The aging process culminates with the old age continues being one of the humanity's concerns since the beginning of the civilization. The century XX marked the importance of the study of the old age definitively, due to countless researches and multidiscipline studies on the aging process. The increase of the number and senior all over the world it exercised passive pressure on the development of the GERONTOLOGY and GERIATRICS.

Although the including vision of the attention to the senior's health and of the researches on the old age are really important so that she can build a knowledge multiple facets has as objective common to construction of a science driven to the aging process, she cannot minimize the importance of scientific works of each area that composes the Gerontology. Researches of biophysiological character established that with moving forward of the years, they are going happening structural and functional alterations that although they vary of an individual the other, they are found in all the seniors and they are own of the aging process. The aging process can be a denominated natural phenomenon of primary aging or due to pathological processes that are common in the ages more assaults of the life, nicknamed of secondary aging.

Starting from 1980 it woke up the interest for the study of the related problems the old age owed the social needs associated to the population aging and to the longevity, as for instance, the support to familiar that take care of dependent seniors, the costs of the health and providence systems, the need of formation human resources, the need of occupational offers for middle age people and senior.

The development policy that dominates the industrialized society and urbanized always had more interest in the maternal-infantile attendance and driven the youths. The investment in a child has more return potential from 50 to 60 years of productive life, while doctor-social cares addressed to the maintenance of a healthy life of a senior can not be faced as investment. They are actually a duty of the society to those that gave so much of itself for the future generations.

The number of seniors brought consequences for society and for the individuals that compose this age group. It becomes necessary to look for the determinant of the conditions of health and of the senior's life and to know the multiple facets that involve the old age and the aging process. We should have a global vision of the aging as process and of the seniors as human being, where aspects environmental, psychological, social, cultural and economical are important.

The modern society is today before a contradictory situation: on a side, it is confronted with the growth of the seniors' population and, of other, it is omitted before the old age or adopts attitudes prejudice against the senior person, delaying the implementation of actions that seek to lessen the heavy bale of the ones that like this entered in the third age. He does not understand each other that omission, when it known that the concern with the old age is as old as for the origin of the civilization.

The seniors for they have reduced her work physiology capacity, to which can associate to more chronic diseases, doesn't have as facing an unequal competition, creating his marginalization. Cultural values tilted up through the years qualified the youth's potential extremely to the detriment of the age ripens and of the old age, which ended for being interpreted as a mixed of unproductiveness and decadence.

Even if the hostile paper of the contemporary society is admitted to the seniors, is not possible to ignore that these also have a ponder portion of responsibility for that situation. Let us take the case of the adaptation difficulty of the old to the middle in that he/she lives, generating conflicts particularly with younger generations. Under penalty of committing injustice, one cannot affirm that the rejection is unilateral, in other words, of the society or, more specifically, of the youths in relation to those. He associates to that the rejection of the senior to his own aging. The values that orientate the life of the newest generations and the behavior assumed before the oldest generations that insist on bringing for the present cultural values of the past, trying to impose them to the others. The excessive valorization of younger age groups and the rejection of the seniors at the new times turn arduous the integration of these in the society, mainly if we take in consideration the precarious socioeconomic conditions that live the Brazilian population.

Another aspect of the old age in Brazil was the fast migratory process of the field for urban areas, that it carts serious social problems for the seniors and for the whole population. The increase of the woman's life expectancy is more significant than the one of the man, what be attributed to biological factors and exhibit difference to the factors of mortality risk. The economical aspect has been taking to a growing participation of the woman in the workforce, in order to contribute financially in the domestic budget. The consequence is the absence, in the family, of somebody that takes care of the senior in case of disease and/or physical incapacity. Due to the woman's larger life span in relation to the man, they exposed for longer periods to chronic and degenerative diseases, to the widowhood and the solitude. To belong the female sex determines exercise of social papers that connect the women to the world of the relationships and of the interdependence. Not only in the old age as in the other ages, largest connectivity positively related with satisfaction and with social resources and interpersonal that work as protecting mechanisms.

The seniors women have a larger participation than the men do in all of the activities related to the politics of health to the senior. Population growth senior's rhythm in Brazil is proportionally much more intense than in the countries of the First World, with a picture dramatic, due the socioeconomic conditions of the Brazilian population, where the economic resources are scarce for health politics destined to the seniors.

The human aging is associated with several psychological and behavioral alterations, including the concentration difficulty, progressive cognitive loss and disturbances of the cycle sleep vigil. Those alterations frequently are associated with the depression that possesses a high comorbosity with several chronic and degenerative disease of the aging: cardiovascular diseases, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer, cancer and rheumatoid arthritis.

The aging involves a series of alterations that affect the integrity of several tissues in a qualitative and quantiative way. The immune system is not an exception and the immunological alterations observed in the aging called of imunosenescence.

The old age is a biosocial phenomenon that does not exist singularly and nor in way as evident as she enunciate. The old age does not exist, a plurality of images socially built and referred at a certain time for the existent cycle of the life.

The heterogeneity characterizes the aging as the completely social phenomenon. The seniors differ according to the
social class the one that belong, according to sex and the gender relationships that establish, their ethnic characteristics and even
according to their different groups of age, while senior, in the current longevity society, in that to reach a hundred years if it turns
more and more common.

Of that variety in the way of being old and of the context that determines them or opportunity speak the social sciences,
mainly the anthropology. As well as they also analyze common elements that propitiate the classification or recognition as old and
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among ego and the changes of the body on the influence of the transformations of our environment and their consequences on the same. Any alteration of the physiologic aspects serve from base to the knowledge of the body and their relationships with the environment can cause disturbances of the behavior and of the personality. The group of structures of the personality, the existences, the relationships with the external world, the body, and his/her imagination constitute what called self. It is the individual’s conception on her place in the world and among the people. Carl Roger considers the organism as total individual. That organism is at any moment organized in system in which the alteration of a part produces changes in the whole system. The self would be a differentiated part of the phenomenology field and it would consist of a group of conscious perceptions and of inherent values to the person. Those concepts mark what one should have in mind when it is studied the aged psychological aspect. All the changes of the body, from skin alterations, decrease muscular force, decline vital capacity and sensorial alterations processed in the individual’s self. In the same way the external losses of the status, of dear beings, life dreams, and money ambient aggressions go by that process. A structured self, a normal one, means a healthy old age. The problems or aggressions will exist, but the individual will have capacity resources to elaborate them and you win them. A fragmented self, with artificial and false bases, will not get to integrate the incentives and it will determine the eruption of the anxiety and bad relationship with the other ones.

**BENEFITS OF THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR SENIOR**

In Old Greece, the Romans and Chinese always included in their treatments of health the physical activity. In Germany in the century, XVIII the Kinesiology the Obstetrics incorporated with the name of MEDICAL GYMNASITICS to improve the conditions of the childbirth. During millennia, a part of the human beings glimpsed the physical activity as a harmful factor to the health. Starting from the first studies on physiology of the exercise in the first half of the century XX, we began to have elements of the best quality of life and health of those people that practiced physical activity regularly. At the present time the most constructive consensus than the science can give to the human being, in the sense of developing their potentialities fully, it consists in practice physical activity regularly. Even with some physiologic and metabolic restriction does not exist to smallest doubt than the physical exercise plays prominence part in the maintenance of an old age with health. Understanding health situation of well-being physical, mental, social and spiritual. The physical exercise enlarges the breathing competence of the organism in all their stages, including lung efficiency, entrusted of bringing the oxygen of the calmer and the quality of the blood. An exercised muscle possesses more mitochondria for volume unit than a sedentary muscle twice. The exercise also possesses notable influence on the human being’s mental and social health. A good physical practice leaves the calmest and less petulant individual, due to the liberation of endorphins. Exercise in a regular way improves the senior’s quality of life and help the recovery of the health in several pathologies. In the people after the fifty years of the age increases the incapacity and the dependence, due chronic diseases, including the sequels of the strokes (AVC), the fractures, the rheumatic diseases and the cardiovascular diseases (DCV). Due to the increase of the life expectancy, have progressive increase of the functional limitations. The restrictions in the instrumental activities of the daily life, being of fundamental importance the adhesion of preventive measures that can delay the beginning of the restrictions of the activities of the daily life. The implantation of programs of exercises and of other prevention strategies and it gets better functional it can minimize or to prevent the incapacity. The introduction of appropriate programs of promotion to the health, of prevention, so much primary as secondary, besides detection of chronic diseases, it would be enough to avoid and to treat countless offence conditions to the health, capable to cause incapacity and dependence. In those already attacked the programs of secondary prevention and of rehabilitation they become fundamental, providing those individuals the possibility of social reintegration and labored. Countless publications detach the significant gets better of the quality of life in the individuals submitted to the rehabilitation programs and independent physical activity of the age group. In the senior the degree of the individual’s independence, initial physical fitness, coordination and cognition, should be evaluated what allows programming and execution of the exercises in more appropriate intensity, not underestimating or overestimating the senior’s capacity and maintaining the balance of the relationship benefits/security. Most of the population no practice regularly physical activity and that fact becomes still more evident with the aging. Although we divided the exercises as the intensity, for age groups, the senior has a smaller percentage as the intensity of the effort increases. It accepted that the maximum capacity to accomplish a work decreases with the age due to the smallest consumption of oxygen to accomplishment of a dynamic exercise. As aerobic capacity decreases in the daily life, being of fundamental importance the adhesion of preventive measures that can delay the beginning of the restrictions of the activities of the daily life. The implantation of programs of exercises and of other prevention strategies and it gets better functional it can minimize or to prevent the incapacity. The introduction of appropriate programs of promotion to the health, of prevention, so much primary as secondary, besides detection of chronic diseases, it would be enough to avoid and to treat countless offence conditions to the health, capable to cause incapacity and dependence. In those already attacked the programs of secondary prevention and of rehabilitation they become fundamental, providing those individuals the possibility of social reintegration and labored. Countless publications detach the significant gets better of the quality of life in the individuals submitted to the rehabilitation programs and independent physical activity of the age group.

The objective of the physical activity and of the rehabilitation in the senior is to improve to the maximum the functional capacity. Those objectives reached through programs that seek to increase the aerobic capacity, muscular forces and flexibility. That age group needs a discerning clinical evaluation regarding other pathologies that can interfere directly with the mobility and the intensity of the exercise. The senior should submitted to a medical evaluation, that it goes by anamnesis and clinical exam, not stopping including in this analysis factors of cardiovascular risk, cognition, independence, previous physical fitness, visual sharpness, audition and emotional state. The ergometer test should accomplished of routine in all the seniors before they begin the physical activity, should proceeded of an electrocardiogram in rest. The objective of the ergometer test is to evaluate the safety of the program instituted, as well as to aid the prescription of the exercises. In the seniors, the muscular and skeletal condition should be analyzed with details, due to consequent restrictions of pathologies osteoarticulares. The ergometer test analyzes the aerobic capacity, the swinging between the workload and the heart frequency, besides stratifying each individual’s risk.

For seniors with cardiovascular problems the implantation and maintenance of a program of physical activity for cardiovascular rehabilitation should observe appropriate norms, considering frequency, duration, intensity and supervision. The exercises should have a frequency from three to five times a week, with duration of 30 minutes, obeying the established intensity for the ergometer test. The patients with clinical history of cardiovascular disease should begin the rehabilitation program with medical supervision, maintained until that the patient learns how to know their limits. The physical activity should precede by a heating phase, including prolongation, mobility to articulate and walk, indispensable mainly for the most susceptible seniors to the lesions articulate and muscular. The end of the session should proceed by prolongation exercises and for gradual turn to the calm. The physical activity can take to lesions osteoarticulares more frequently in the senior patients, especially in the women, should be avoided the exercises of high impact. In those individuals, the physical activity should begin progressively, allowing gradual adaptation to the muscular effort and the impact to articulate.

**Criteria for accomplishment of the physical exercise:**

1. To accomplish physical exercise only when there is physical well-being
2. To use clothes and appropriate shoes
3. To avoid the tobacco and use of sedatives
4. Feeding up to two hours before
5. To respect the personal limits and to inform any clinical symptoms
6. To adjust the exercises to room temperature
7. To begin the slow activity and gradually to allow the adaptation
8. To reduce the rhythm in more intense activities
9. To ingest water during and after the exercises.

The care that should be taken is that the intensity of the exercise has direct relationship with each cardiorespiratory individual's aptitude, independently of the age, as in the case of an exercise with intensity of 6 MET, that can be very intense for a sedentary senior and with overweight and very light for a senior of the same age that the previous runs every day. The indication of the walk represents a practical solution for senior sedentary, staying the criterion of the control of FC before and immediately after. It is advisable the association of resistance exercises and of flexibility with duration of 15 minutes, generating better physical conditioning. In the seniors, the exercises with small weights collaborate to improve the muscular tonus and to preserve the bone mass, while the long exercises are important to improve the flexibility. The physical activity accomplished appropriately brings countless benefits to the senior, as the tissue perfusion, increase of VO₂max, vasodilatation outlying, better activity of the heart and reduction of the expense of oxygen for the myocardium. The development and the maintenance of the aerobic resistance, flexibility to articulate and muscular force is especially important in the seniors, contributing to the adherence to the rehabilitation program.

The against-resistance exercises (ECR), when guided in an appropriate way, for qualified professionals, it represents a safe and beneficial modality of exercises. The patients' relationship can be included in that program raisin by an evaluation of the cardiopathy type of presented, control of the same in the moment, general state, physical capacity and presence of other illnesses. A series of studies demonstrated low prevalence of symptoms during ECR, as well as of disturbances of the mobility of the ventricular wall, ischemia signs or serious arrhythmias. The risk of osteoarticular lesions is also low.

The prescription of ECR in the seniors should accomplished in an individual way, taking into account if he practiced or no exercises in a regular way, as well as the modality of the exercise, for evaluation of the main involved components: aerobic, isometric and isotonic, aptitude degree, ventricular function, psychological profile and cognitive level.

In the sedentary individuals, ECR should precede of aerobic exercises by two to four weeks, as well as of activities that stimulate the coordination, so that ECR can accomplished in a more efficient way and with smaller risk. They should be oriented on the importance of the same ones, the appropriate form of you develop them and how to quantify the effort for the subjective perception (Borg scale). ECR should provide pleasure, which not always it happens in the sedentary senior individuals or with some restriction degree. For that reason, they should be stimulated in two series of five or six intercalated repetitions with other types of exercises (walk, abdominal, etc...). That division of the series can bring benefits, reducing the monotony, the muscular fatigue and the tension on the muscle.

Pathological conditions of contraindication for the against-resistance exercises (ECR), according to NYHA (New Heart Association):
1. Angina of unstable chest
2. Serious or symptomatic valvular disease (stenotic or regurgitant)
3. Signs of heart inadequacy, especially in the patients in functional class IV of NYHA
4. Difficult arrhythmias to the therapeutics
5. Blood pressure in rest: systolic > 160mmHg and diastolic > 100mmHg
6. Several diseases appear during the physical activity: articular and muscular disease.

Some clinical and social aspects should consider when exercises prescribed for senior individuals. Many times the seniors come undernourished due to dental prostheses badly adapted, for they live alone or for an inadequate alimentary diet, requesting changes in the program of physical activity. The largest prevalence of the muscular and skeletal pathologies causes compromising of the balance, besides several mental states, from depression to pictures dementias, it can take the rehabilitation program to the failure. The use of medicines, especially the ones that act on the nervous system, can have great influence in the physical activity.

The heterogeneity of the aging, determining different individual characteristics in the seniors, forces to a wide evaluation as for the physiologic and biological reservations that do not correspond to the age. The expectation as for the largest adverse effects in the same or superior patients of age to 60 years does not proceed, being same for all of the age groups, since respect the contraindications and considered the individual limitations. The rehabilitation plans for seniors when instituted considering the individual limitations present unquestionable benefits and they show to be this an important road in the direction of better life conditions for the seniors.

The exercise type that more benefits provide to the seniors’ health is the isotonic exercise, to the base of rhythmic movements: walk, race, swimming and cyclist. They are the calls aerobic exercises that increase the muscular endurance. The program of physical activity offered should adapt to the senior's physiopathologic conditions and find good acceptance for the same. To maintain an attached senior to a physical activity to regulate it is necessary that it satisfies their expectations and that it provides him pleasure. For the active seniors from the youth, the exercise type that they were already practicing is possibly the most suitable. For the sedentary seniors the great prescription is the walk. To walk belongs the best among all to the physical exercises to the human being's disposition. Although it does not allow the earnings in aerobic excellence that she can reach more exercises that are vigorous, the walk possesses the immense available advantage of her to adjust with easiness to each case. As for the weekly frequency of the physical activity, three times a week it would be the ideal. Activity lighter physics, as the walk, it can be accomplished daily. For the senior that this inserted in activity labored a walk program and gymnastics labored in the working days and a more intense aerobic activity in the weekends is enough for a good physical performance. A regular program of moderate exercise is a very appropriate recommendation for most of the senior citizens. According to his genetics, with appropriate nutritional orientation and physical activity the senior can live a long life with great quality of life. The measure that the people increase their levels of physical conditioning, they move forward towards a better quality of life with full accomplishment personal, social, psychic, spiritual and labored, surpassing the stress and the depression. The life activates represents economy, reducing futures medical expenses, decreasing responsibilities to the family and the society. The regularly physical activity serves as a strategy of equal positive health the senior, an amusement amid the lifestyle disturbed that the humans being take in the technological world of the present time, where the home, the family and the personal values are in a inferior plan.

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KEY WORDS: aged, physical activity, health, life quality.

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MOUCLEF: très âgé, activité physique, santé, qualité de vie.

PALABRAS LLAVES: envejecida, actividad física, salud, calidad de vida.

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