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Introduction

Non-specific chronic low back pain (CLBP) have various impact on body functions, activity and participation in daily life and it is a common cause for consulting primary care. The knowledge about various prognostic factors for the recovery for patients with CLBP is still limited.

Purpose/Aim

To investigate prognostic factors for future activity limitation in women with CLBP consulting primary care.

Materials and Methods

A prospective longitudinal cohort study. Female patients with CLBP consulting primary care were assessed at baseline and re-assessed after two years. Prognostic factors for self-reported activity limitation related to low back pain were analysed by multivariate regression.

Results

At the two years 95 % (n=123/130) were followed up. A walk test, self-reported clinical stress symptoms and activity limitation predicted activity limitation at the two-year follow up.

Conclusion(s)

Physical performance, self-reported clinical stress and activity limitation at baseline was shown to be of prognostic value for future activity limitation in women with CLBP.