Randomized (n = 72)

Allocated to rehabilitation (n=35)

Allocated to NIPPV + rehabilitation (n=37)

Run in

Before

N=35

Drop-outs (n=3)

N=31

Drop-outs (n=7)

Early drop-outs (n=6)
- 2 withdrew
- 2 died
- 2 diagnosed with cancer

Measurements

QoL; ABG; 6MWD; LF

3-months

N=32

Drop-outs (n=3)

n=24

Drop-outs (n=1)

QoL; ABG; 6MWD; LF

6-months

N=29

Drop-outs (n=2)

N=23

Drop-outs (n=5)

QoL; ABG; 6MWD; LF

12-months

N=27

Drop-outs (n=5)

N=18

Drop-outs (n=1)

QoL; ABG; 6MWD; LF

18-months

N=22

Drop-outs (n=2)

N=17

Drop-outs (n=2)

QoL

24 months

N=20

n=15

QoL; ABG; 6MWD; LF