minas M, ET AL (1992)** A experimental study was conducted on the impact of deep breathing exercises on breathing pattern and dyspnea in severe COPD patients. The subjects of the study were 125 patients. This study shows deep breathing exercise is effective in improving breathing pattern and in patient with COPD A cohort study was conducted on efficient integrated education for older patients with COPD using deep breathing exercises. A total of 85 patients. This study shows integrated education for older patients with COPD effectively improved patients deep breathing exercises.

**Mc Glone, ET AL (1991)** A pre-experimental was conducted on effectiveness of deep breathing exercises in COPD. A randomized controlled clinical trial. 145 subjects were included among them 100

men and 45 women. Deep breathing exercises is well tolerated in COPD and significantly improve dyspnea randomized controlled trial study was conducted on hospital based physio therapeutic exercise in COPD self-management among 142 patients. Out of which 74 intervention and 68 control patients were included. This study demonstrates that a hospital based reactivation program me improves exercise capacity inpatient with moderately and severe COPD. Exercise tolerance capacity is more in COPD patients. A study was conducted on the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise in managing breathless in respiratory illness. 220 subjects were included and the study revealed that breathlessness is a debilitating and distressing symptom to manage. Therefore, deep breathing exercise was one of the effective non pharmacological intervention in treating dyspnea

**Izadi-avanji FS, ET AL (1990)** A true experimental study was conducted on deep breathing exercise on dyspnea in moderate COPD patients. The subjects of the study were 240. Out of which 120 subjects were manipulated and the rest were getting no intervention. According to the study, it revealed that there were considerably more effective to the subject given exercise rather than those without intervention. Thus, it proved that deep breathing exercise was better than compared to another group.

## CONCEPTUAL FRAME WORK

The conceptual frame work of the present study was developed by the investigator is based on Nola benders health promotion model (1997) that is mostly applicable while dealing with improve the breathing pattern and promoting deep breathing exercise.

### Major concept

#### A. Person

Man has the ability to express human health potential and has the capacity for reflective self-awareness, including the assessment of his own competencies

The important of an individual's unique personal factors or characteristics and experiences will depend on the target behavior for health promotion.

#### B. Health

- Health promotion is defined as client behavior towards developing wellbeing and actualization human health potential
- Health protection is client behavior geared towards preventing illness detecting it early or maintaining function.

#### C. Nursing

The trend towards health promotion has created the opportunity for nurse to strengthen the professions influences on health information disseminate information that promotes an educated public and assist individuals and communities to change long-standing health behavior.

#### D. Environment

Individuals are more apt to perform behavior if they are comfortable with the environment versus feeling alienated environment that are consider safe as well as facilitate health promotion behavior.

### Keyconcept

#### Individual characteristics and experiences

- Prior related behavior.
- Most of the person have breathing problem and less know about the deep breathing exercise and to treat for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- Personal factors.



People have in adequate experience about deep breathing exercise.

**Behavior specific cognitions and affect**

- Perceived benefits of action
- In this study the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease to improve breathing pattern.
- **Perceived barriers to action**
- Perceived self–efficacy
- Activity–related affect
- Interpersonal influences
- Situational influences

In this study the interpersonal and situational in fluences act as a perceived barrier to action.

**Behavior outcomes**

- Commitment to a plan of action
- Immediate competing demands and preferences
- Health–promoting behavior

After deep breathing exercise, most of the person adequate information and effectiveness deep breathing exercise which indicated health promoting behavior.

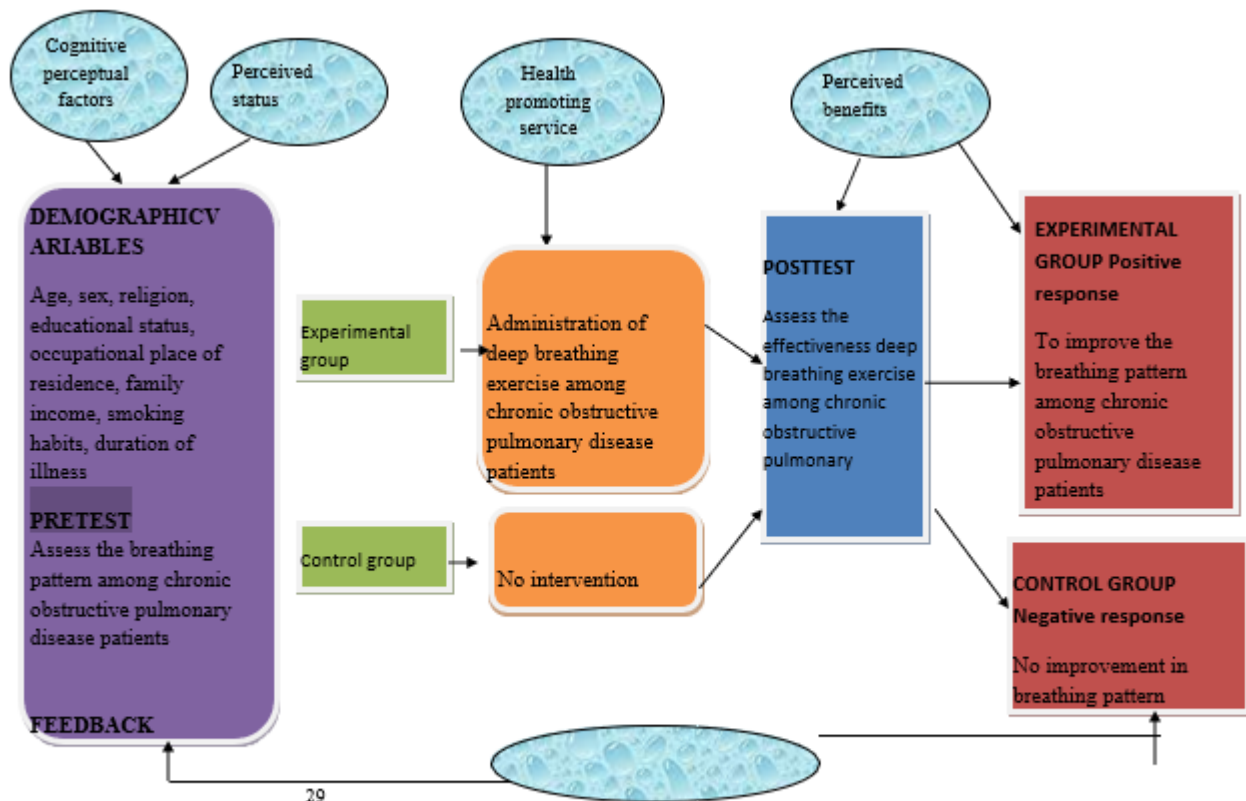


Figure:1 No lab enders health promotion model (1997)

**CHAPTER-II METHODOLOGY**  
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The methodology of research indicates the general pattern of organizing, the procedure for gathering

valid and reliable data for the problem under investigation (pilot and beck, 2010)

Methodology is a significant part of any study, which enables the research to logically project the research undertaken. Research methodology is the systemic way to carry out an academic study and research in a flawless manner.

The chapter includes research design sample, population, and sample size, sampling technique, development of the tool, content validity, pilot study, ethical considerations. Data collection procedure and plan for data analysis.

**RESEARCH APPROACH**

The researcher approaches is a adopted a quantitative evaluative approach.

**RESEARCH DESIGN**

The research design is the overall plan, structure and method of investigation of answers the research question or problem.

For this study research design is quasi experimental. Pre experimental (one group pre and posttest) design will be used for the study.

**SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION OF THE STUDY**

The Schematic representation of the study design is given below.

Group	Pretest	Intervention	Posttest
Experimental Group	O1	X	O2
Control Group	O1	-	O2

O1, O2-Effect of deep breathing exercise

O1 -Assessment of breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease(pretest)

X- Intervention - deep breathing exercise

O2 – Assessment of breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (posttest).

**VARIABLES UNDER THE STUDY**

A variable is defined as a concept or abstract idea that can be described in measurable terms. In research, this term refers to the measurable characteristics, qualities, traits, or attributes of a particular individual, object, or situation being studied.

There are two types of variables. Were identified in this study. They are independent variables and dependent variables.

**Independent variables**

An independent variable is a variable that is manipulated to determine the value of a dependent variable

- ◆ Deep breathing exercise

**Dependent variable**

A dependent variable is what you measure in the experiment and what is affected during the experiment

- ◆ Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (breathing difficulty)

**Demographic variables :**

Personal statistics that include such information as income level, location, ethnicity, race and family size.

Age, sex, education, marital status, occupation, previous history of smoking habits, continuous breathing difficulty presented, income of the family, previous history of respiratory disease.

### SETTING OF THE STUDY

Setting is the general location and condition in which data collection takes place for the study (pilot, and beck, 2010).

The research was conducted at selected hospitals in Dindigul district. The samples for the experimental group were selected from Dindigul GH.

### Sample

A subset of a population selected to participate in a study (pilot and bungler).

The sample selected for the present study was 60 patients admitted in selected hospital at Dindigul district.

### Sample size

A sample of 60 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients who fulfilled the criteria were selected (30 samples for the experimental group and 30 samples for the control group)

Total number of samples includes 60.

### Sample technique

Sampling is a process of selecting a portion of the population to represent the entire population can be made.

The sampling technique adopted for this study was non probability purposive sampling technique.

### Sampling criteria

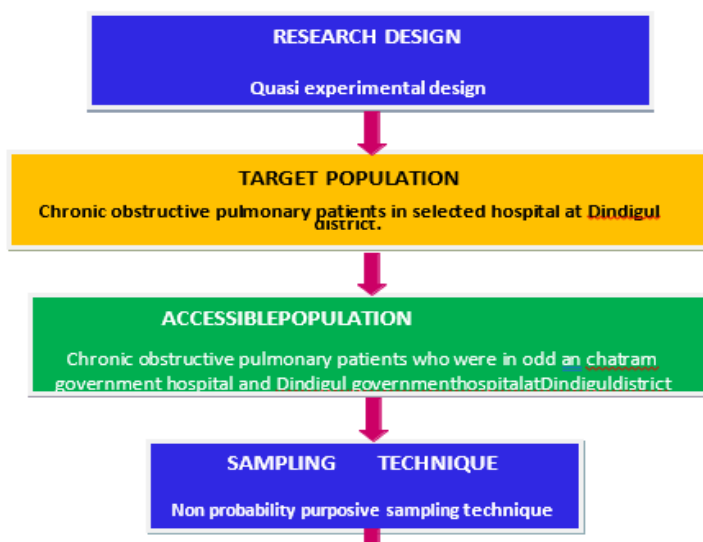
The study samples will be selected keeping in view of the following pre-determined criteria

### Inclusion criteria

- Patients who are available during the period and data collection.
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary patients who are willing to participate in this study.
- Those who are able to understand and speak Tamil.

### Exclusion criteria

- Patients who are critical condition.
- Using any other complementary treatment
- Who were absent at the time of data collection.



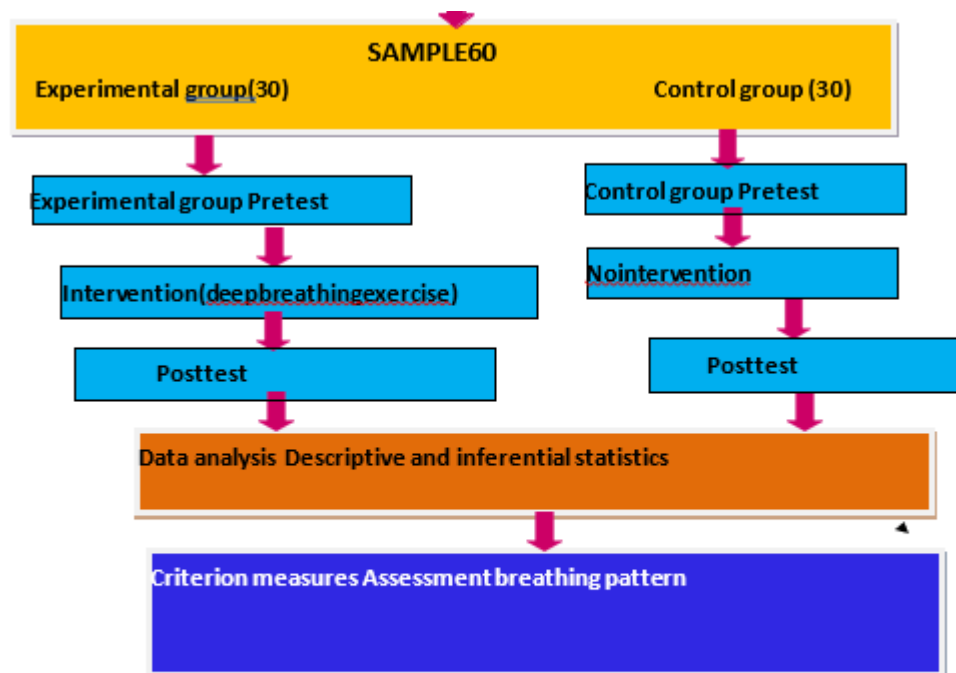


Figure2. Schematic representation of the research methodology

## POPULATION

The population is defined as the entire set of individual or subjects having common characteristics some time universe (pilot and Hungler, 2013)

A population is the entire aggregation of cases that meet a designed set of criteria.

### Target population

The entire group of individual or objects to which researchers are interested in generalized the conclusions

All chronic obstructive pulmonary disease selected in Dindigul district.

### Accessible population

The population research to which the researchers can apply their conclusions Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients who are having breathing.

Problem in selected government hospital at Dindigul district.

## DATA COLLECTION INSTRUMENT

Structured interview schedule will be used to collect the personal variables and observation technique will be used to assess breathing pattern.

Data will be collected by using following tools:

### Section I:

Personal Perform a will be used to assess personal variable. (demographical variables).

### Section II:

- Breathing pattern will be assessed through modified Borg dyspnea scale.

**Modified Borg dyspnea scale**

Scoring	
0	No breathlessness
1	Very very slight
2	Very slight
3	Slight breathlessness
4	Moderate
5	Some what severe
6	Severe breathlessness
7	Very severe breathlessness
8	Very very severe breathlessness
9	Maximum
10	Almost maximum

**Scoring interpretation 1-2-mild**

**3 – 4 - moderate**

**5 – 6 - severe breath**

**7 - 8 - very very severe**

**9 – 10 – Almost maximum**

**DATA COLLECTION METHOD**

- Data will be collected after obtaining prior permission from the hospitals.
- Objective of the study will be explained and informed consent will be taken from the patients.
- Data will be collected through demographic profile and modified dyspnea scale to assess the effectiveness of deep breathing p exercise among CPOD patients.
- Pretest breathing pattern measured by administering the deep breathing exercise.
- Deep breathing exercise will be administered to the patients same day.

**DESCRIPTION DATA COLLECTION**

Data collection instrument consists of two Sections Section-I Demographic variables

Section-II deep breathing exercise

**SECTION I**

**Demographic variables**

Consists of questions to elicit demographic data such as, Age, Gender, Education, Occupation, family History of COPD, treatment of COPD, duration of illness marital status, monthly income of the family, smoking habits and continuous breathing difficulty presented at.

**SECTION II**

**Modified Borg dyspnea scale**

The modified Borg dyspnea scale (mds) is.

**SCORINGPROCEDURE**

**1 – 2 - slight**



**3 - 4 - moderate**

**5 – 6 – severe breath**

**7 – 8 - very very severe**

**9 – 10 – Almost maximum**

**TESTING OF THE TOOL**

**Validity**

The degree to which an instrument measures what it is intended to measure. Validity of the tool was obtained from five experts in the field of nursing.

**Reliability**

Reliability of an instrument is the degree of consistency measures that attribute it is supposed to be measured.

In order to established the tool. It was demonstrated to patient there are in sample area. It was established through test and retest method. The reliability of the tool was established by implementing the tool on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among experimental and control group.

**PILOT STUDY**

A small-scale version of a larger study that is conducted to prepare for the study. A pilot study can involve pretesting a research tool, like a new data collection method.

Pilot study was conducted to evaluate the feasibility and reliability of the study. The pilot study was conducted among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in selected hospital at Dindigul district. 6 sample were taken for pilot study. Pretest was conducted then deep breathing exercise was given as intervention posttest was conducted after 15 mint of intervention.

**PROCEDURE FOR DATA COLLECTION**

The investigator got formal permission from the college authority, Sakthi College of nursing and concerned authority of both hospitals. The study participants those who fulfill the inclusion criteria were selected by convenience sampling techniques. 30 subjects were assigned in experimental group and 30 in control group.

Brief explanation about the purpose of the study is given to the subjects. Assurance is given that the data will be utilized only for the purpose of the study. Oral consent is obtained from each subject and maintained the confidentiality.

First investigator established the good rapport and introduced the study topic to the patients. The investigator collected data regarding demographic variables. The dyspnea scale was used to assess the level of breathing difficulty in experimental group before each breathing exercise. The deep breathing exercise was given to the experimental group twice daily for 15-20 minutes. The post test was conducted in experimental group 1 hour after each breathing exercise. For control group, the dyspnea scale was used to assess the pre test level of breathing difficulty twice before giving exercise and post test level of breathing difficulty was assessed 1 hour of each pretest assessment.

Weeks	Activity	Samples	
		Controlgroup	Experimental
1 <sup>st</sup> week	Pretest-Posttest	13 samples	-

2 <sup>nd</sup> week	Pretest-Posttest	17 samples	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> week	Pretest-intervention-Post	-	5 samples
4 <sup>th</sup> week	Pretest-intervention-Post	-	12 samples
5 <sup>th</sup> week	Pretest-intervention-Post	-	13 samples
6 <sup>th</sup> week	Dataanalysis & Interpretation	30 samples	30 samples

### STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Collected data were analyzed by descriptive and inferential statistics. The data related to demographic variables were analyzed by using descriptive measures (frequency, percentage distribution). Inferential statistics of t-test was used to evaluate the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise on level of breathing difficulty. Chi-square test was used to associate the level of breathing difficulty among patients' chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and their selected demographic variables.

### PLAN FOR DATA ANALYSIS

- Data analyzed based on the objective of the study using descriptive inferential statistics
- Frequencies and percentages for the analysis of the demographic data.
- Mean score, percentage and standard deviation for the level of breathing difficulty.
- Paired "t" test used for find out the association of experimental and control group.

### HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION

The proposed study was conducted after the approval of dissertation committee of the college, chief of the hospital also after the consent from the study participants without violating the human rights.

### CHAPTER – IV DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

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#### DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

*“All meanings, we know, depend on the key of interpretation”.*

-George Eliot

The process of evaluating data using analytical and logical reasoning to examine each component of the data provided. This form of analysis is just one of the many step that must be completed when conducting a research experiment. Data from various source is gathered, reviewed, and then analyzed to form some sort of finding or conclusion. There are a variety of specific data analysis method, some of which include datamining, text analytics, business intelligence and data visualizations.

Analysis is a process of organizing and synthesizing data so as to answer research questions and test hypothesis. (Politand Beck,2010)

This chapter describes analysis and interpretation of data collected to assess the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in selected hospitals at Dindigul district. The collected data was organized, analyzed and tabulated by using descriptive and inferential statistics. These data were represented as follows.

1. Data on demographic variables of chronic obstructive pulmonary patients in experimental and control group.

2. Data on breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in experimental and control group.
3. Data on effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients.
4. Data on association between the pretest breathing pattern in experimental group and their selected demographic variables.
5. Data on association between the pretest level of breathing pattern in control group and their selected demographic variables.
6. Data on demographic variables of chronic obstructive pulmonary patients in experimental and control group.

**OBJECTIVE-I**

**Table: 1 Frequency and percentage distribution of chronic obstructive pulmonary patients according to their Demographic variables.**

N=30+30

S.NO	Demographic variables	Control group		Experimental group	
		Frequency	Percentage	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Again(years):				
	a) 50-52years	5	16.7	4	13.3
	b) 53-55 years	6	20	8	26.7
	c) 56-58years	10	33.3	9	30
	d) 59-60years	9	30	9	30
2.	Gender				
	a) Male	14	46.7	17	56.7
	b) Female	16	53.3	13	43.3
3.	Educational status				
	a) Illiterate	8	26.7	8	26.7
	b) Primary	6	20	7	23.3
	c) High school	7	23.3	9	30
	d) Higher secondary	9	30	6	20
4.	Occupation				
	a) Industrial workers	8	26.7	9	30
	b) Private employee	7	23.3	8	26.7
	c) Government employee	6	20	4	13.3
	d) Self employee	9	30	9	30
5.	Marital status				
	a) Married	15	56.6	22	73.3
	b) Unmarried	6	20	6	20
	c) Divorce	5	16.7	0	0
	d) Widow	4	13.3	2	6.7
6.	Family history of chronic				

	obstructive pulmonary disease				
	a) Yes	6	20	12	40
	b) No	24	80	18	60
7	Duration of illness				
	a) <1 year	9	30	10	33.3
	b) 2-5year	9	30	10	33.3
	c) 6-year	12	40	10	33.3
8	Treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease				
	a) Regular	14	46.7	16	53.3
	b) Irregular	16	53.3	14	46.7
9.	Monthly income of the family				
	a) <5000	12	40	10	33.3
	b) 5000-10000	9	30	10	33.3
	c) >10000	9	30	10	33.3
10.	Smoking habits				
	a) Yes	12	40	24	80
	b) No	18	60	6	20
11.	Continuous breathing difficulty present at				
	a) wakeup	5	16.7	6	20
	b) walking	4	13.3	7	23.3
	c) sleeping at night time	5	16.7	6	20
	d) exercise	16	53.3	11	36.7

### CONTROL GROUP

The above table shows that among 30 samples, with regards to **age** majority belonged to 51—60 years 10(33.3%) and with regards to **gender** male 14(46.7%), and female 16 (53.3%).

Regarding **educational** status illerate 14(46.7%) of them had primary education, 6(20%) of them had high school education 7(23.3), and un educated 9(30%).

With regards to **homemaker** 8(26,7%) of them are private employee, 7(23.3%) of them are in government employee, 6(20%) of them are in self-employee 9(30%).

In relation to **marital status**, married 22(73.3%) of the samples belonged and unmarried 5 (16.7%) and divorce 10(33.3%), widow 2(6.7%)

Regarding the **family history** of chronic obstructed pulmonary disease yes 6(20%) of them were no and 24(80%).

About **duration if illness** < 1 year 9(30%) and 2-5 year 9(30%), 6 year 12 (40%) samples.

Regarding the **treatment** of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease 14(46.7%) samples are in regular

16(53.3%) samples are in irregular.

About income of the **family monthly**, 12(40%) samples of them < 5000, 9(30%) samples of them 5000-10000 and 9(30%) samples of them >10000.

In regarding to **smoking habits** 12(40%) of the samples belonged toyed and 18(60%) of the samples belonged to no.

Regarding **continuous breathing** difficulty presented at wake up 5(16.7%) ofthe samples belonged to and walking 4(13.3) of the samples of the sample belonged to, sleeping at night time 5(16.7%) samples of the belonged to, exercise 16(53.3) samples.

## EXPERIMENTAL GROUP

The above table shows that among 30 samples, with regards to majority **age** samples belonged to above 60 years where as 4(13.3%) of the sample belonged to the age group above 20-40 years.

Regarding **gender** 14(13.3%) male and 16(20%) female.

Regarding **educational status** majority 7(23.3%) of them had ill rate, 4(13.3%) of them had primary school education, and 9(30%) of them had high school education and 6(20%) of uneducated.

With regards to **homemaker** 7(.233%) of them are ill rate, where as 4(13.3%) of the sample belongs toprimary school.

In relation to **marital status**, majority 22(73.3%) of the samples belonged to married.

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Regarding the **treatment** of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease 16(53.3%) samples are in regular10(46.7%) samples are in irregular.

About **income of the family** monthly, 10(33.3%) samples of them < 5000, 10(33.3%) samples of them 5000-10000and 10(33.3%) samples of them > 10000.

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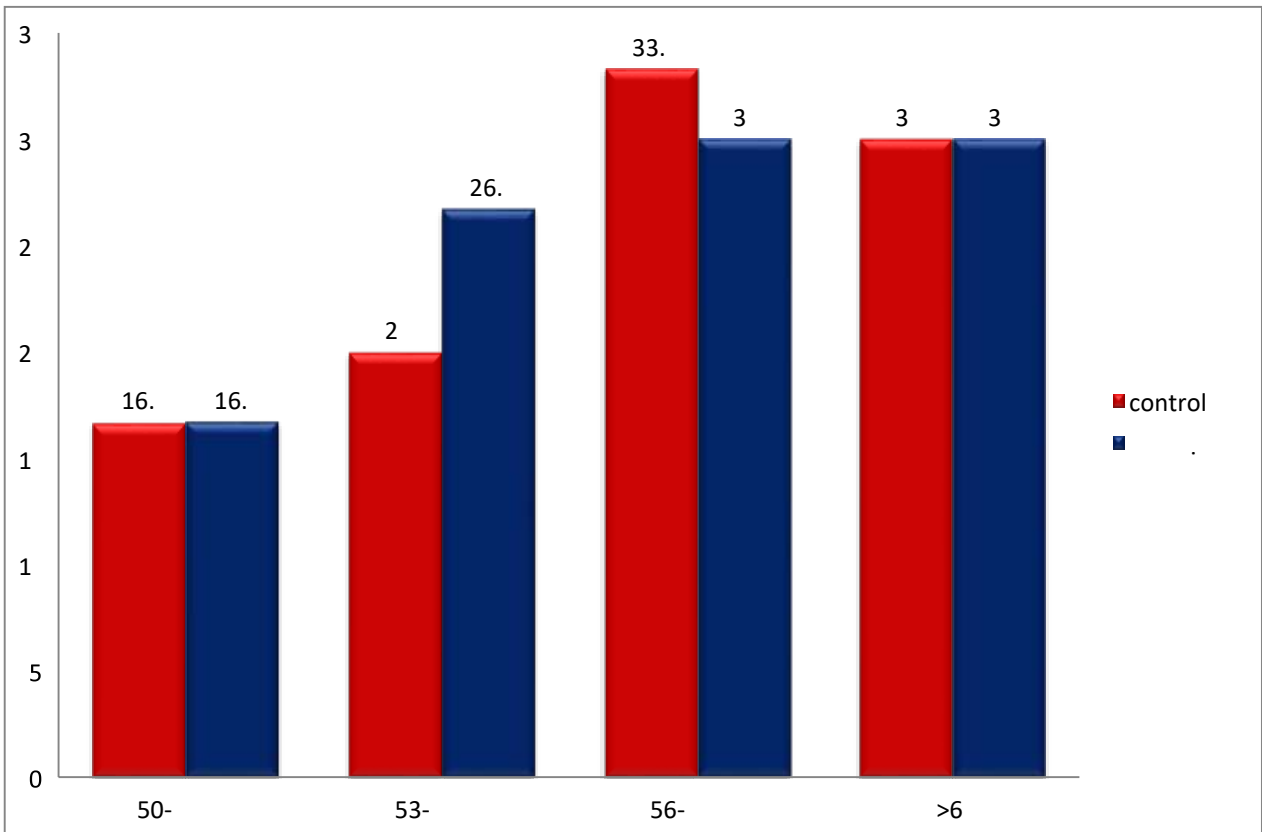


Figure3: Distribution of subjects based on their again experimental and control group.

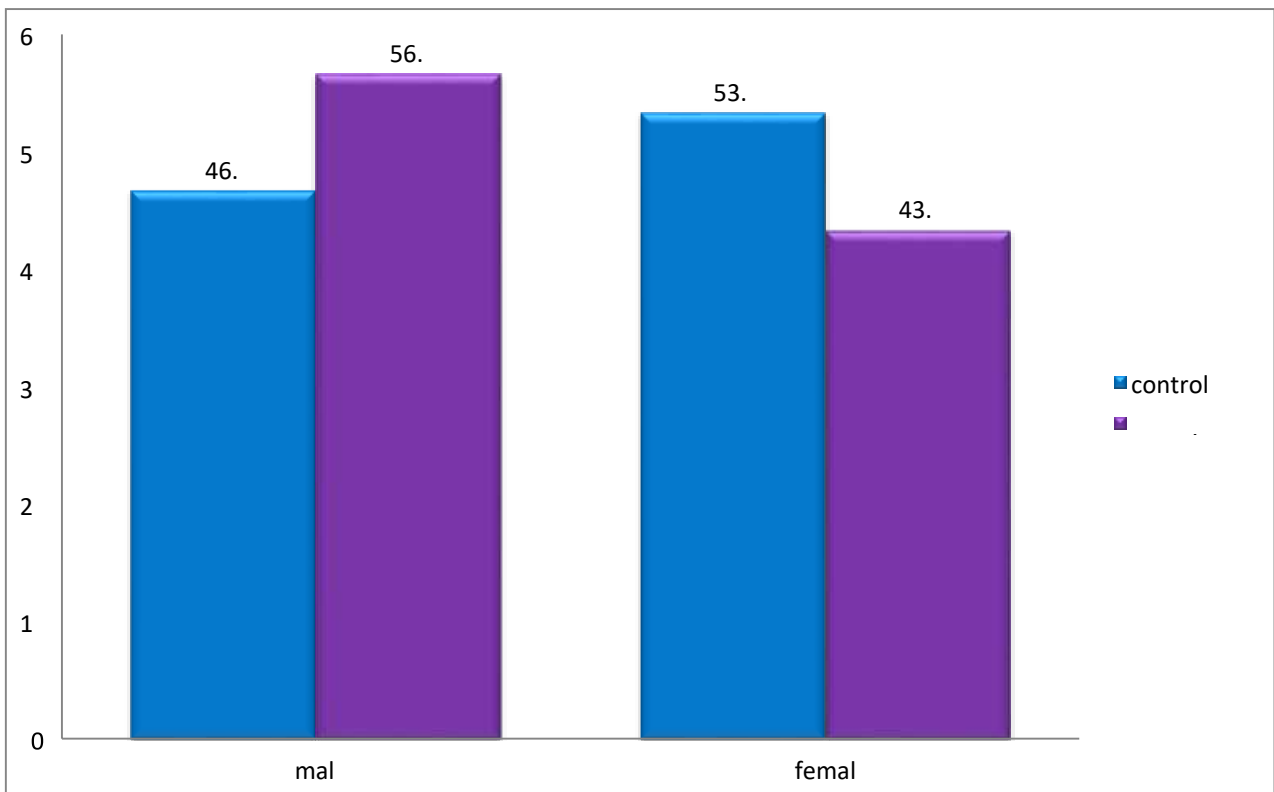
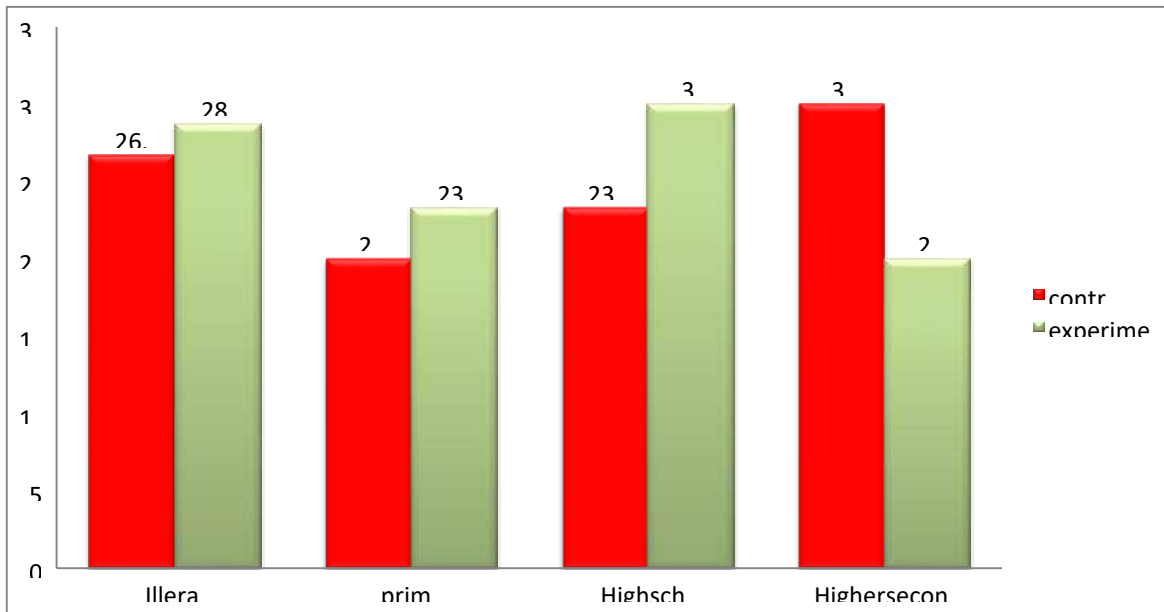
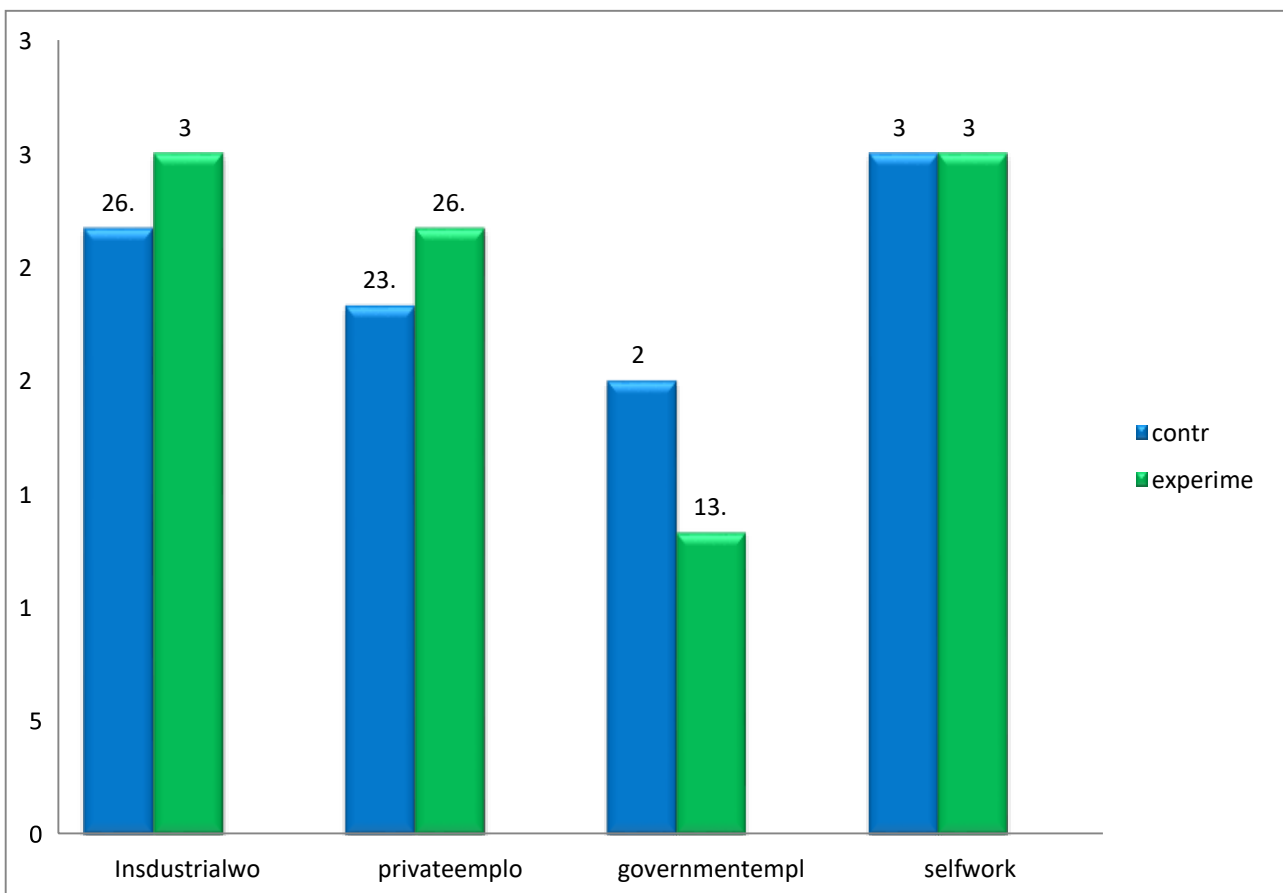


Figure 4: Distribution of subject based on their gender in experimental group and control group



**Figure 5: Distribution of subject based on their educational status in experimental and control group**



**Figure 6: Distribution of subject on their occupation in experimental and control group**

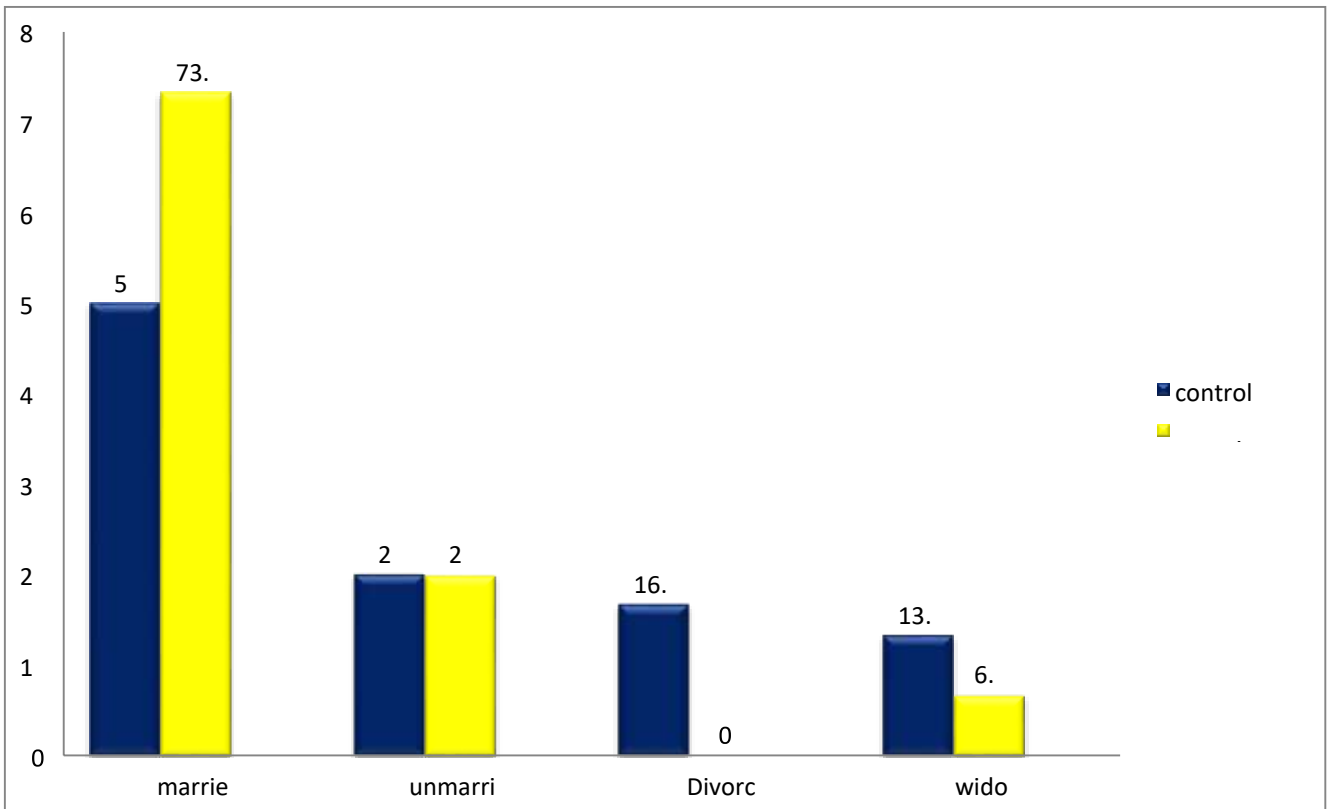


Figure 7: Distribution of subject on their marital status in experimental and control group

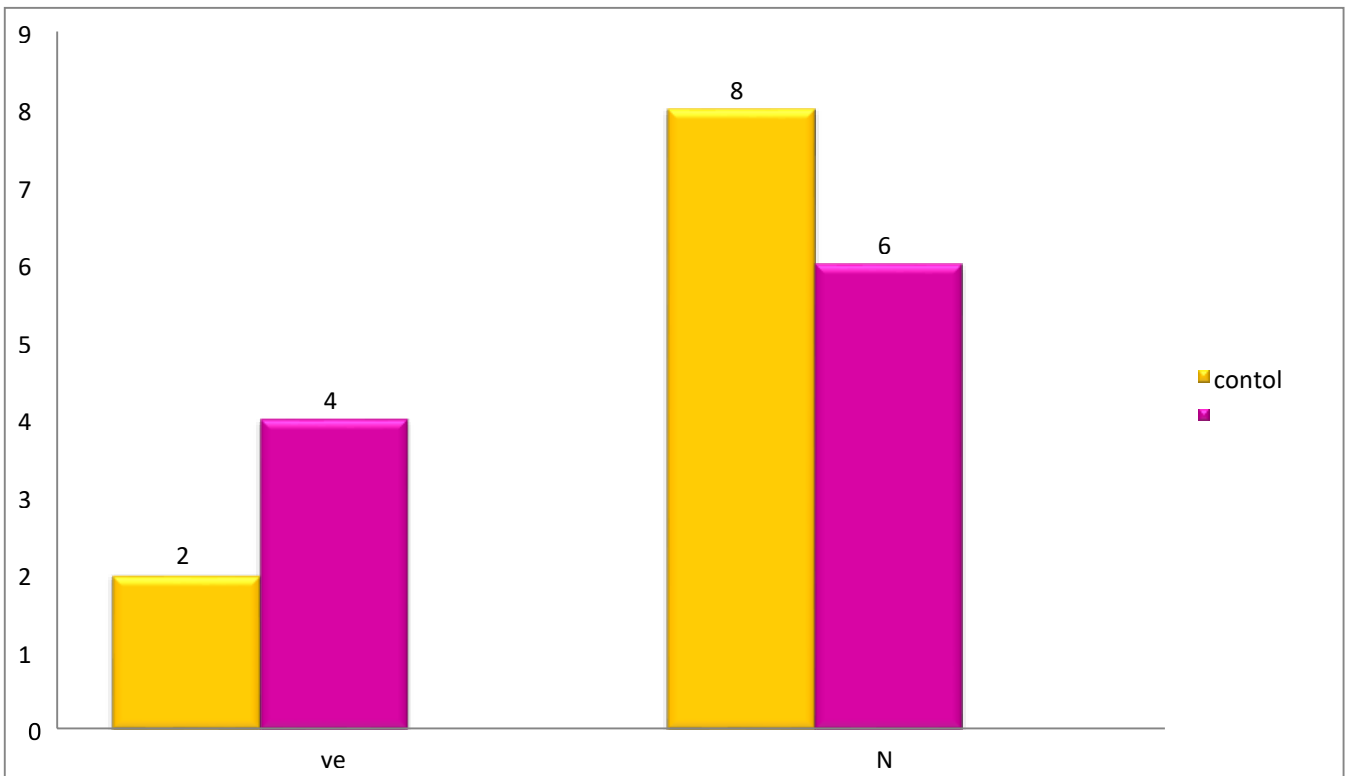
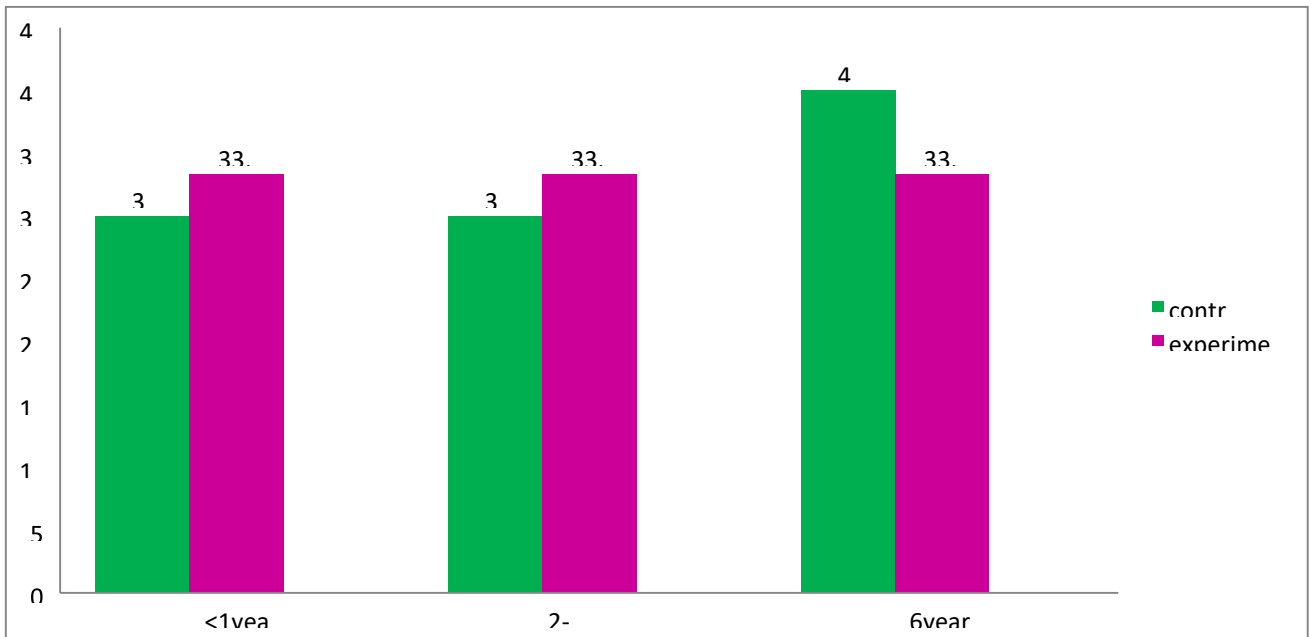
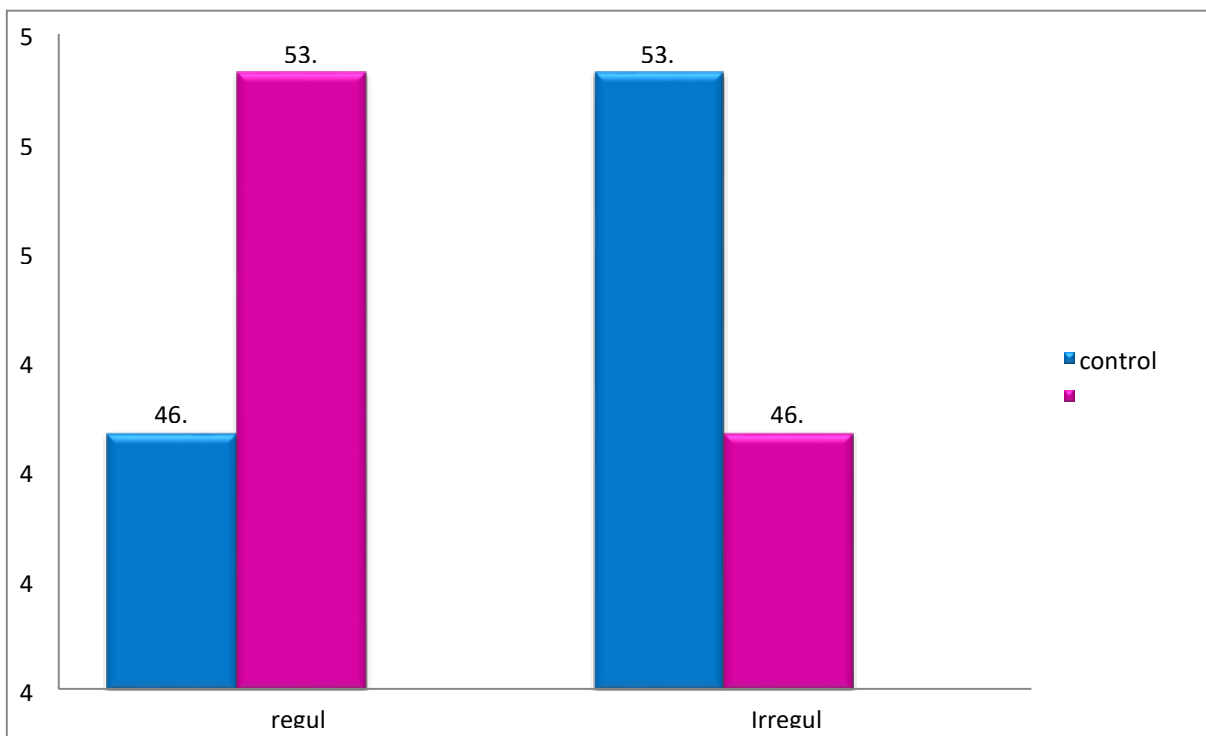


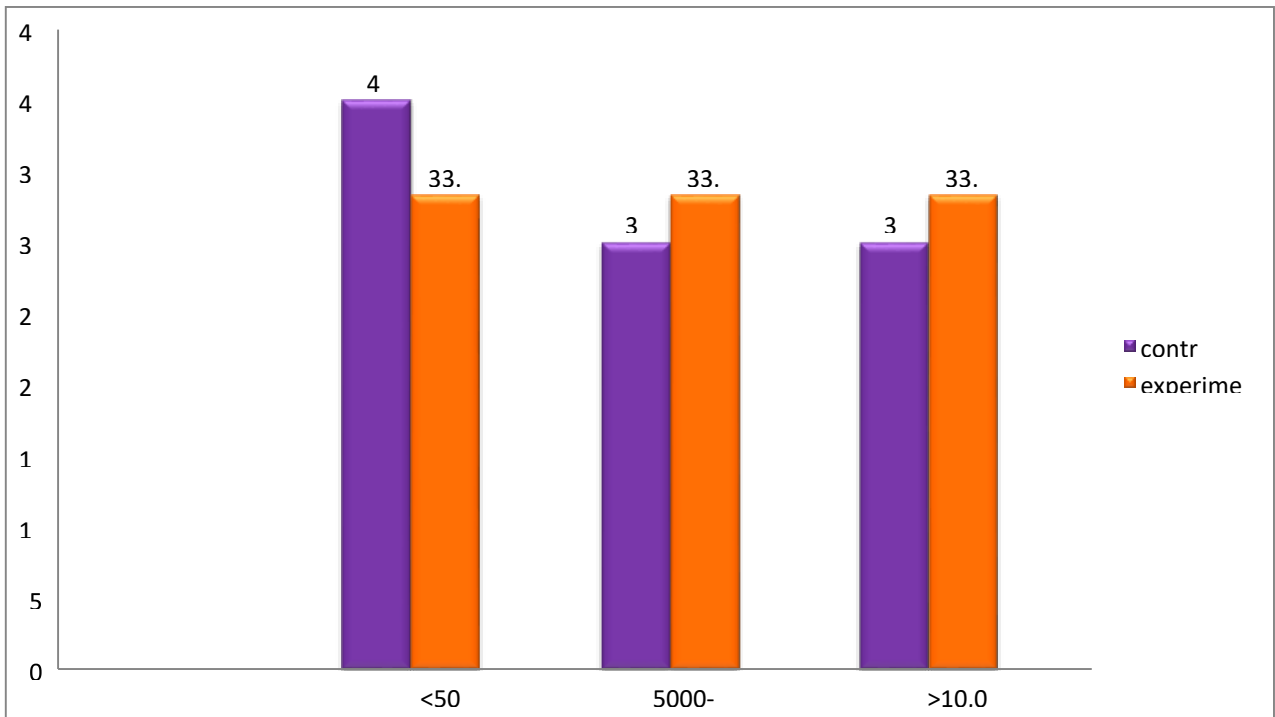
Figure 8: Distribution of subject on their family history of copd in experimental and control group



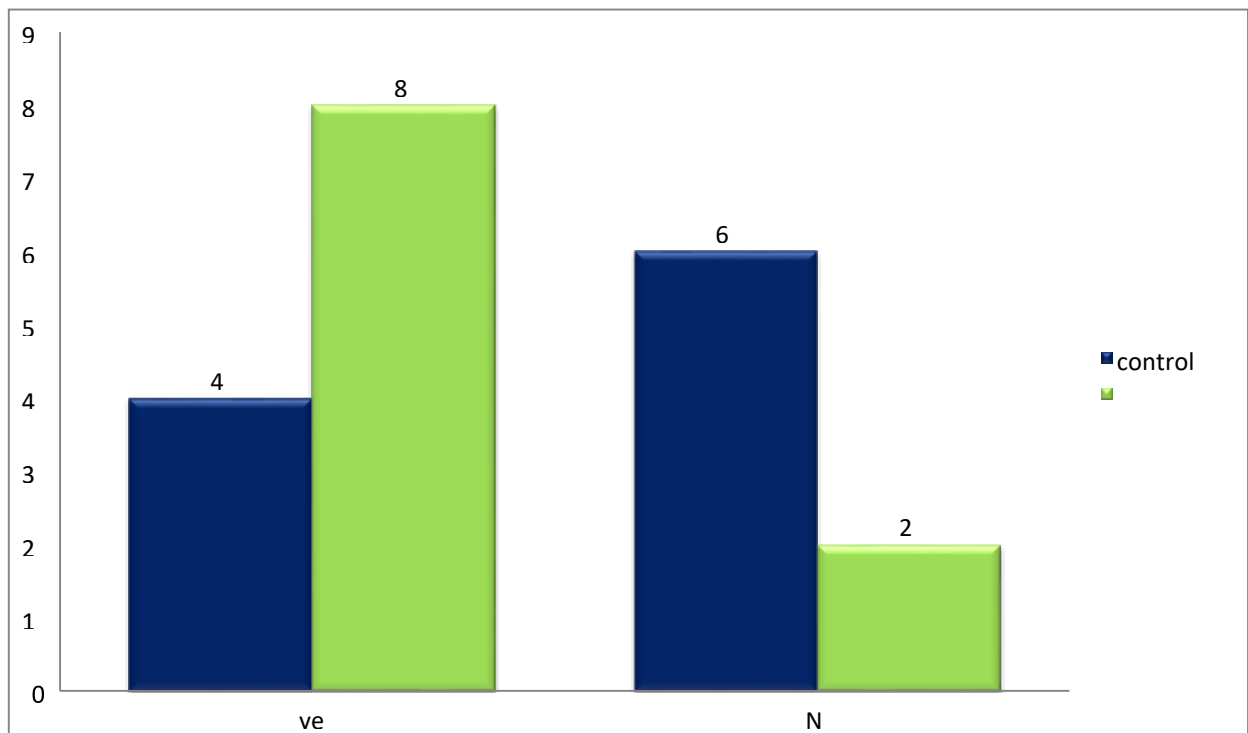
**Figure 9: Distribution of subject based on duration of illness in control group and experimental group**



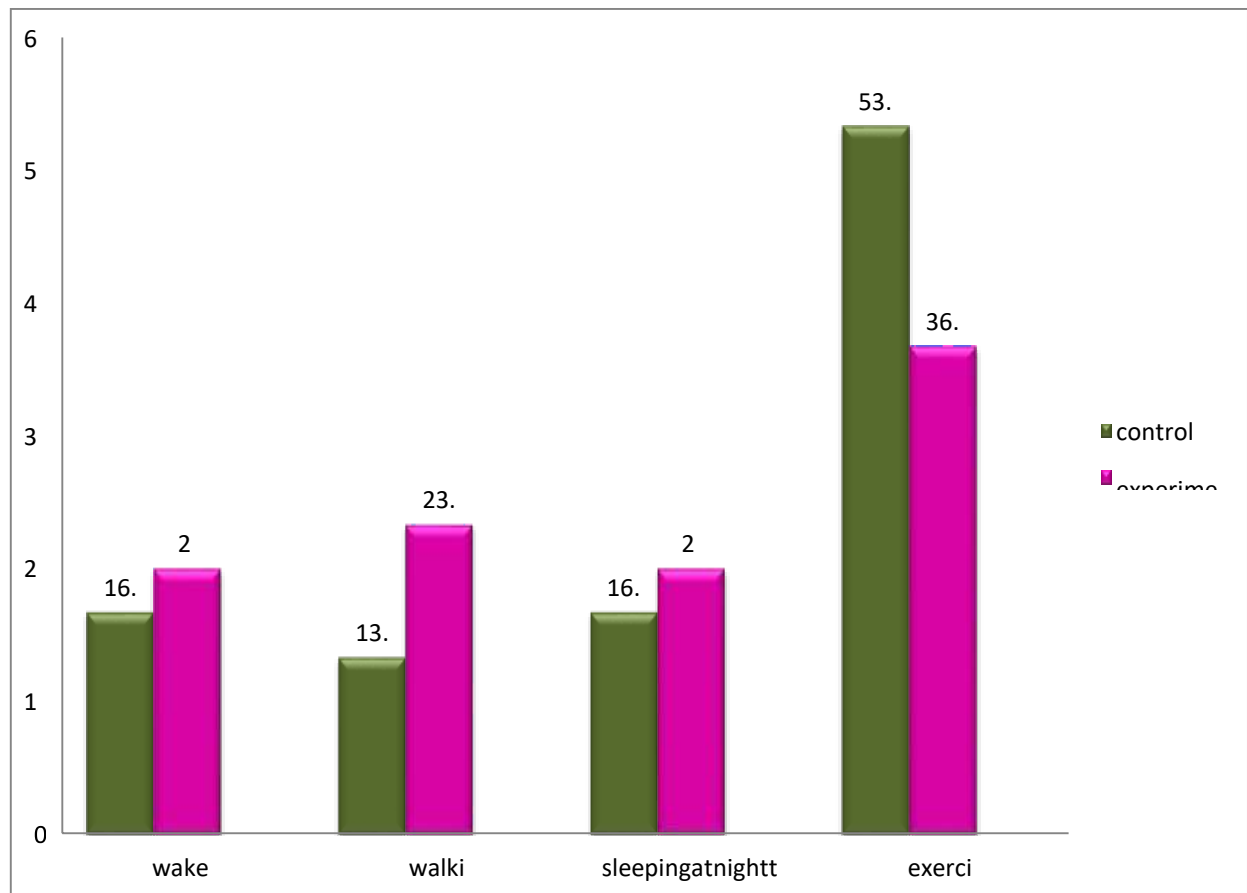
**Figure 10: Distribution of subject based on their treatment of copd in control and experimental group**



**Figure 11: Distribution of subject based on their monthly income of the family in control and experimental group**



**Figure 12: Distribution of subject based on their smoking habits in control and experimental group**



**Figure 13. Distribution of subjects based on continuous breathing difficulty in experimental and control group**

**OBJECTIVE - II**

Data on the deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in experimental and control group.

**Table 2: Frequency and percentage for deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary patients in control and experimental group**

N=30+30

Level of Breathing pattern	Control group				Experimental group			
	Pretest		Posttest		Pretest		Posttest	
	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%
No breathlessness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Very very slight	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	40
Slight breath	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	33.3
Moderate	-	-	6	20	2	6.7	2	6.7
Somewhat severe	-	-	-	-	3	10	6	20
Severe breath	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Very severe	4	13.3	4	13.3	-	-	-	-
Very very severe	8	26.7	8	26.7	5	16.7	-	-

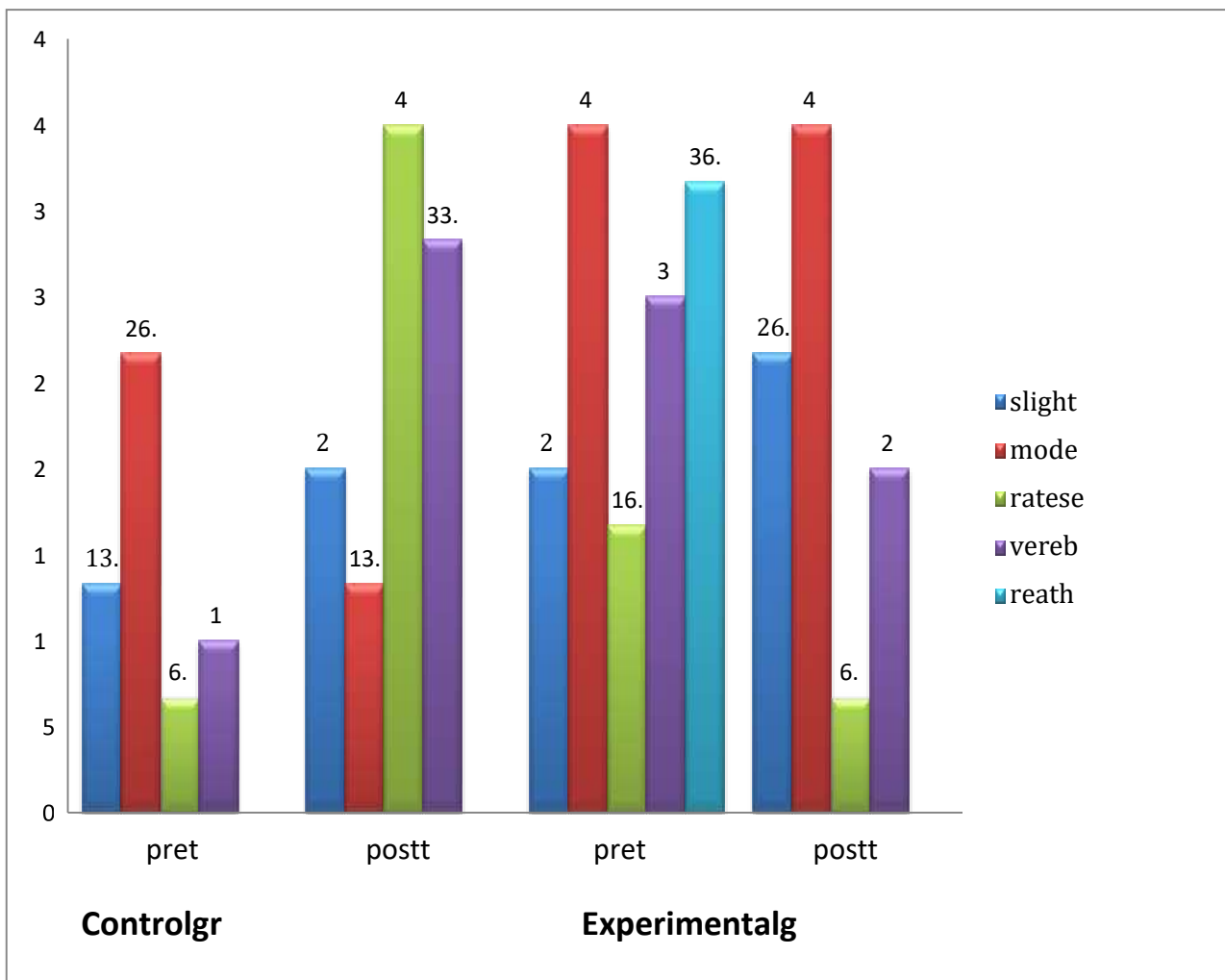


Maximum	6	20	12	40	9	30	-	-
Almost maximum	12	40	-	-	11	36.7	-	-
Total	30	100	30	100	30	100	30	100

The above table shows that in control group the per test scores on the level of breathing pattern very severe were 4(13.3%) had very very severe, 8(26.7%) had maximum, 6(20%) had almost maximum 12(40%). Where as in post test scores on the level of moderate breathing were 6(20%) had very severe breath, 4(13.3%) had very very severe breath, 8(26.7%) had maximum 12(40%) respectively.

In experimental group the pre test scores on the level of breathing pattern moderate were 2(6.7%) had somewhat severe, 3(10%) had moderate very very severe, 5(16.7%) had maximum breathing pattern 9(30%) had almost maximum 11(36.7). where as in post test scores on the level of very very slight were 12(40%) had slight breath 10(33.3%) had moderate breathing pattern 6(20%) had severe breathing pattern and no one maximum breathing pattern respectively.

This finding reveals that in experimental group after the deep breathing exercise administration among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease were as decreased in posttest than pretest.



**Figure 14: Distribution of subjects based on the pretest and posttest dyspnea in control and experimental group.**

**OBJECTIVE – III**

**Data on effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients**

**Table 3: Mean, SD and paired ‘t’ –test of pre and posttest level of breathing pattern in control group  
N=30**

Group	Pretest		Posttest		Mean difference	‘t-value’
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Control group	8.43	1.43	5.9	1.49	2.53	2.07

(\* -P < 0.05, significant and \*\* -P < 0.01 & \*\*\* -P < 0.001, Highly significant)

The above table shows that the calculated t value’ in the control group was 2.07 which was not significantly at P < 0.05 level. It can be concluded that there is no much difference in pretest and post-test in control group.

**Table 4: Mean, SD and paired “t” test of pre and post level of breathing pattern in experimental group.  
N=30**

Group	Pretest		Posttest		Mean difference	‘t’ value
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Experimental group	8.36	1.83	2.43	1.60	5.93	2.64*

(\* -P < 0.05, significant and\*\* -P < 0.01 & \*\*\*-P < 0.001, Highly significant)

The above table shows that the calculated “t” value in the experimental group was 2.64 which was statistically significant at P < 0.05 level. Hence H1 is accepted. It can be concluded that deep breathing exercise was effective in reducing the dyspnea among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients.

**Table 5: Mean, SD and unpaired ‘t’ test of posttest dyspnea in control and experimental group.  
(N=30+30)**

Dyspnea among copd patients	Control posttest		Experimental posttest		Mean difference	‘t’ value
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
	5.9	1.49	2.43	1.60		

(\* -P < 0.05, significant and\*\* -P < 0.01 & \*\*\*-P < 0.001, highly significant)

The above table shows that the obtained ‘t’ value between control and experimental group is 4.51 which was significant at P < 0.05 level. Hence H1 is accepted. It can be concluded that the deep breathing exercise was effective in reducing the dyspnea in experimental group among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients than control group.

**OBJECTIVE -IV**

**Table 6: Data on compare the pretest and posttest level of breathing difficulty between the control and experimental group.**

N=30+30

	Group	Pretest		Posttest		Mean difference	't' value
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Breathing pattern	Experimental group	8.36	1.83	2.43	1.60	5.93	2.64*
	Control group	8.43	1.43	5.9	1.49	2.53	2.07

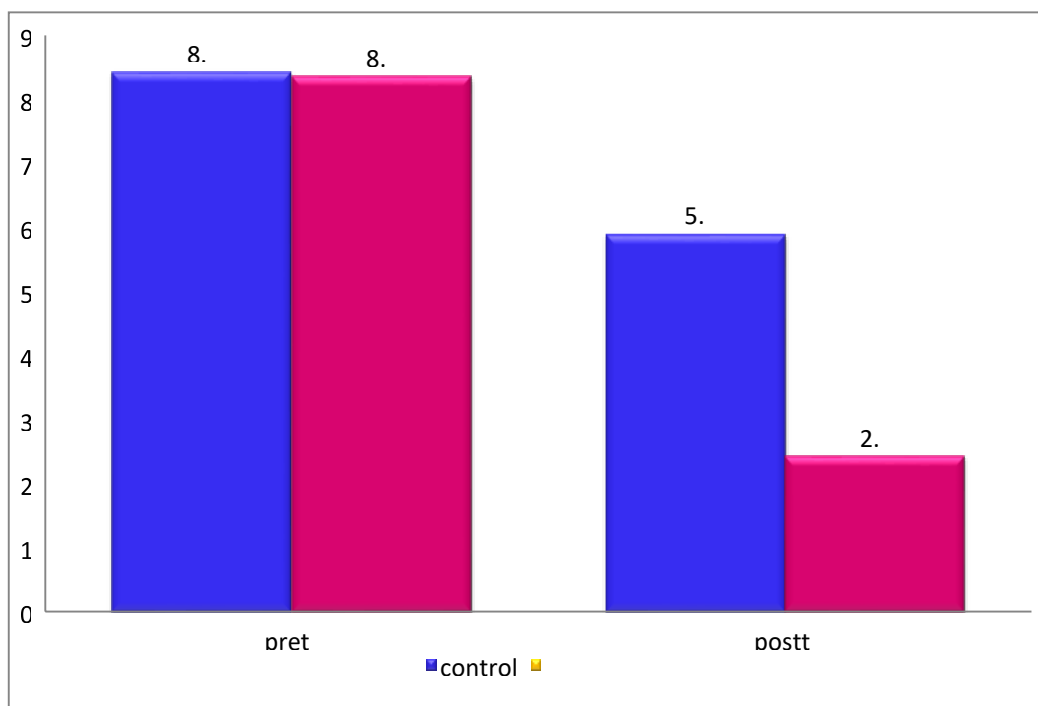
(\* -P < 0.05, significant and \*\* -P < 0.01 & \*\*\* -P < 0.001, Highly significant)

**Experimental group**

The above table shows that the calculated “t” value in the experimental group was 2.64 which was statistically significant at P<0.05 level. Hence H2 is accepted. It can be concluded that deep breathing exercise was effective in reducing the dyspnea among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients.

**Control group**

The above table shows that the calculated ‘t value’ in the control group was 2.07 which was not significantly at P < 0.05 level. It can be concluded that there is no much difference in pretest and posttest in control group.



**Figure 15: Comparison effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients experimental and control group.**

**OBJECTIVE – V**

**Data on association between the pretest breathing pattern in control group and their demographic variables.**

**Table 7: Frequency and percentage distribution of chi-square value on control group**  
N=30

S. no	Demographic variables	Moderate		Severe breath		Very very severe		Maximum		χ <sup>2</sup>	P-value
		f	%	F	%	f	%	f	%		
1	Age (in years):										
	a) 50-52 years	1	3.3	2	6.7	0	0	2	6.7	25.63	NS16.92
	b) 53-55 years	1	3.3	1	3.3	2	6.7	2	6.7		
	c) 56-58 years	1	3.3	5	16.7	4	13.3	0	0		
d) 59-60 years	1	3.3	0	0	0	0	8	26.6			
2	Gender										
	a) Male	2	6.7	5	16.7	4	13.3	3	10	4.46	NS7.81
b) Female	2	6.7	3	10	2	6.7	9	30			
3	Educational status										
	a) Illiterate	2	6.7	2	6.7	1	3.3	3	10	7.67	NS16.49
	b) Primary school	1	3.3	3	10	2	6.7	0	0		
	c) High school	1	3.3	2	6.7	2	6.7	2	6.7		
d) Higher Secondary	0	0	1	3.3	1	3.3	7	23.3			
4	Occupation										
	a) Industrial worker	2	6.7	3	10	1	3.3	2	6.7	4.48	NS16.49
	b) Private employee	1	3.3	2	6.7	3	10	1	3.3		
	c) Government	1	3.3	1	3.3	1	3.3	3	10		
d) Self-worker	0	0	2	6.7	1	3.3	6	20			
5	Marital status										
	a) Married	2	6.7	4	13.3	2	6.7	5	16.7	7.20	NS16.49
	b) Unmarried	1	3.3	1	3.3	3	10	4	13.3		
	c) Divorce	1	3.3	1	3.3	0	0	1	3.3		
d) Widow	0	0	1	3.3	1	3.3	2	6.7			

6	Family history of copd												
	a) Yes									26.08	7.81***		
b) No			2	6.7	3	10	1	3.3	0			0	
7	Duration of illness												
	a) <1 year			1	3.3	2	6.7	2	6.7	4	13.3	3.846	NS12.53
	b) 2-5 year			1	3.3	2	6.7	1	3.3	5	16.7		
c) 6 year			2	6.7	4	13.3	3	10	3	10			
8	Treatment of copd												
	a) Regular			2	6.7	3	10	2	6.7	5	16.7	6.30	NS7.81
a) Irregular			2	6.7	5	16.7	4	13.3	7	23.3			

9	Monthly income the family a) Rs,<5000 b) Rs,5000-1000 c) Rs,>10,000	2	6.7	3	10	4	13.3	3	10	6.16	NS	12.16
		1	3.3	2	6.7	1	3.3	5	16.7	df-6		
		1	3.3	3	10	1	3.3	4	13.3			
10	Smoking habits a) Yes c) No	2	6.7	3	10	3	10	4	13.3	3.89	NS	7.81
		2	6.7	5	16.7	3	10	8	26.7	df-3		
11	Continuous Breathing difficulty Presented at a) Wakeup b) Walking c) sleeping at night Time d) exercise	1	3.3	2	6.7	1	3.3	1	3.3	11.78	NS	
		1	3.3	1	3.3	2	6.7	0	0	df-9		16.92
		1	3.3	2	6.7	0	10	2	6.7			
		1	3.3	3	10	3	10	9	30			

(\*-P > 0.05, significant) (NS=Not significant) S=(significant)

The above table shows that there was a significant association between dyspnea among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients and their demographic variables such as age family history of COPD, There was no association between the demographical variables such as gender, educational status, marital status, occupation, duration of illness, treatment of COPD, family income, smoking habits, continuous breathing difficulty presented at **Data on association between the pretest level of breathing difficulty in experimental group and their demographic variables.**

**Table 8: Frequency and percentage distribution of chi-square value on experimental group.**

N=30

S no	Demographic variables	Slight		Moderate		Severe breath		Very severe		Maximum		x <sup>2</sup>	P-value
		F	%	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%		
1	Age (in years): a) 50-52years b) 53-55years c) 56-58years d) 59-60years	1	3.3	2	6.7	0	3.3	1	3.3	0	0	25.72	S
		0	0	0	0	1	3.3	0	0	7	23.3	df-12	21.03
		1	3.3	1	3.3	2	6.7	3	10	2	6.7		
		0	0	0	0	2	6.7	5	16.7	2	6.7		
2	Gender a) Male b) Female	2	6.7	2	6.7	3	10	4	13.3	6	20	6.21	NS
		0	0	1	3.3	2	6.7	6	20	5	16.7	df-4	9.49
3	Educational status												

	a) Illiterate	1	3.3	1	3.3	2	6.7	1	3.3	3	10	12.45	NS
	b) Primary School	1	3.3	0	0	1	3.3	2	6.7	3	10	df-12	21.03
	c) High school	0	0	2	6.7	1	3.3	4	13.3	2	6.7		
	d) Higher School	0	0	0	0	1	3.3	2	6.7	3	10		
4	Occupation status												
	a) Industrial worker	1	3.3	1	3.3	2	6.7	4	13.3	1	3.3		
	b) Private employee	0	0	0	0	1	3.3	2	6.7	2	16.7	14.51	NS
	c) Government employee	0	0	1	3.3	1	3.3	0	0	2	6.7	df-12	21.03
	d) Self-worker	1	3.3	1	3.3	1	3.3	3	10	4	13.3		
5	Marital status												
	e) Married	2	6.7	2	6.7	3	10	8	26.7	7	23.3	15.16	NS
	f) Unmarried	0	0	1	3.3	1	3.3	0	0	4	13.3	df-12	3
	g) Divorce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	h) Widow	0	0	0	0	1	3.3	1	3.3	0	0		
6	Family history of COPD												
	a) Yes	2	6.7	1	3.3	2	6.7	4	13.3	3	10	4.75	NS
	b) No	0	0	2	6.7	3	10	5	16.7	8	26.7	df-4	9.49
7	Duration of illness												
	a) <1 year	0	0	2	6.7	1	3.3	4	13.3	3	10	7.32	NS
	b) 2-5 years	1	3.3	0	0	2	6.7	2	6.7	5	16.7	df-8	15.5
	c) 6 years	1	3.3	1	3.3	2	6.7	3	10	3	10		
8	Treatment of COPD												
	a) Regular	1	3.3	2	6.7	3	10	4	13.3	7	23.3	2.3	NS
	b) Irregular	2	6.7	1	3.3	2	6.7	5	16.7	4	13.3	df-4	9.49
9	Monthly income of the family												
	a) Rs, <5000	2	6.7	1	3.3	2	6.7	3	10	2	6.7	9.23	NS



	1000 c) Rs.,>10,00 0	0	0	1	3.3	2	6.7	2	6.7	5	16.7	df-8	15.51
		0	0	1	3.3	1	3.3	4	13.3	4	13.3		
10	Smoking habits												
	a) Yes	2	6.7	2	1.7	3	10	8	26.7	9	30	4.56	NS9.49
	b) No	0	0	1	3.3	2	6.7	1	3.3	2	6.7	df-4	
11	Continuous Breathing Difficulty Presented at												
	a) wake up	1	3.3	0	0	1	3.3	2	6.7	2	6.7	21.03	S
	b) walking	0	0	1	3.3	2	6.7	1	3.3	3	10	df-12	21.33
	c) sleeping at Night time	1	3.3	0	0	0	0	3	10	2	6.7		
	d) exercise	0	0	2	6.7	2	6.7	3	10	4	13.3		

(\* -P > 0.05, significant) (NS = Nonsignificant)

The above table shows that there was a significant association between dyspnea among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients and their demographic variables such as age, continuous breathing difficulty presented at there is no association between the educational status, marital status, occupation, duration of illness, treatment of COPD, family income, smoking habits

### CHAPTER –V DISCUSSION

This study was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in selected hospitals at Dindigul District.

A convenience sampling technique was used to collect data from the study participants 60 samples were taken, 30 samples in control group, and 30 samples in control group. pre test and post was conducted. The Data were collected for a period of six weeks at Shree oddanchatram government hospital and Dindigul headquarters hospitals in Dindigul District. The discussion was based on the objectives specified in this study

#### **The first objective was to assess the breathing pattern before and after breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in control group and experimental group**

The findings shows that the pretest level of breathing pattern in control group, 4 subjects (13.3%) had very severe level of breathing difficulty and 8 subjects (26.7%) had very very severe level of breathing difficulty had 6 subjects (20%) maximum and 12 subjects (40%) almost maximum. And the posttest level of breathing difficulty in control group, 6 subjects (20%) had moderate level of breathing difficulty and 4 subjects (13.3%) had very severe level of breathing pattern. And 8 subjects (26.7%) had very very severe level of breathing difficulty, and 12 subjects 40(%) had maximum level of breathing difficulty.

The findings shows that the pretest level of breathing pattern In experimental group were as, 2 subjects (6.7%) had moderate level of breathing difficulty and 3 subjects (10%) somewhat severe level of breathing difficulty 5 subjects (16.7%) had very very severe level of breathing difficulty, 9 subjects (30%) had maximum level of breathing difficulty, 11 subjects (36.7%) had almost maximum level, of

breathing difficulty.

The table 3 shows that the calculated “t” value 2.64 was significant at  $P < 0.05$  level. The pretest mean in case of control group was 8.43 whereas the posttest mean was 5.9 and its mean difference was 2.53 which had greater improvement the another parameters. It clearly concluded that there was a significant improvement in the level of breathing pattern among patients chronic obstructive pulmonary disease after giving breathing exercise in the experimental group. Hence research hypothesis H3 is accepted.

The above findings are consistent with the findings of Einar Wilder Smith and Joo-Hui Tan(2013) conducted a study to assess the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive disease patients ..105 patients were selected and arranged randomly, and assigned to control and experimental group. Convenience sampling technique was used. The intervention consists of 20 minutes of deep breathing exercise with 7 consecutive days of morning, afternoon and evening. The results deep breathing exercise was effective in reducing dyspnea. It was an effective nursing intervention for reducing dyspnea.

**The second objective was to evaluate the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in experimental group.**

The calculated ‘t’ value in the experimental group were 2.64 was statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$  level which clearly shows that there was a significant reduce the level of breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients after giving breathing exercise. The mean posttest level of breathing pattern will be significantly lower than the mean pretest level of breathing pattern among patients in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in the experimental group. Hence H1 is accepted.

The obtained ‘t’ value for level of breathing pattern between the control and experimental group is 4.51 which were highly significant at  $p < 0.05$  level. These findings revealed that the subjects in experimental group had decreased level of breathing pattern after giving breathing exercise compared to control group. The mean posttest level of breathing pattern in experimental group will be significantly lower than the mean posttest level of breathing pattern in control group among patients chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Hence research hypothesis H2 is accepted.

The above findings are consistent with the findings of Judith A Paice., et,al (2013), conducted a study to assess the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise on reducing dyspnea among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients . 60 patients were randomly allocated as control and experimental group. Data was obtained by using deep breathing exercise and dyspnea scale. Intervention was given to the experimental group. Data analysis revealed that the comparison of dyspnea before and after giving deep breathing exercise. The calculated ‘t’ value of the study was 4.51 at p level 2.00. They finally included that the values are highly significant its how deep breathing exercise was effective one for reducing dyspnea in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients.

**The third objective was to find out the association between breathing pattern with their selected demographic variables in control group and experimental group.**

There was no association between the pretest level of breathing pattern and their demographic variable such as gender, marital status, occupation, education, duration of illness, smoking habits. There was a significant association between the levels of breathing pattern and the other demographic variables among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in the control group. Hence research hypothesis H3 is accepted.

There was a significant association between the demographic variables such as age, continuous breathing difficulty presented and their level of breathing pattern No other demographic variables were

shown any association with their level of breathing pattern among patients chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in the experimental group. Hence research hypothesis H3 is partially accepted.

A study was conducted on COPD is a common diseases, the early diagnosis of which allows effective management and treatment. The prospective observational longitudinal study comprised 164 high risk smokers aged 40 and 76 years. Age, sex, weight, height and smoking habits were recorded and spirometry was performed. Patients were informed of their result and given brief advice on how to stop smoking. After 3 years, the patients underwent the same evaluation. The result of the study revealed that 22% of the smokers were diagnosed with COPD. Three year later, an additional 16.3 % were diagnosed as having COPD, and disease had worsened in 38% of those already diagnosed. Of the patients with FEV1 less than 90%, 44.8% develops COPD. And accelerated decrease in FEV1 was found in 18% of the patients. Mean tobacco consumption in 1999 was 28.1 pack years in subject without COPD and 31.7 packs years in those with COPD, whereas in 2002, consumption was 30.6 packs in the patients with COPD and 31.9 packs year in those without. In the years, 22.8% had stopped smoking

### Summary

This chapter deal tab out the major findings of this study which were discussed based on their objectives of the study and supportive findings were quota

## CHAPTER- VI SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### CHAPTER-VI

This chapter gives brief account of the present study along with the conclusion drawn from the findings, recommendations, implication, conclusion, suggestions for further studies and nursing implications.

### SUMMARY OF THE STUDY

The focus of the present study was to evaluate the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients at selected hospitals in Dindigul district.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To assess the breathing pattern before and after breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in control and experimental group.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of deep breathing exercise among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in experimental group.
- To find out the association between the breathing pattern with selected demographic variables in the control and experimental group

### HYPOTHESIS

**H1:** The mean posttest level of breathing pattern will be significantly higher than the mean pretest level of breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease of experimental group

**H2:** There is a significant difference between the mean pretest and mean posttest level of breathing difficulty in experimental and control group.

**H3:** There will be a significant association between breathing pattern with selected of demographic variables

The design of the study was quasi experimental, non-randomized control group pretest – posttest design. The conceptual frame work was based on health promotion model 1997.

The fourth international conference on health promotion; new players for a new era-leading health promotion into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, meeting in Jakarta from 21to25july 1997. It has provided an opportunity to reflect on what has been learned about effective health promotion, to reexamine the determinants of health, and to identify the direction and strategies that must be adopted to address the challenges of

promoting health in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the participants in the Jakarta conference here by present this declaration on action for promotion in to the next century.

The sample size of the study was 60 clients who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in selected hospitals at Dindigul district. The experimental and control group consisted of 30 subjects in each. Convenience sampling technique was adopted for the selection of sample. Demographic data of the subjects were collected.

The investigator collected pretest data using modified dyspnea scale and for both group. Experimental group received intervention of deep breathing exercise for 15 minutes twice a day with daily routine exercise for copd patients before giving oxygen therapy. Control group received routine exercise without intervention. Posttest was conducted by the investigator for both groups. For experimental group, posttest was conducted 1 hour after administration of deep breathing exercise. The data were analyzed using both descriptive and inferential statistics.

### MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

With regard to age, 9(30%) in experimental group and 10(33.3%) in control group belongs to the age group of 51 to 60 years and 9(30%) in experimental group and 9(30%) in control group belonged to the age group of above 60 years.

Considering the sex, 17 (56.6%) subjects in the experimental group and 14(46.6%) in the control group were females and the remaining were males.

In relation to education, 9(30%) of them had high secondary school and 7(23.3%) of them had illiterate in experimental group and 7(23.3%) of them had high school education and 9(30%) of them had higher secondary education in control group.

With regard to the occupation, 9(30%) were self-workers and 9(30%) were industrial workers in experimental group and 9(30%) were self-workers and 8(26.7%) were industrial workers in the control group.

In relation to marital status 22(73.3%) were married and 6(20%) unmarried in experimental group and 15(50%) were married and 6(20%) unmarried in control group

Regarding the history of previous copd, 18(60%) in experimental group and 24(80%) in control group had no history of previous copd.

Considering the duration of illness 10(33.3%) subjects having 6 years in and 10(33.3%) subjects having 2-5years in experimental group and 12(40%) subject having 6 years and 9(30%) subjects having in control.

With regard to the treatment of copd, 16(53.3%) subjects in the experimental group and 16(53.3%) of subjects in the control group.

Findings of the pretest level of breathing pattern in control group on 2 subjects (6.7%) had moderate level of breathing difficulty and 5 subjects (16.7%) had severe level of breathing difficulty. And the posttest level of breathing difficulty in control group, 2 subjects (6.7%) had somewhat severe level of breathing difficulty and 10 subjects (33.3%) had slight level of breath difficulty.

Where as in experimental group, the pretest level of breathing pattern 11 subjects (36.7%) had maximum level of breathing difficulty and 2 subjects (6.7%) had moderate level of breathing difficulty and the posttest level of breathing difficulty ,12 subjects (40%) had very very slight level of breath difficulty, and 10(33.3%) had slight breathing difficulty, level of breathing in the experimental group.

The calculated 't' values in the control group were 2.07 which are not significant. It is concluded that

there was no significant differences between the pre and posttest level of breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients.

The calculated 't' value in the experimental group were 2.64 was statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$  level which clearly shows that there was a significant reduce in the level of breathing pattern among patients among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease after giving breathing exercise. Hence H1 is accepted.

The obtained 't' values for level of pain between the control and experimental group is 4.51 which were highly significant at  $p < 0.05$  level. These findings revealed that the subjects in experimental group had decreased level of breathing pattern after giving breathing exercise compared to control group. Hence research hypothesis H2 is accepted.

There was no association between the pretest level of breathing pattern and their demographic variable such as gender, marital status, occupation, education, duration of illness, smoking habits. There was a significant association between the levels of breathing pattern and the other demographic variables among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in the control group. Hence research hypothesis H3 is accepted.

There was a significant association between the demographic variables such as age, continuous breathing difficulty presented and their level of breathing pattern No other demographic variables were shown any association with their level of breathing pattern among patients chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in the experimental group. Hence research hypothesis H3 is partially accepted.

## CONCLUSION

The main conclusion of this present study was the deep breathing exercise is effectively reducing the dyspnea among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease clients. This study clearly stated that deep breathing exercise plays a vital role to reduce the dyspnea clients who have on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

## IMPLICATIONS

The findings of the study have several implications in following field. It can be discussed in four areas namely nursing practice, Nursing administration, Nursing education and Nursing research.

### Nursing practice

- Complimentary therapies can provide effective economical, non-invasive, non-pharmacological complements to medical care.
- Breathing exercise is one of touch therapy, which in this study has proved effective in reducing and improving the breathing pattern among patients chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- Nurses can adopt simple interventions like breathing exercise while providing care for the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients.
- Breathing exercise used in this study can be applied in the practice setup; there by increasing the nursing practice based on evidence.

### Nursing administration

- Nurse administrators can arrange seminars and workshops to educate learners and staff nurses regarding breathing pattern among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- The findings of this study will help nurse administrator to plan and organize various in service programmed like in-service education and work shop on breathing pattern and its effects on chronic



obstructive pulmonary patients.

- It helps to provide critical thinking regarding pain management in orthopedic surgical unit.
- The nurse administrator can take part in developing protocols related to breathing pattern.

#### **Nursing education**

- Several implications can be drawn from the present study for nursing education
- The curriculum incorporating the recent trends and demands of the changing society needed for the progress of nursing education.
- Practical hours for complementary and alternative medicine including yoga, massage and reflexology can be included in the nursing curriculum which will help the students to improve their skills.

#### **Nursing research**

- This study motivates nursing personnel to do further studies related to this field.
- Research can be conducted to find out the effectiveness of various non-pharmacological methods in pain management of patients who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

#### **LIMITATIONS**

- Intervention was limited to 15–20 minutes
- Study was conducted only on patients who have under gone chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- Relatively small sample size
- Randomization of samples could not be done

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The study can be replicated on a larger samples to generalize the results
- The comparative study can be conducted with more than one intervention
- Training programmers for nurses can be given on complimentary therapies
- A study can be conducted to evaluate the knowledge and attitude of nurses regarding breathing exercise in reducing breathing pattern among patients chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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