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<p>Ng et al., 2017 PEDro: 8/10 Country: Australia</p>	<p>N=68 patients with acute stroke</p>	<p>Structured sexual rehabilitation programme + written information (n=35)</p> <p>Vs.</p> <p>Written information alone (n=33)</p> <p><u>Treatment details:</u> 1 x 30 minute session</p> <p><i>Sexual rehabilitation programme:</i> single individualised session by a rehabilitation physician, with the offer of intensive intervention for counselling or training (occupational therapy, physiotherapy or psychology as required); sexual partners or participants were offered participation in the session when possible; programmes were based on the PLISSIT model (Permission, Limited information, Specific Suggestions, Intensive Therapy); content included information regarding common changes in sexuality following stroke, counselling on fears regarding sexuality after stroke, challenging stereotypical views on sexuality and sexual satisfaction, tips/strategies to minimise sexual dysfunction</p> <p><i>Written information:</i> factsheet produced by the National Stroke Foundation on “sexuality after stroke” was provided on recruitment.</p>	<p><b>At 6 weeks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (-) Changes in Sexual Functioning Questionnaire – Short Form (CSFQ-14) – Total</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Pleasure</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Frequency</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Interest</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Arousal</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Orgasm</li> <li>• (-) Depression, Anxiety, Stress Scale (DASS) – Total</li> <li>• (-) DASS – Depression</li> <li>• (-) DASS – Anxiety</li> <li>• (-) DASS – Stress</li> <li>• (-) Functional Independence Measure (FIM) – Motor total</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Self-care</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Sphincter</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Mobility</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Locomotion</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Cognition total</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Communication</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Psychological</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Cognition</li> <li>• (-) Stroke and Aphasia Quality of Life Scale – 39 Generic (SAQOL-39g) – Total</li> <li>• (-) SAQOL-39g – Physical</li> <li>• (-) SAQOL-39g – Communication</li> <li>• (-) SAQOL-39g – Psychosocial</li> </ul>

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<p>Sansom et al., 2015 PEDro: 7/10 (pilot study of Ng et al., 2017) Country: Australia</p>	<p>N=10 patients with acute stroke (+ 2 partners)</p> <p>Note: participants' results were included in the study by Ng et al. (2017) above.</p>	<p>Structured sexual rehabilitation programme + written information (n=35)</p> <p>Vs.</p> <p>Written information alone (n=33)</p> <p><u>Treatment details:</u> 1 x 30 minute session</p> <p><i>Sexual rehabilitation programme:</i> single individualised session by a rehabilitation physician, with the offer of intensive intervention for counselling or training (occupational therapy, physiotherapy or psychology as required); sexual partners or participants were offered participation in the session when possible; programmes were based on the PLISSIT model (Permission, Limited information, Specific Suggestions, Intensive Therapy); content included information regarding common changes in sexuality following stroke, counselling on fears regarding sexuality after stroke, challenging stereotypical views on sexuality and sexual satisfaction, tips/strategies to minimise sexual dysfunction</p> <p><i>Written information:</i> factsheet produced by the National Stroke Foundation on "sexuality after stroke" was provided on recruitment.</p>	<p><b>At 6 weeks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (-) Changes in Sexual Functioning Questionnaire – Short Form (CSFQ-14) – Total</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Pleasure</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Frequency</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Interest</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Arousal</li> <li>• (-) CSFQ-14 – Orgasm</li> <li>• (-) Depression, Anxiety, Stress Scale (DASS) – Total</li> <li>• (-) DASS – Depression</li> <li>• (-) DASS – Anxiety</li> <li>• (-) DASS – Stress</li> <li>• (-) Functional Independence Measure (FIM) – Total</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Self-care</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Sphincter</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Locomotion</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Mobility</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Communication</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Psychological</li> <li>• (-) FIM – Cognition</li> <li>• (-) Stroke and Aphasia Quality of Life Scale – 39 Generic (SAQOL-39g) – Total</li> <li>• (-) SAQOL-39g – Physical</li> <li>• (-) SAQOL-39g – Psychosocial</li> <li>• (-) SAQOL-39g – Communication</li> </ul>

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Song et al., 2011 PEDro: n/a (non-randomised controlled trial) Country: South Korea	N=23 patients with stroke and their partners (time since stroke not specified)	<p>Sexual rehabilitation program + written information (n=12 + partners)</p> <p>Vs.</p> <p>No treatment (n=11 + partners)</p> <p><u>Treatment details:</u> 1 x 40-50 minute session</p> <p><i>Sexual rehabilitation program:</i> single individual session prior to discharge; discussion regarding information on 1) common sexual problems and causes of changes in sexual life after stroke, 2) information regarding a healthy sexual life, 3) counseling on fears regarding sex after stroke, 4) tips and strategies for sexual dysfunction, 5) frequently asked questions; an information booklet derived from these discussion points was provided on discharge from hospital.</p> <p>Participants in the control group received the sexual rehabilitation program on completion of the study.</p>	<p><b>At post-treatment (1 session):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(-) Sexual Beliefs and Information Questionnaire (Korean version)</li> <li>(+) Derogatis Sexual Functioning Inventory (Korean version)</li> <li>(+) Sexual frequency scale – Sexual activity</li> <li>(+) Sexual frequency scale – Sexual intercourse</li> </ul>
Tibaek et al., 2015 PEDro: 7/10 Country: Denmark	N= 31 male patients with subacute stroke	<p>Pelvic floor muscle training (n=16)</p> <p>Vs.</p> <p>No intervention (n=15)</p>	<p><b>At post-treatment (12 weeks):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(-) International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF-5) questionnaire</li> <li>(-) Bother question</li> </ul>

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		<p><b><u>Treatment details:</u></b> 60 minutes/session, 1 session/week for 12 weeks + home exercises</p> <p><i>Pelvic floor muscle training:</i> group treatment (3-6 participants/group) provided information regarding lower urinary tract symptoms of erectile dysfunction; home exercises for pelvic floor muscle strengthening performed in supine, standing and sitting positions 1-2 times/day; digital anal palpation of pelvic floor muscles 2-3 times to control correct contraction, give feedback, and evaluate muscle strength.</p> <p>Both groups received conventional rehabilitation.</p>	<p><b>At follow-up (6 months):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (-) IIEF-5 questionnaire</li> <li>• (-) Bother question</li> </ul>
<p>Vajrala et al., 2019 PEDro: 4/10 Country: India</p>	<p>N=40 patients with subacute/chronic stroke</p>	<p>Sexual rehabilitation + counselling (n=20)</p> <p>Vs.</p> <p>Conventional physical therapy + counselling (n=20)</p> <p><b><u>Treatment details:</u></b> 60 minutes/session, daily for 2 weeks. <i>Sexual rehabilitation + counselling:</i> individualized program provided by a physical therapist addressing bed mobility, active/passive movement, sexual positioning and transfers; sexual health counselling used the PLISSIT model.</p>	<p><b>At follow-up (6 months):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (+) Changes in Sexual Functioning Questionnaire – Short Form (CSFQ-14) – Total</li> <li>• (+) Depression, Anxiety and Stress Scale (DASS-21) – Depression</li> <li>• (+) DASS-21 – Anxiety</li> <li>• (+) DASS-21 - Stress</li> </ul>

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		<i>Conventional physical therapy</i> : time-matched active/passive physical therapy and counselling for functional independence, with no focus on sexual health.	