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**Research Lab**Relations between the nervous system and the respiratory system

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Research Team Cerebral Cortex and Respiration

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### **Project Title**

Interfering with brain mechanisms to relieve dyspnea/breathlessness.

### **Project Description**

Dyspnea is the upsetting or distressing awareness of breathing. It is the common denominator of respiratory, cardiac, or neuromuscular diseases. When dyspnea persists in spite of etiopathogenic treatments, interventions interfering with the brain mechanisms of dyspnea become necessary. The proposed project aims to evaluate the efficacy of repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation of the limbic cortex, alone or combined with virtual reality, to alleviate persistent dyspnea.

## Keywords

respiratory diseases, dyspnea, cerebral cortex

### **Description of the Host Research Lab**

The laboratory is dedicated to the study of relations between the nervous system and the respiratory system ("respiratory neurophysiology"). It mobilizes biological, histological, physiological, pharmacological, clinical and psychophysiological approaches, with an extensive use of biomathematics and modeling. Its research is highly translational, its close articulation with the department R3S of GH Pitié-Salpêtrière allowing bidirectional interactions between animal research and human research.