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Financiële problemen bij brandwondpatiënten in Wuhan, China

It is estimated that 95% of all worldwide burn injuries occur in low-/middle income countries. Irrespective of country, burn injuries also disproportionately affect the lowest socio-economic spectrum of society. Besides being known as ground zero for COVID-19, Wuhan is also home to China's largest burn centre, where patients with burn injuries receive specialised care. Since 2019 our research group has been involved in a collaborative research project with the goal to improve burn rehabilitation - an emerging field that is often seen as an optional luxury that most burn survivors prefer not to pay for. Consequently, burn survivors are often left with preventable long-term disability which impedes return to work and reinforces to cycles of poverty. The aim of the ongoing study is to investigate the effects of exercise rehabilitation in severe burn patients. It is our hope that its results might encourage all stakeholders to make exercise rehabilitation a more accessible part of essential burn care. This presentation will provide an overview of the research project, the local context, encountered challenges, and the role that the current and future research can play towards achieving equity in burn rehabilitation.