Cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPET)

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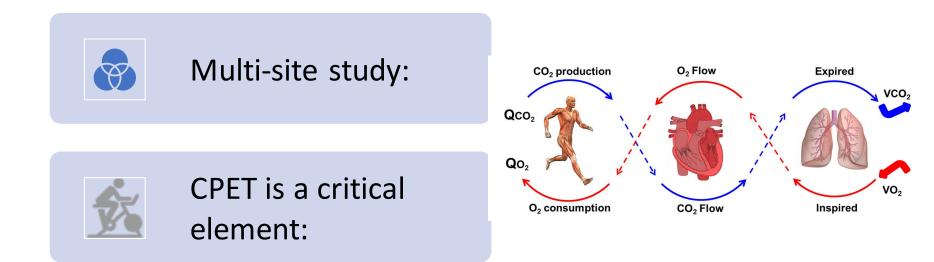






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Rationale for CPET







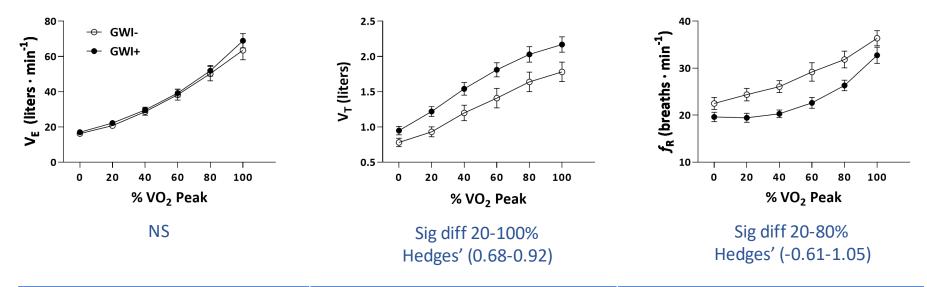
Measures & Indications

DIRECT MEASURES	INDIRECT MEASURES	INDICATIONS/EVALUATION
Oxygen Consumption (VO ₂)	ŸE/ŸO ₂ & ŸE/ŸCO ₂	Exercise Tolerance
Carbon Doxide Production (VCO ₂)	Oxygen Pulse (VO ₂ /HR)	Heart and Lung Disease/Symptoms
Ventilation [VE: (B <i>f</i> & T _v)]	VO₂/WR	Impairment/Disability
Heart Rate (HR)		safety/Prescription for Rehabilitation
Work Rate (WR)		
Oxygen Saturation		





Veterans with GWI show distinct respiratory patterns during <u>maximal</u> exercise (Lindheimer et al., 2019)

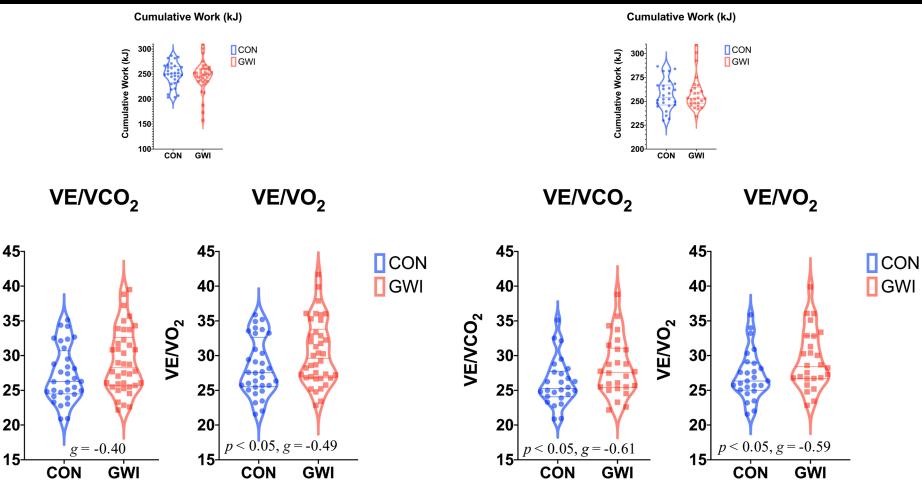


	GWI+ (n=20)	GWI- (n=14)
Age (years)	50.4 (6.89)	52.1 (5.72)
Body Mass Index	28.1 (3.61)	29.5 (5.34)
Physical Activity (min∙wk ⁻¹)	102.8 (182.18)	113.8 (122.61)
Fatigue Severity Score	44.2 (15.7)	20.8 (12.4)





Veterans with GWI show gas exchange inefficiency during submaximal exercise





VE/VCO₂



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Biomarker Potential

	GWI Indications	Biomarker Type?
Clinical Indications		
Exercise Tolerance	Distinguish between GWI+ and GWI-	Yes?
Heart and Lung Disease/Symptoms	Exercise Intolerance/Metabolic Abnormality	Monitoring
Impairment/Disability	Exercise Dose	Prognostic
Safety/Prescription for Rehabilitation	Therapeutic Outcome/Dynamic	Response







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