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MAINTAINING MUSCLE AS AN AGING ATHLETE: NUTRITION AND TRAINING

Dr. Aloiya Kremer



INTRODUCTION

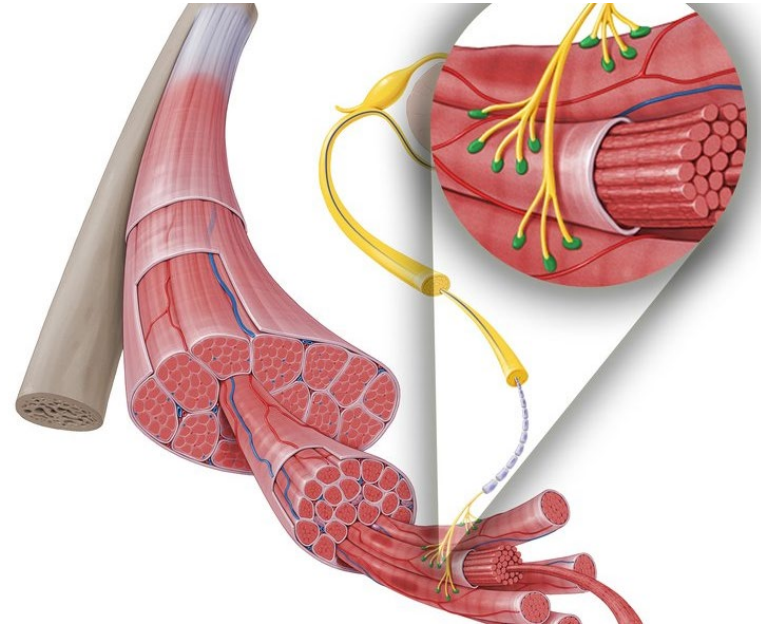
With age, muscle fibers decrease in mass AND number

- Starting ~age 30: 3-5% muscle loss per decade
- Accelerates after age 60
- 30%+ muscle mass loss by age 80



WHY DO WE LOSE MUSCLE?

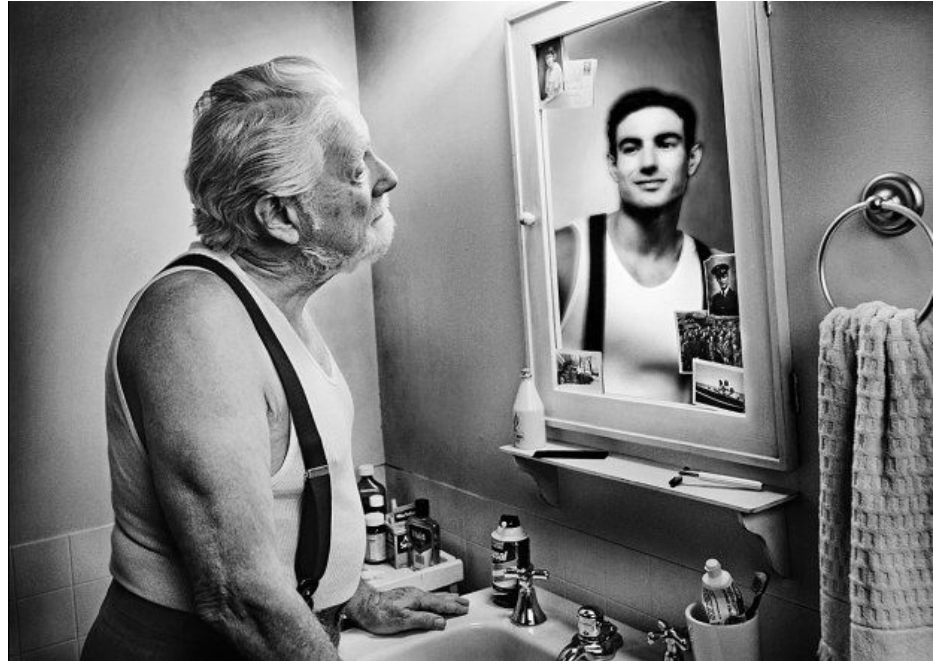
- Nerves become less efficient at activating muscle fibers at the NMJ
 - ✓ Muscle size and strength decreases
- Hormones:
 - ✓ Testosterone decreases with age → decline in muscle protein synthesis and maintenance
 - ✓ Growth hormone decreases → decline in muscle building and repair processes
 - ✓ Post-menopausal estrogen decline → muscle and bone density loss



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Aesthetics

- Can be a motivating factor
- People don't like to see themselves aging
 - ✓ Beauty, skincare, supplement industries



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Pain

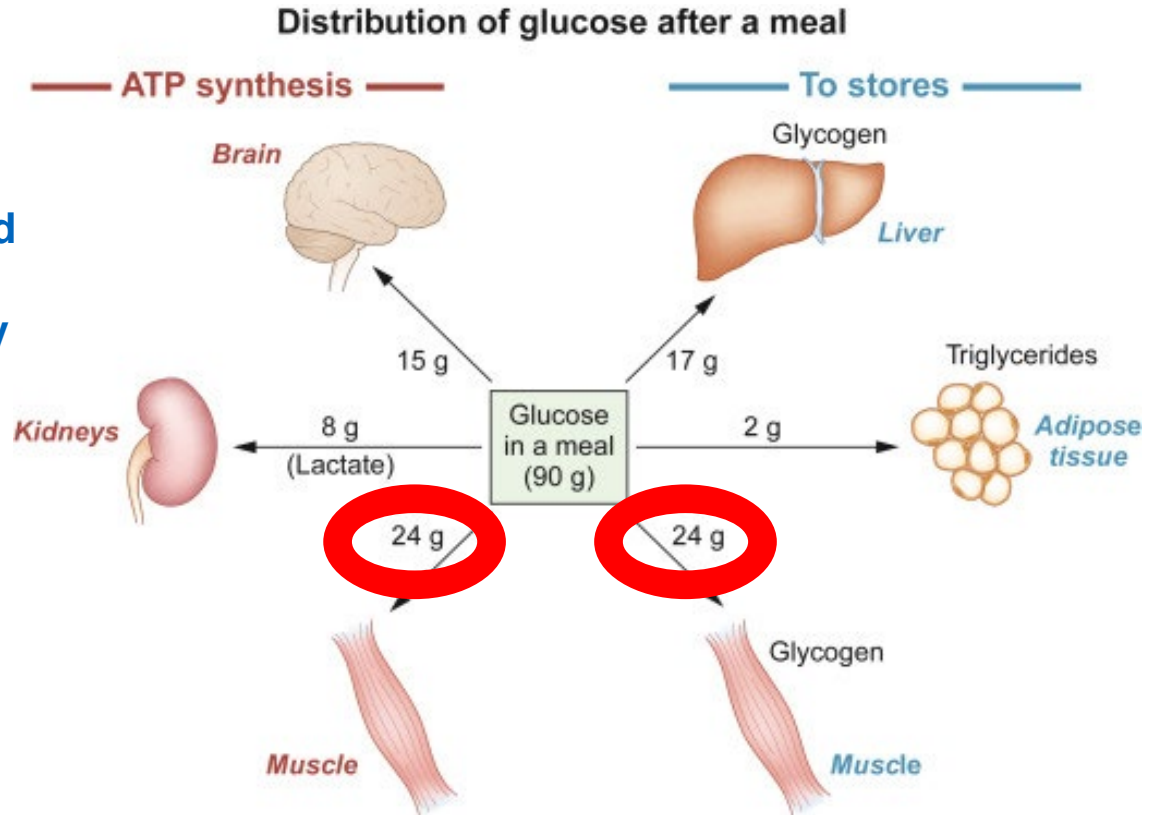
- People don't like to feel themselves aging
 - ✓ Core, gluteal weakness → back pain
 - ✓ Weaker muscles around joints → OA pain



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Metabolic Health

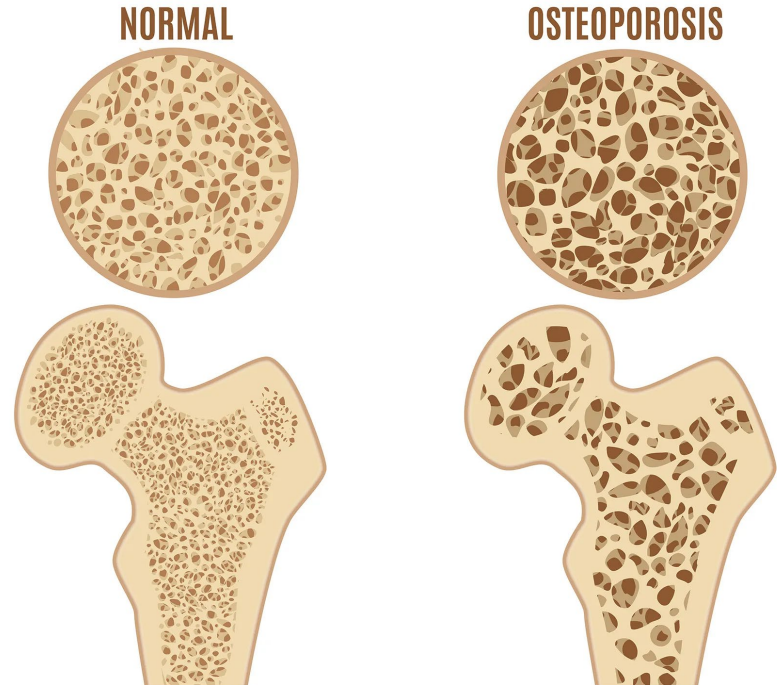
- Muscle wasting is associated with an increased risk of CV disease, T2DM, and mortality



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Bone Density

- **Wolff's Law:** Bones adapt and strengthen in response to the stresses placed upon them.
- **Less muscle** → less bone density → Falls, fractures

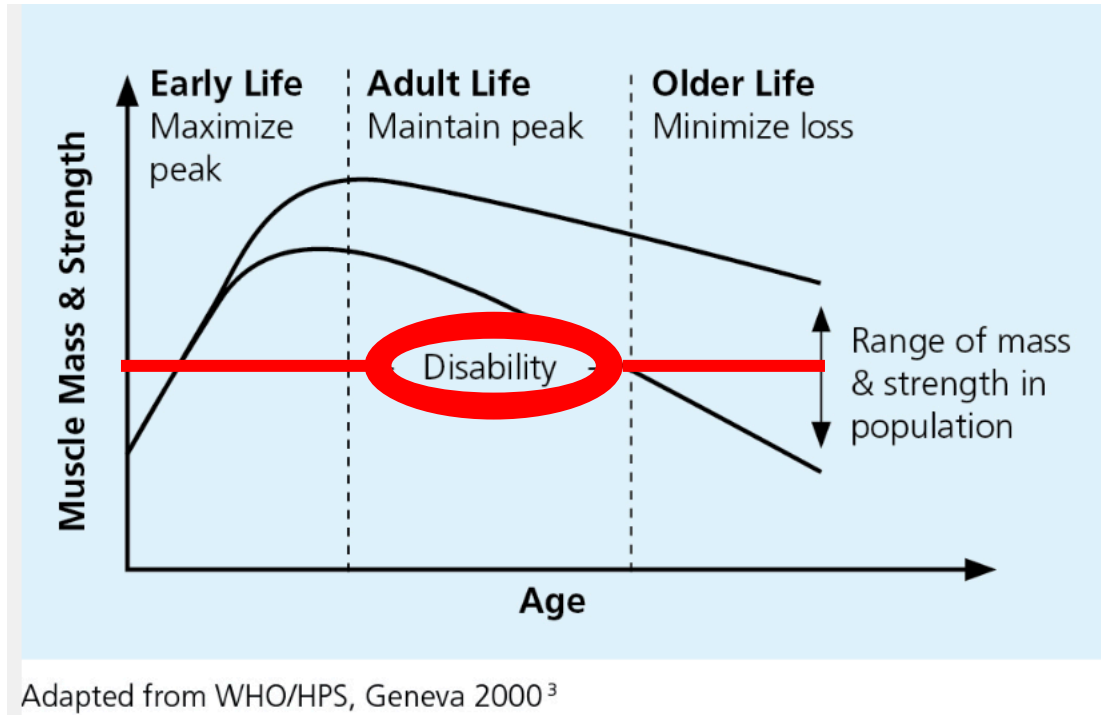


WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Function

&

★ Independence



Adapted from WHO/HPS, Geneva 2000³

WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?

We Can Combat This

Muscle can be maintained and gained as we age



HOW?

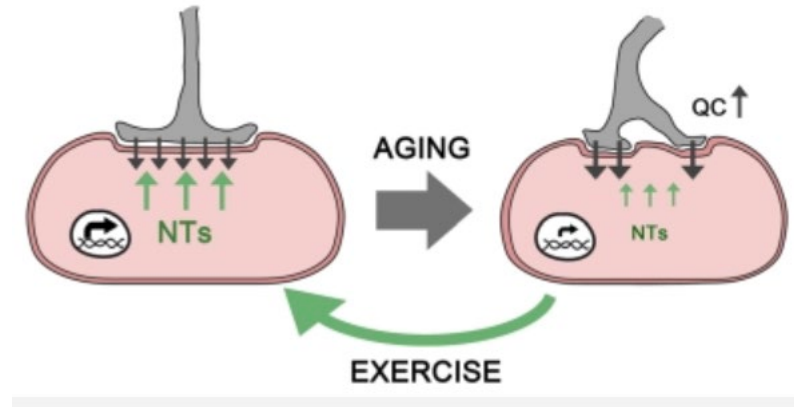
Exercise
+
Nutrition

[HRT if indicated]

EXERCISE

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- Exercise can rejuvenate the neuromuscular junction and improve motor function
 - Both endurance and resistance training stimulate physical adaptations of the presynaptic nerve terminal of the NMJ & increase in neurotransmission
- ✓ A response of the NMJ to support the increased demands upon the system



Exercise improves structure AND function of the NMJ

NTs = neurotrophins (proteins that signal nerves to survive and grow)

EXERCISE



<25% of Americans meet the recommended physical activity guidelines

ACSM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTH TRAINING IN OLDER ADULTS

Strength Training



Strength training, for example, working with weights or resistance bands, makes you stronger and helps your overall health. Plus, strength training can make daily activities like lifting laundry baskets or yardwork easier and safer.

What?

Hand weights, resistance bands, weight machines or your own body (for example, wall push-ups or chair sit-to-stands)



How often?

2 or more days/week
*Rest day in between



How hard?

Start with light effort. Build up to medium or hard effort.



How much?

10-15 repetitions to start (for each major muscle group). Build up to 8-12 reps of challenging effort. Repeat 1-3 times.



EXERCISE

~~Use it or lose it~~

Challenge it or lose it

HOW TO CHALLENGE MUSCLE

Microtears → repair → hypertrophy



Progressive overload



Vary reps/sets, work:rest time



Reps to failure (weight can be light)



Without weights/equipment: time under tension (ex – pulse squats), isometric holds (ex – squat and hold, high plank and hold)

EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION

- Motivational interviewing
- FITT principle

Name: _____ Date: _____

2018 Physical Activity Guidelines for Adults:

- 150-300 minutes/week of moderate-intensity activity or 75-150 minutes/week of vigorous activity (somewhat hard to very hard) or a combination of both
- Muscle strength training 2 or more times a week



Aerobic Activity (check)

Frequency (days/week): ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

Intensity: ☐ Light (casual walk) ☐ Moderate (brisk walk) ☐ Vigorous (like jogging)

Time (minutes/day): ☐ 10 ☐ 20 ☐ 30 ☐ 40 ☐ 50 ☐ 60 or more

Type: ☐ Walk ☐ Run ☐ Bike ☐ Swim/Water Exercise ☐ Other _____

Steps/day: ☐ 2,500 ☐ 5,000 ☐ 7,000 ☐ 9,000 or more ☐ Other _____

What about aerobic activity?

- Moderate activity is at a pace where you can talk but cannot "sing." Examples: *brisk walking, light biking, water exercise* and *dancing*.
- Vigorous activity is done at a pace where you can't say more than a few words without pausing for a breath. Examples: *jogging, swimming, tennis* and *fast bicycling*.
- You can exercise for any length of time. For example, you might walk:
 - 30 minutes 5 days/week or
 - 20 minutes daily
 - 5 minutes here, 10 minutes there. Just work your way up to 150 total minutes/week.
- Your ultimate goal is to gradually build up to 7,000-9,000 steps/day.



Muscle Strength Training (check)

Frequency (days/week): ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

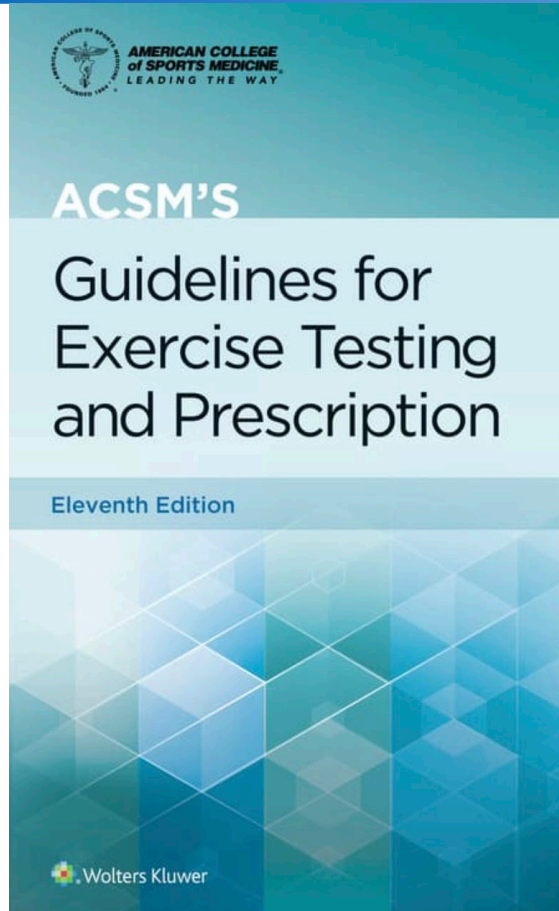
What about strength training?

- You don't have to go to a gym. Try elastic bands, do body weight exercises (chair sit-to-stands; floor, wall or kitchen counter push-ups; planks or bridges) or lift dumbbells. Heavy work around your home or yard also builds strength.
- Strengthen your legs, back, chest and arms. To start, try 10-15 repetitions using light effort. Build up to medium or hard effort for 8-12 repetitions. Repeat 2-4 times, 2-3 days/week.
- Give yourself a rest day between each strength training session.

Prescriber's Signature: _____

How will you get started **this week?**

EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION



EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION

Letter of medical necessity:

<https://www.exerciseismedicine.org/irs-213-exercise-medical-treatment-healthcare-providers/>

A template for Letter of Necessity for Reimbursement

[Include clinical practice letterhead]

[Date]

Letter of Medical Necessity for Reimbursement 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

[Patient Name] is under my care for the new diagnosis of [Insert new diagnosis]. As part of overall treatment for this condition, I recommend [Patient Name] begin a prescribed physical activity program through [Insert type of organization or fitness class requiring an expense]. Pursuant to Section 213 of the Internal Revenue Service Code (1), the cost of this physical activity program would not be incurred by the patient if not for the new diagnosis and my recommendation. This physical activity expense is new for the patient and not one that was in place prior to now. I recommend that this new physical activity expense be covered for [Can insert number of months, only if a specific time period is recommended].

Sincerely,

[Insert provider's signature, name and credentials and contact information]

1. Section 213 of the IRS Code generally allows a deduction for expenses paid during the taxable year for medical care if certain requirements are met. Expenses for medical care under section 213 of the Code also are eligible to be paid or reimbursed under an HSA, FSA, Archer MSA, or HRA.



HOME WORKOUTS



STRENGTH WORKOUT: 30 Minute Strength Training for Seniors And Beginners

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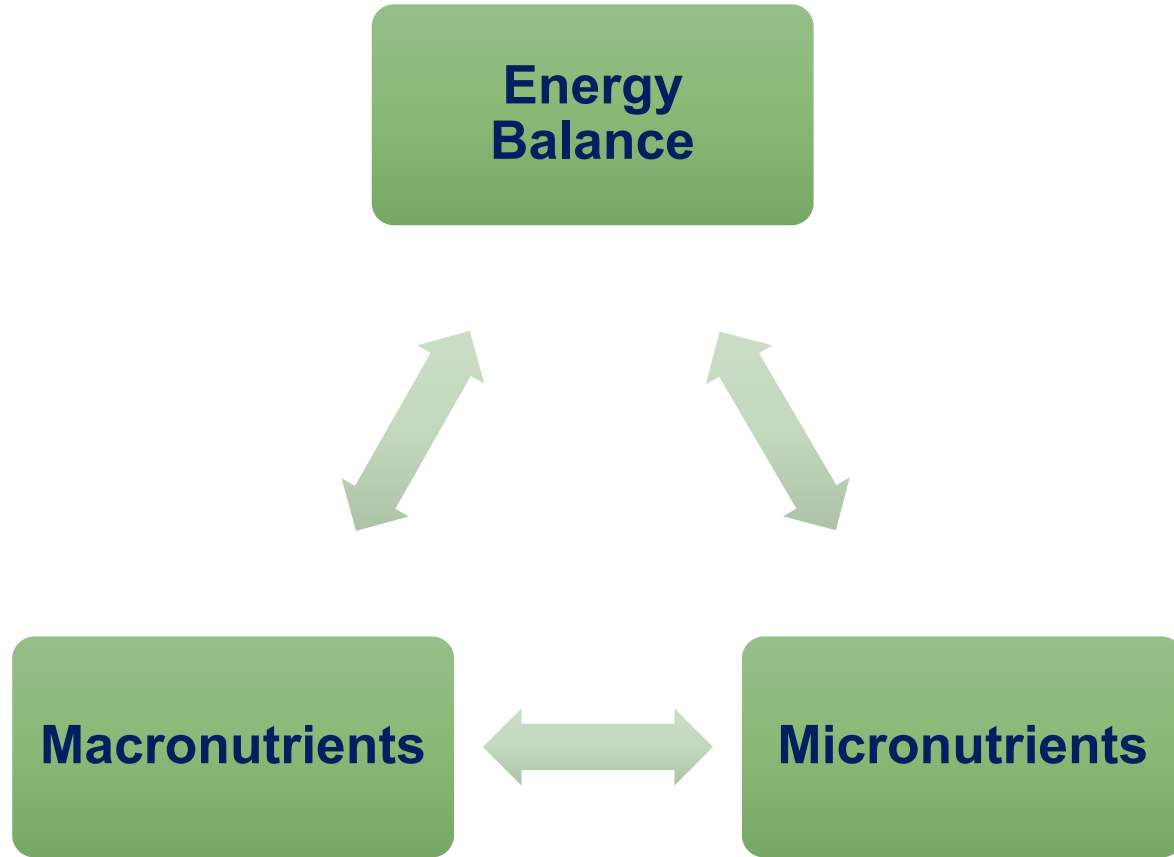
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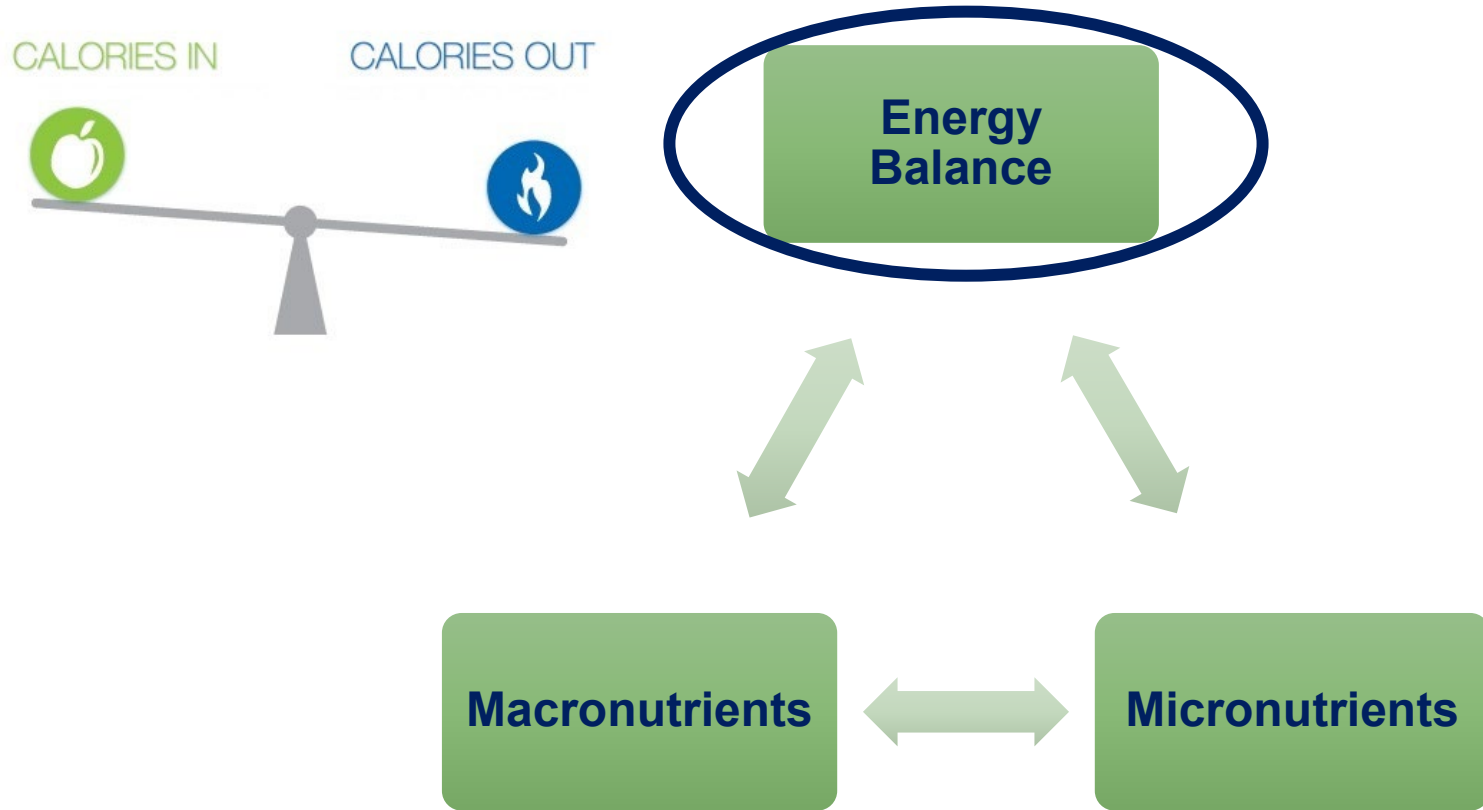


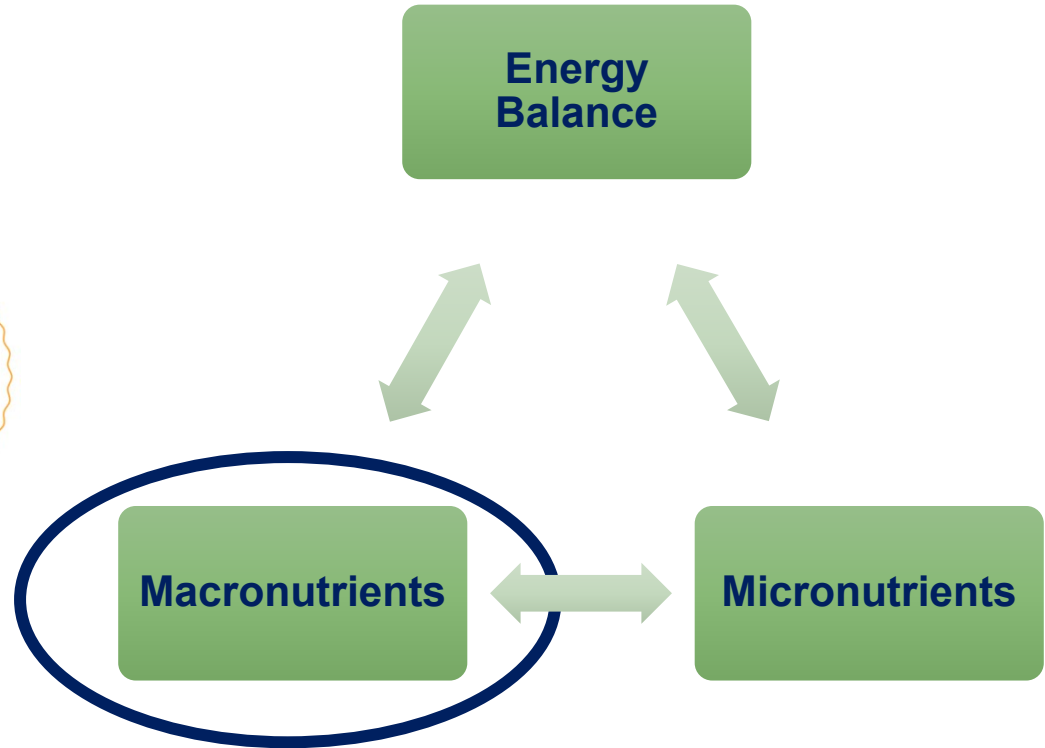
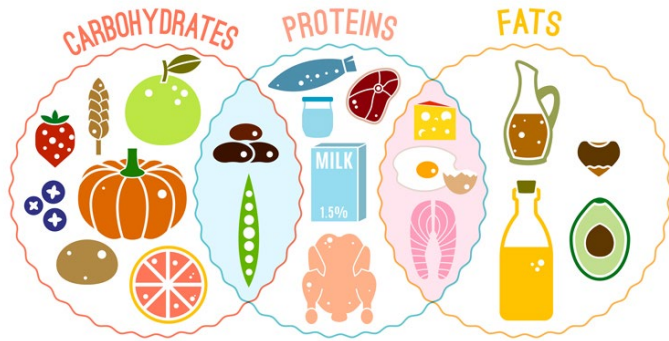
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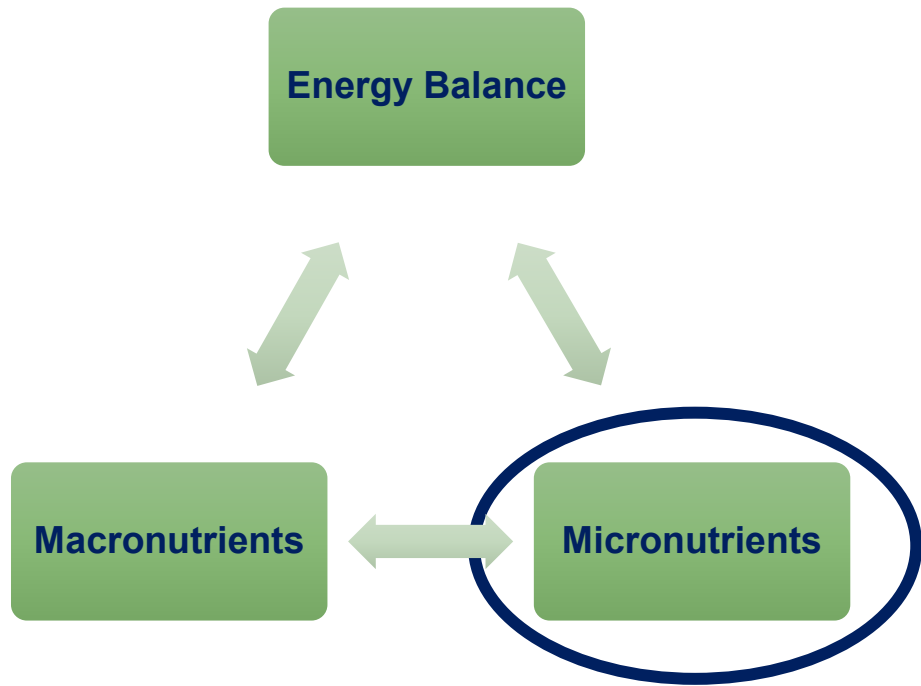


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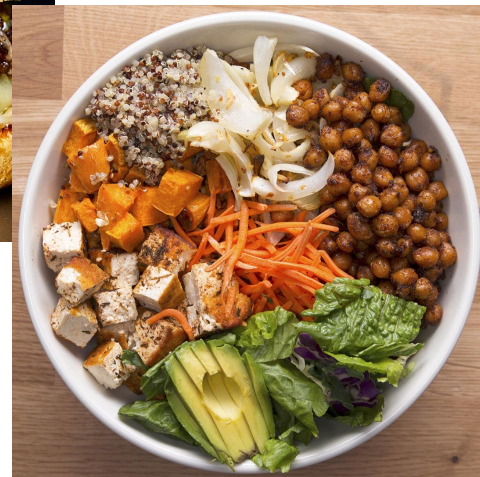








- **Vitamins and minerals**
- **Food QUALITY**



FOCUS FOR AGING ATHLETES

CALORIES & PROTEIN



CALORIES

BMR x activity level

Link: [Calculator Tool](#)

BMR Calculator

The *Basal Metabolic Rate (BMR) Calculator* estimates your basal metabolic rate—the amount of energy expended while at rest in a neutrally temperate environment, and in a post-absorptive state (meaning that the digestive system is inactive, which requires about 12 hours of fasting).

US Units **Metric Units** **Other Units**


Age ages 15 - 80

Gender ☒ male ☐ female

Height feet inches

Weight pounds

[+ Settings](#)

Calculate  **Clear**

Result

BMR = **1,585** Calories/day

Daily calorie needs based on activity level

Activity Level	Calorie
Sedentary: little or no exercise	1,902
Exercise 1-3 times/week	2,179
Exercise 4-5 times/week	2,322
Daily exercise or intense exercise 3-4 times/week	2,457
Intense exercise 6-7 times/week	2,734
Very intense exercise daily, or physical job	3,012

Exercise: 15-30 minutes of elevated heart rate activity.

Intense exercise: 45-120 minutes of elevated heart rate activity.

Very intense exercise: 2+ hours of elevated heart rate activity.

PROTEIN

U.S. recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for protein is **0.8 grams per kilogram of body weight for adults aged 18 and older**

Many studies recommend **1.2 - 1.6 g/kg for adults >65**



1.6 g/kg/day is preferred for aging athletes to maintain muscle mass

PROTEIN

150 lb patient (68 kg) = 109 g protein/day

175 lb patient (79 kg) = 126 g protein/day

200 lb patient (91 kg) = 146 g protein/day

225 lb patient (102 kg) = 163 g protein/day

CASE EXAMPLE

65 yo 5'10" 175 lb male, pickleball 2x/week

Calories: 2,179

Protein: 126 g



CASE EXAMPLE

BMR x activity level

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CASE EXAMPLE

$$175 \text{ lb} = 79 \text{ kg}$$

$$79 \text{ kg} \times 1.6 \text{ g/kg/day} = 126 \text{ g protein/day}$$

SAMPLE DAY OF EATING

Breakfast: Toast with butter, 2 eggs, coffee



Lunch: Grilled cheese and tomato soup



Snacks: Handful of nuts, pretzels, banana

Dinner: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, green beans



Dessert: Vanilla ice cream



SAMPLE DAY OF EATING

Breakfast: Toast with butter, 2 eggs, coffee (310 calories, 17 g protein)

Lunch: Grilled cheese and tomato soup (600 calories, 18 g protein)

Snack: Handful of nuts, pretzels, banana (400 calories, 7 g protein)

Dinner: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, green beans (500 calories, 28 g protein)

Dessert: Vanilla ice cream (150 calories, 2 g protein)

Total: 1,960 calories, 72 g protein

[Goal: 2,179 calories, 126 g protein]

219 calories short, would lose ~1 lb every 16 days
57% of protein goal met

PROTEIN

“Good source of protein”

- 1 gram of protein/10 calories





Nutrition Facts

Varied servings per container

Serving size 4 oz. (112g)

Amount Per Serving

Calories **140**

% DV*

Total Fat 4g **5%**

Saturated Fat 1.5g **8%**

Trans Fat 0g

Polyunsaturated Fat 0.5g

Monounsaturated Fat 2g

Cholesterol 65mg **22%**

Sodium 40mg **2%**

Total Carbohydrate 0g **0%**

Dietary Fiber 0g **0%**

Total Sugars 0g

Includes 0g Added Sugars **0%**

Protein 25g **50%**

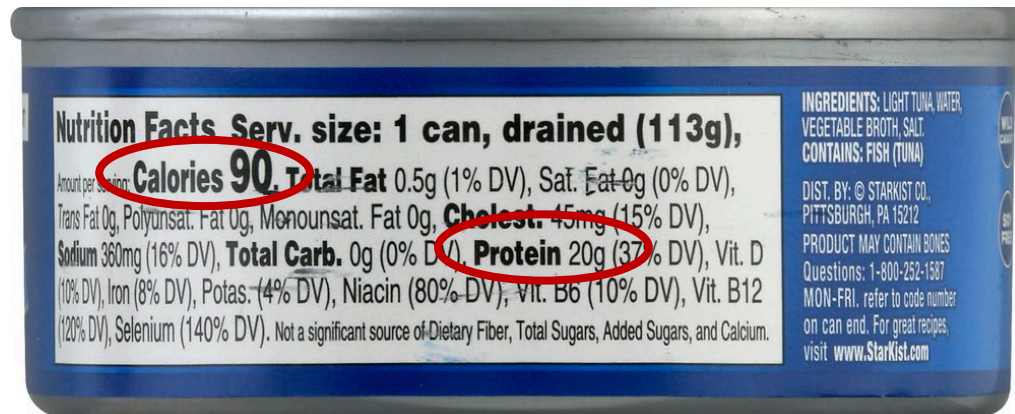
Vitamin D 0mcg 0%

Calcium 0mg 0%

Iron 0mg 0%

Potassium 370mg 8%

*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.





Nutrition Facts	
12 servings per container	
Serving size	1 egg (50 g)
Amount per serving	
Calories	60
% Daily Value	
Total Fat 4g	5%
Saturated Fat 1g	6%
<i>Trans</i> Fat 0g	
Polyunsaturated Fat 1g	
Monounsaturated Fat 2g	
Cholesterol 170mg	57%
Sodium 65mg	3%
Total Carbohydrate 0g	0%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 0g	
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 6g	13%
Vitamin D 6mcg	30%
Calcium 28mg	2%
Iron 1mg	6%
Potassium 69mg	2%



Nutrition Facts			
Serving Size 1 Bar (68g)			
Servings per Container 6			
Amount/Serving			
Calories 250		Calories from Fat 45	
%DV*		%DV*	
Total Fat 5g	8%	Potassium 210mg	6%
Saturated Fat 1.5g	7%	Total Carbohydrate 45g	15%
Trans Fat 0g		Dietary Fiber 4g	17%
Polyunsaturated Fat 1g		Insoluble Fiber 3g	
Monounsaturated Fat 2g		Sugars 21g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%	Other Carbohydrate 20g	
Sodium 140mg	6%	Protein 9g	18%
Vitamin A 10% • Vitamin C 10% • Calcium 20% • Iron 15% • Vitamin D 15%			
Vitamin E 10% • Thiamin (B1) 10% • Riboflavin (B2) 10% • Niacin (B3) 10%			
Vitamin B6 10% • Vitamin B12 10% • Phosphorus 25% • Magnesium 20%			
*Percent Daily Values (DV) are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.			
INGREDIENTS: Organic Brown Rice Syrup, Organic Rolled Oats, Soy Protein Isolate, Organic Cane Syrup, Organic Roasted Soybeans, Rice Flour, Dried Cane Syrup, Unsweetened Chocolate [†] , Organic Soy Flour, Organic Oat Fiber, Organic High Oleic Sunflower Oil, Cocoa Butter [†] , Barley Malt Extract, Sea Salt, Natural Flavors, Soy Lecithin, Organic Cinnamon.			
VITAMINS & MINERALS: Dicalcium Phosphate, Magnesium Oxide, Ascorbic Acid (Vit. C), DL-Alpha Tocopheryl Acetate			

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Nutrition Facts

12 servings per container

Serving size 1 bar (55g)

Amount per serving

Calories 200

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 7 g 9%

Saturated Fat 3 g 16%

Trans Fat 0 g

Cholesterol 10 mg 4%

Sodium 75 mg 3%

Total Carbohydrate 20 g 7%

Dietary Fiber 3 g 10%

Total Sugars 1 g

Includes 0 g Added Sugars 0%

Sugar Alcohols 5 g

Protein 20 g 40%

Vit. D 0.2mcg 0% • Calcium 140mg 10%

Iron 0.5mg 2% • Potassium 130mg 2%

*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much
a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to
a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for
general nutrition advice.



Nutrition Facts

About 15 servings per container

Serving size **1 oz (28g/about
32 pieces)**

Amount per serving

Calories

170

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 15g **19%**

Saturated Fat 2g **9%**

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 0mg **0%**

Sodium 45mg **2%**

Total Carbohydrate 6g **2%**

Dietary Fiber 3g **9%**

Total Sugars 1g

Includes 0g Added Sugars **0%**

Protein 6g **7%**

Vitamin D 0mcg 0% • Calcium 40mg 2%

Iron 1.3mg 8% • Potassium 200mg 4%

Vitamin E 20%



Phosphorus 10%

Magnesium 15%



Zinc 10%

Copper 35%



Manganese 25%

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INGREDIENTS:

**PEANUTS, ALMONDS, CASHEWS,
BRAZIL NUTS, PECANS, PEANUT
OIL, SEA SALT.**

**CONTAINS: PEANUT, ALMOND,
CASHEW, BRAZIL NUT, PECAN.**

MAY CONTAIN: OTHER TREE NUTS.





Nutrition Facts

5 servings per container

Serving size 3/4 cup (170g)

Amount per serving

Calories

100

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 0g 0%

Saturated Fat 0g 0%

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 10mg 3%

Sodium 60mg 3%

Total Carbohydrate 7g 3%

Dietary Fiber 0g 0%

Total Sugars 7g

Includes 0g Added Sugars 0%

Protein 18g 36%

Vitamin D 0mcg 0% • Calcium 190mg 15%

Iron 0mg 0% • Potassium 180mg 4%

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Food and Amount	Protein
100gr TEMPEH	18 grams
1 cup (cooked) LENTILS	18 grams
1/2 cup shelled EDAMAME	13 grams
1 cup canned BLACK BEANS	15 grams
1 cup canned KIDNEY BEANS	13 grams
100g FIRM TOFU	12 grams
1 cup canned CHICKPEAS	12 grams
2 Tbsp NUTRITIONAL YEAST	8 grams
3 Tbsp HEMP SEEDS	10 grams





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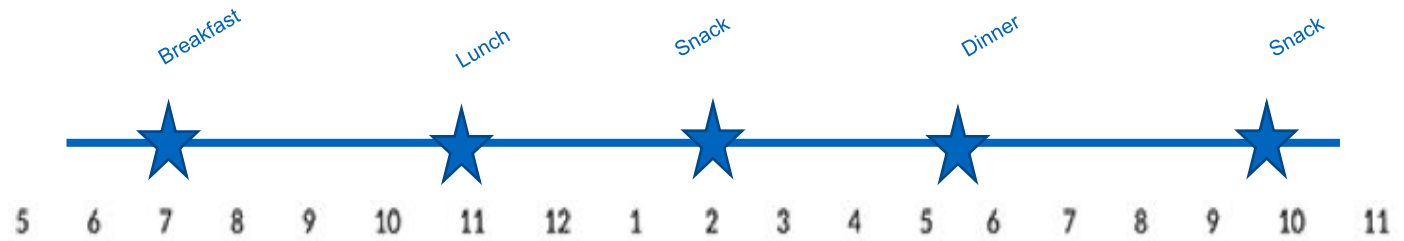


Procedures	Consumer Labs (paid service)	USP	BSCG	Informed Choice	NSF
# of Screened WADA Banned Substances			254+	200+	270+
Random GMP* Audits	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Toxicology Assessment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Testing of Raw Materials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Label Verification	✓	✓	Only if part of "Certified Quality" program		✓

*Good Manufacturing Practices

USADA recognizes the NSF Certified for Sport program as meeting the essential criteria for a third-party certifier and as a program available to athletes to reduce their risk if they choose to use supplements.

NUTRIENT TIMING



Protein every 3-5h for MPS

SAMPLE DAY OF EATING

Breakfast: Veggie scramble with toast (390 calories, 20 g protein)

Lunch: Chicken & quinoa salad with a roll (650 calories, 33 g protein)

Snack: Cottage cheese with sunflower seeds (150 calories, 14 g protein)

Dinner: Salmon, sweet potato with butter, steamed broccoli (600 calories, 40 g protein)

Dessert: Greek yogurt with walnuts and berries (350 calories, 23 g protein)

Total: 2,140 calories, 130 g protein

[Goal: 2,179 calories, 126 g protein]

RESOURCES FOR MEAL PLANNING



chatgpt.com




ChatGPT

make a meal plan for 2200 calories and 130 grams of protein without protein powder




Sure! Here's a 2200-calorie meal plan with **130 grams of protein** that doesn't rely on protein powder. The focus is on whole foods to meet both the caloric and protein requirements.


RESOURCES FOR MEAL PLANNING


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in meals

- At least 90g Carbs
- At least 40g Fat
- At least 90g Protein

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Athlete Client Example Day: 200 Grams of Protein

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Athlete Example

- 200 lb, 6'1" male football player
- **Goals:** build lean muscle mass during moderate training load
- **Recs:** 1 gram per lb. bodyweight (2.2 g/kg bw) ~ 200 grams protein

Goals (Specific to Protein Intake)

- Time protein intake every 3-4 hours/each meal or snack
- Prioritize nutrition around training (pre/post)
- High quality, nutrient-dense sources



Breakfast = 35 g

Oats with almond butter, banana, blueberries, flax, and scrambled eggs on the side



Pre-Workout = 16 g

Whole grain bagel, nut butter, banana



Post-Workout = 51 g

~6 ounces salmon, mashed sweet potato, sautéed collard greens



Snack 2 = 18 g

Snack plate: 1 oz. jerky, whole grain crackers, carrots, hummus



Dinner = 57 g

Chick-Fil-A: 2 grilled chicken sandwiches & fresh fruit



Snack 3 = 30 g

1 cup frozen mango & pineapple, spinach, 1/3 cup Greek yogurt, 1 scoop protein

RESOURCES FOR MEAL PLANNING

Sports medicine

- Initial consult; calorie and protein targets; nutrition label education

Registered dietitian

- Meal plan
- Special considerations (ex - renal disease, obesity)



SUMMARY

- Maintaining and building muscle becomes **more difficult** starting in our 30s due to aging neuromuscular junctions and hormone changes
- Special attention to meeting nutrient demands and intentionally stressing the musculoskeletal system is **required** to maintain and gain muscle mass
- A customized approach accounting for gender, age, height, weight, activity level, and medical comorbidities is **essential**



THANK YOU

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SHOULDER PAIN & RECREATION SPORTS: GETTING BACK TO ACTIVITY

Dr. Brandon Kohrs



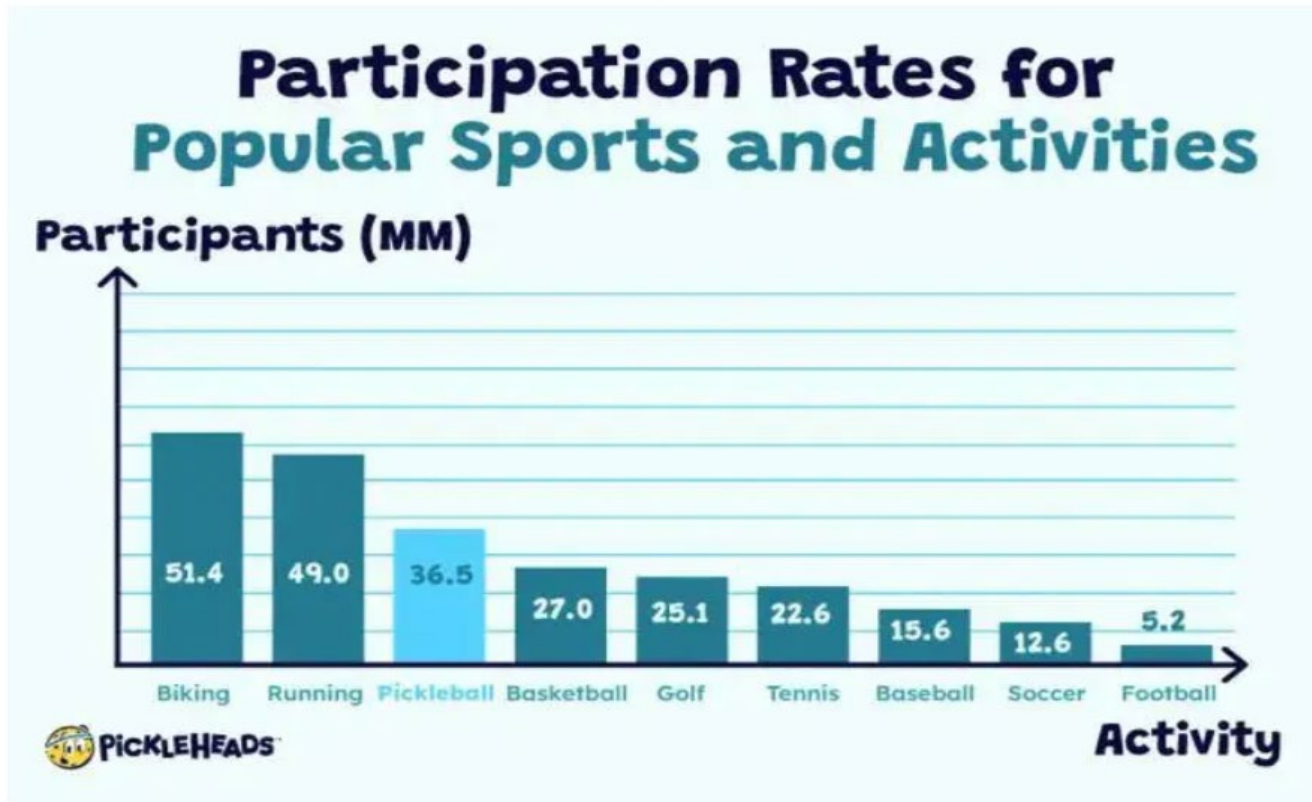
GOALS: HAVE MORE PEOPLE LIKE THIS



AND LESS PEOPLE LIKE THIS



SPORTS OVERVIEW: WHAT ARE PEOPLE DOING?



PICKLEBALL STATISTICS

Key Pickleball Stats for 2024



36.5+ million

Number of pickleball players in the US



223.5%

Pickleball's growth rate over the last 3 years



18-34

Largest age bracket of pickleball players (28.8% of total)



13,969

Number of places to play pickleball in the US



\$152.8 million

Pickleball paddle market size in 2021



7.7%

Forecasted compound annual growth rate through 2028

City	# of Pickleball Locations
New York, NY	58
Houston, TX	51
Seattle, WA	48
Atlanta, GA	44
Denver, CO	43
Chicago, IL	43
Las Vegas, NV	41
Cincinnati, OH	41
Austin, TX	40
San Diego, CA	39

<https://www.pickleheads.com/blog/pickleball-statistics>

OVERVIEW:

- **Prevention**
- **What are they coming in for?**
- **HPI**
- **Physical exam**
- **Anatomy**
- **Common injuries**
- **Non operative treatments**
- **Operative treatments**



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HOW TO KEEP THEM OUT OF MY OFFICE?

Why do these athletes get Injured?

- Increase in activity above baseline
- No days off
- No conditioning
- No warm-up or cool down
- Bad nutrition
- Bad technique
- ✓ Work with a coach, a therapist, or trainer

Work out that core



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HOW TO KEEP THEM OUT OF MY OFFICE



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- **Muscle imbalance**
 - ✓ Abnormal motion & position of scapula can increase risk of injury
- **Work out pecs & delts**
 - ✓ Skip scapular stabilizers/rotator cuff tendons
 - ✓ Push/pull exercises
- **Lack of flexibility**
 - ✓ Flexibility decreases with age
- **Stretch**
- **Vascularity**
 - ✓ Increases with frequent exercise
 - ✓ Poor vascularity increases risk of injury



**AGING ATHLETE
COMING TO AN
OFFICE NEAR
YOU!**

FORK IN THE ROAD

- **Overuse - Inflammatory**

- ✓ Played tennis all day woke up next day sore

- **Trauma - Structural**

- ✓ Looking for one specific event
- ✓ Playing tennis, served, severe shoulder pain
- ✓ Falls



WHY DO WE DIFFERENTIATE?

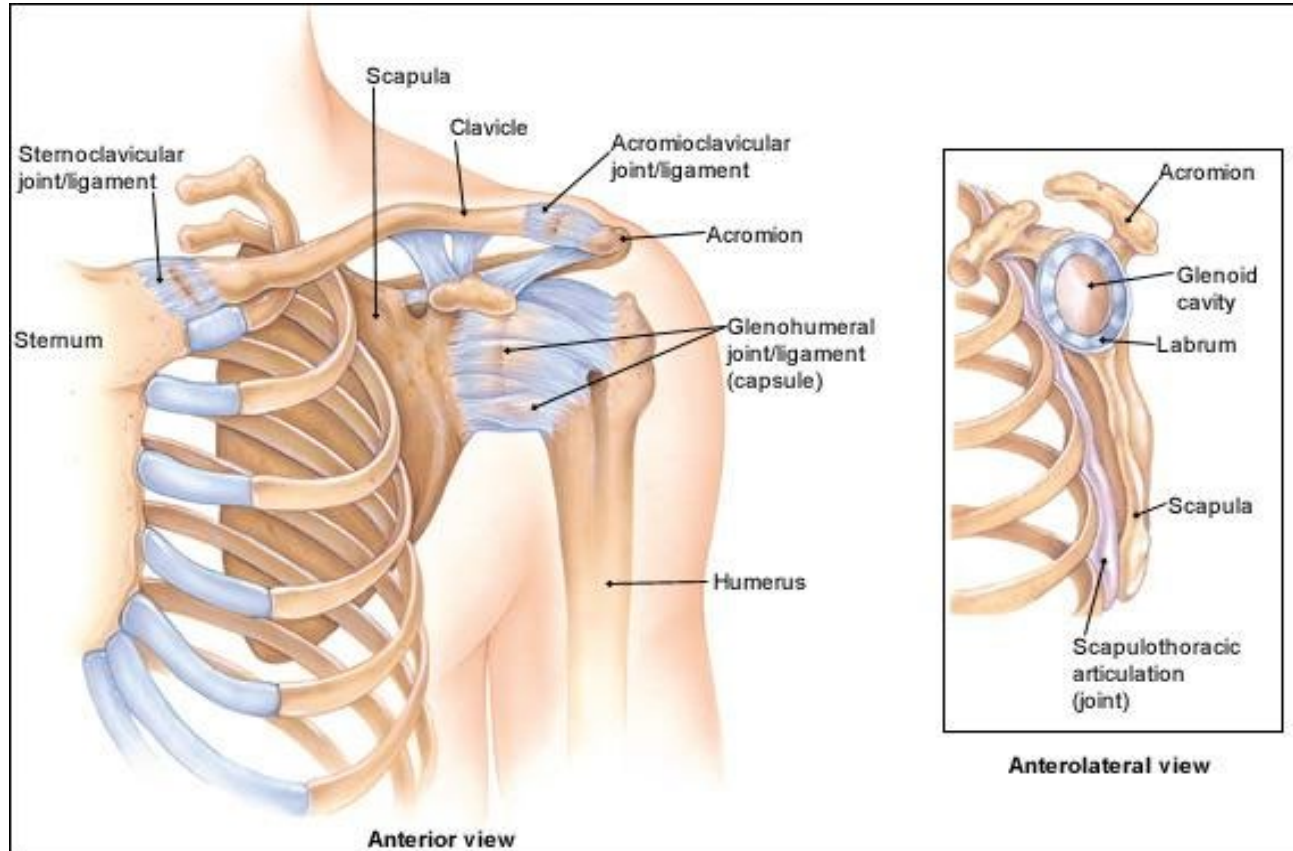
- Rotator cuff tears are common in this population
 - ✓ Age >60: 28% have full-thickness tear
 - ✓ Age >70: 65% have full-thickness tear
- You could be treating a chronic degenerative rotator cuff tear
- No injury likely start with non operative treatments
- Be careful of just treating MRIs

ANATOMY-GLENOHUMERAL JOINT



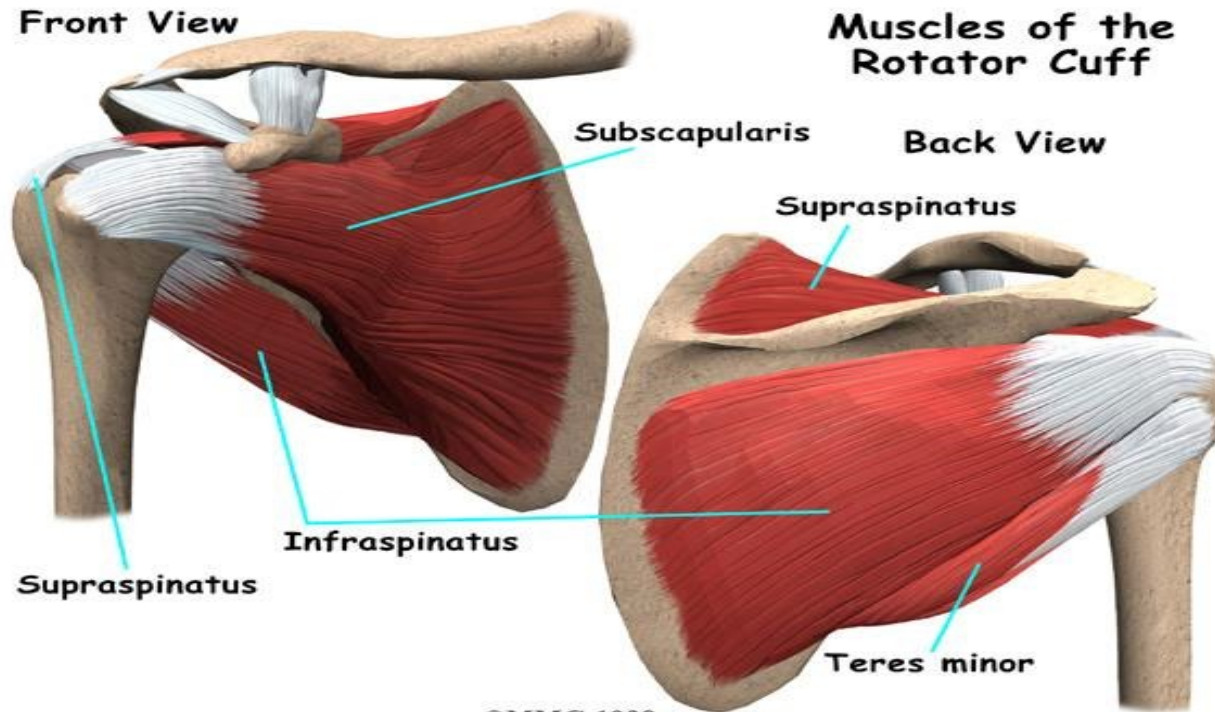
- **Shallow (“golf ball sitting on a tee”)**
 - ✓ **Inherently unstable (maximizes ROM)**
- **Static Stabilizers**
 - ✓ **Glenohumeral ligaments, glenoid labrum & capsule**
- **Dynamic Stabilizers**
 - ✓ **Predominantly rotator cuff muscles**

STATIC STABILIZERS-LIGAMENTS/LABRUM



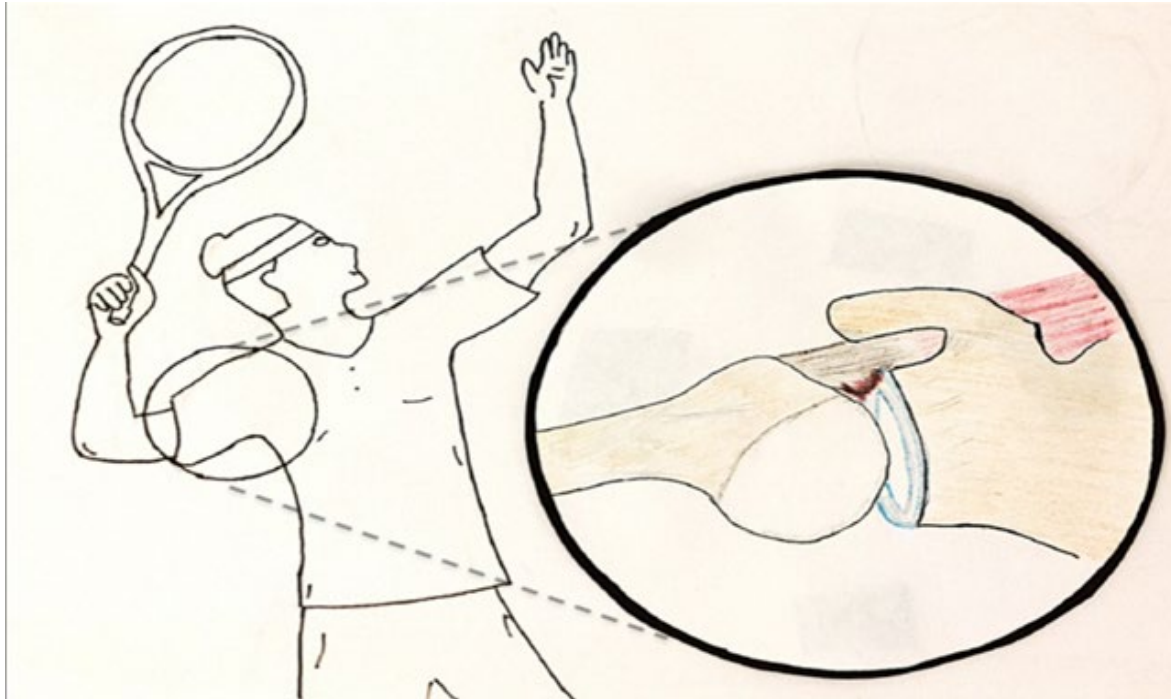
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DYNAMIC STABILIZERS



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Fig. 1 With repetitive abduction and external rotation, the overhead athlete can develop internal impingement leading to partial-thickness tearing of the posterosuperior rotator cuff and labrum

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32827301/>

OFFICE VISIT

OFFICE VISIT: X-RAYS ARE INVALUABLE

X-Rays

- A picture is worth a thousand words!

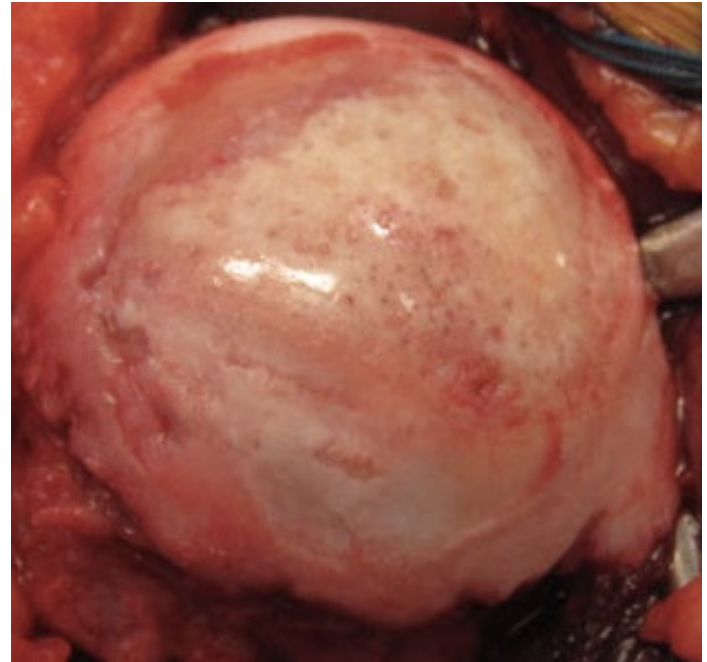


“I’ll give you a thousand words for it.”

WHAT DOES AN OFFICE VISIT LOOK LIKE?



GLENOHUMERAL ARTHRITIS



PHYSICAL EXAM EXAMPLE



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NON OPERATIVE TREATMENTS

Outside of acute traumatic complete rotator cuff tear, would treat most shoulder pathologies non operatively

- Oral steroids
- Short course of anti-inflammatory
- Formal physical therapy
- Cortisone injections
 - ✓ Can delay surgery by 3 months
 - ✓ Can decrease success rates of surgery

Includes labral tears, dislocations without complete rotator cuff tear, slap tears, shoulder strains, impingement, rotator cuff tendonitis, partial rotator cuff tears, shoulder arthritis, chronic rotator cuff tears

OPERATIVE TREATMENTS

- **Rotator cuff tears - full thickness acute tears**
 - ✓ Chronic tears that continue to struggle despite non op
- **Advanced arthritis that has failed non op**
 - ✓ Total shoulder replacement
 - ✓ Reverse shoulder replacement
- **Acute traumatic proximal bicep rupture - usually treated non op in this population**
 - ✓ Would consider operative depending on goals
- **Bad displaced fractures?**

[Review](#) > [J Shoulder Elbow Surg.](#) 2018 Aug;27(8):1526-1534. doi: 10.1016/j.jse.2018.03.009. Epub 2018 May 4.

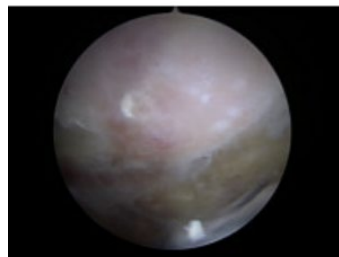
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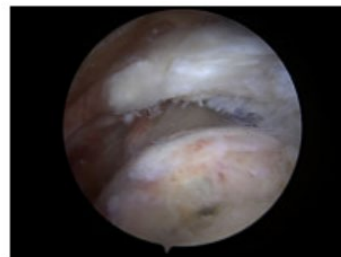
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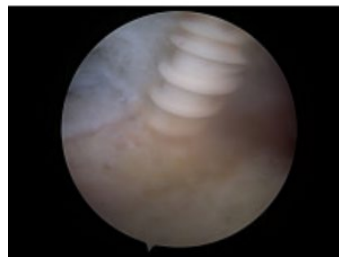
OPERATIVE TREATMENTS- ROTATOR CUFFS



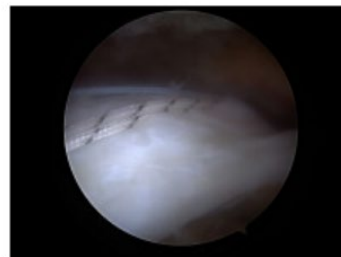
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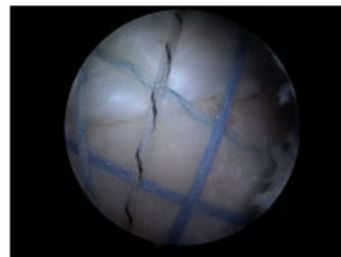
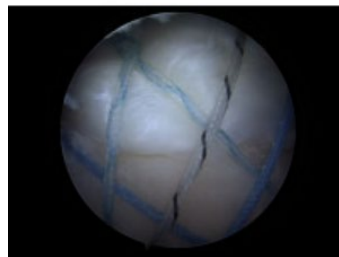
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GREAT JOB DOCTOR! WILL IT HEAL?

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ROHI Score


- Predictors of success from rotator cuff surgery
 - ✓ Age <70
 - ✓ Acute tear
 - ✓ Small tear
 - ✓ Non retracted
- Good bone quality

WHEN WILL I RETURN TO SPORT?

- Takes 2-3 mos for rotator cuff tissue to heal
- 4-6 weeks in sling
- Start therapy for passive ROM in 3-5 days
- Passive motion 6 weeks
- Active motion 6 weeks
- Strengthening 6 weeks
- 3-5 months of formal PT
- 6-12 months until full recovery

If all goes well... Return to sports

- ✓ 97% return to swimming at 8 months
- ✓ 56% return to normal at 12 months
- ✓ poorer forward elevation

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Rotator Cuff Injuries in Tennis Players

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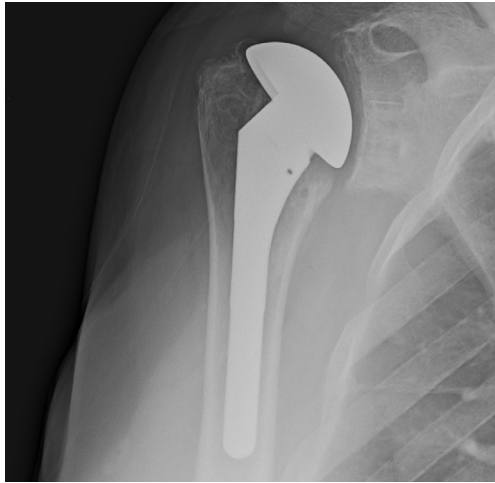
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- Can get back to sport even in elderly
- Going to be difficult to return to baseline form
 - ✓ Different hitting motion
 - ✓ 6-9 months return to overhead sports
 - ✓ Return to golf 4-6 months

WHAT IS TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY (TSA)

Replacement of humeral head (metal) and glenoid resurfacing (plastic)
cemented all-polyethylene glenoid resurfacing



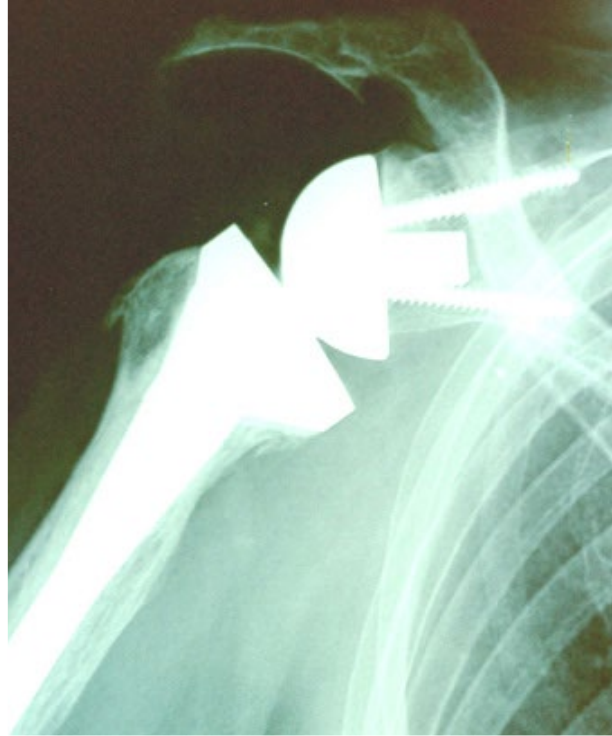
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REVERSE TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY (RTSA)



SHOULDER REPLACEMENTS- RETURN TO PLAY

Review > World J Orthop. 2016 Sep 18;7(9):519-26. doi: 10.5312/wjo.v7.i9.519.

Return to sports after shoulder arthroplasty

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- **Total & Reverse both show return to play**
- **Total showed 75-100% return to play**
 - ✓ **Other studies have shown patient motivation a big factor**
 - ✓ **If return to sport was reason for replacement, then more likely to return to sport**
- **Reverse 75-85% return to play**
- **Return to play by 6 months**
- **Some studies show 30% returned with limitations**

SUMMARY

- Injuries will become **more common** in the aging athlete as participation increases
- HPI is essential in differentiating mechanism to determine acute versus chronic injury
- Physical exam confirms diagnosis
- Advanced imaging is adjunct
- Treat **most injuries non operatively**
- Maintenance exercises help to decrease recurrence risk
- Surgery **does have a high rate of return to play**



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GETTING BACK IN THE GAME AFTER A CARDIAC ISSUE

Dr. Travis R. Huffman



CASE #1

54 yo male w/ hx of HLD, family hx of premature CAD, presented 1 month prior with substernal chest pressure during a half marathon, subsequently found to have anterior STEMI, emergently taken to cath lab for revascularization

- Cardiac catheterization with occluded proximal LAD s/p percutaneous revascularization with DES
- Moderate disease in his mid LCx, not hemodynamically significant by FFR of 0.85
- LVEF post MI 35-40%

Future athletic goals:



- Full marathon
- Possible ultra-marathon



CASE #2

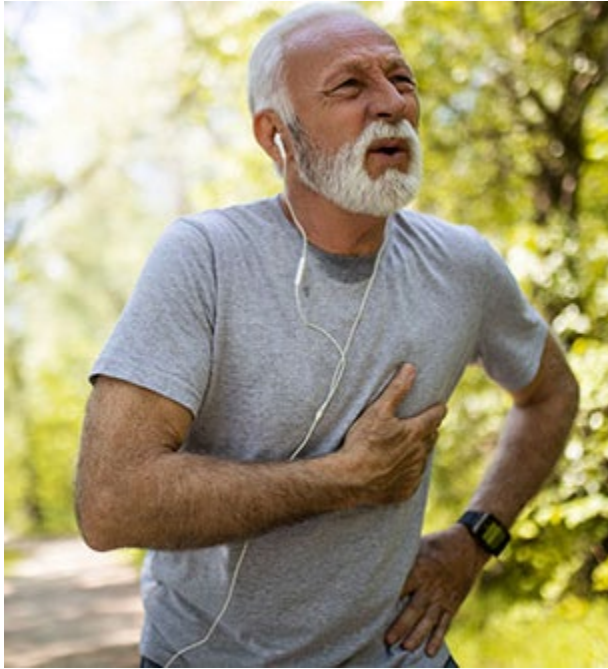
28 yo female presented initially with new onset dyspnea during CrossFit workouts, found to have degenerative mitral valve disease w/ significant mitral valve prolapse & severe mitral regurgitation, now s/p mitral valve repair

- LVEF >65% pre-op
- Pre-op coronary angiography without any significant CAD

Future athletic goals: 

- Return to full effort CrossFit workouts

OBJECTIVES



- Review paradox of exercise in regard to Cardiovascular (CV) events
- Assess & determine risk for returning to competition after CV event
- Management of culprit disease as well as residual disease
- Creating treatment plan to achieve patient's goals
- Shared-Decision making in determining eligibility for participation with guidelines as foundation

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST (SCA) - GENERAL POPULATION

- Risk of Sudden Cardiac Arrest/Death (within 1 hour of symptom onset) has an estimated incidence **500-1000 per million per year** in the general population
- ~ **5-6%** of these deaths occur during sports or sports related activity (during or within 30-60 minutes after vigorous exercise)
- Incidence of exercise-associated SCA in the middle-aged is estimated at **22 per million per year**.

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST (SCA) - ATHLETIC POPULATION

- Sudden cardiac arrest/death (SCA/D) in young athletes is quite rare, with wide variation in reported incidence due to lack of standardized reporting
- Estimated incidence is ~1 in 80,000 athlete-years in high school athletes & 1 in 63,000 athlete-years in college athletes

Highest risk athletes:

- Female incidence of SCA much lower than males at <1: 120,000
- Black athletes at higher risk than white athletes, IRR 3.3
- Division 1 male basketball athletes at highest risk
 - ✓ Estimated incidence of 1: 5,200 athlete years

COMMON ETIOLOGIES OF CARDIAC ARREST IN ATHLETES

- Leading causes of SCA/D in athletes **varies with age**
- Genetically mediated/inherited diseases predominant younger patient (18-35)
 - ✓ Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
 - ✓ Idiopathic Left Ventricular Hypertrophy (LVH)
 - ✓ Myocarditis
 - ✓ Long QT
 - ✓ Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC)
 - ✓ Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW)
- Acquired heart disease predominate in master's athletes (>35 years of age) followed by inherited conditions
 - ✓ Coronary artery disease
 - ✓ Myocarditis

PARADOX OF EXERCISE

Exercise paradoxically increases risk of a sudden cardiac event, however, routine moderate to vigorous exercise demonstrates a cardioprotective benefit, thereby reducing overall incidence of major adverse cardiac events in the long-term.

SHORT TERM RISK = LONG TERM GAIN



FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY AND SURVIVAL

Exercise capacity and mortality among men referred for exercise testing

Jonathan Myers ¹, Manish Prakash, Victor Froelicher, Dat Do, Sara Partington, J Edwin Atwood

- **A body in motion stays in motion (~Newtons First)**
- **Best illustrated by Myers et al. Published in NEJM in 2002.**
 - ✓ Reviewed consecutive exercise stress tests in men
 - ✓ Compared exercise capacity in men that had normal stress tests and/or no known CV disease vs those with an abnormal stress test and/or known CV disease
- **End point was overall mortality**
 - ✓ Study reported a 12% per MET decrease in mortality regardless of the presence/absence of CV disease or normal/abnormal stress test

Demonstrates exertional capacity as independent risk factor for all-cause mortality

EXERCISE MATTERS

Conditions Myocardium: Improved outcomes in patients who exercise when presenting with Acute MI, as well as improves Post MI outcomes

- Improved Metabolic Health
- Weight
- Lipid Profile
- Insulin Sensitivity
- Psychosocial Benefits

In highly active persons, including master's athletes but not limited to, resumption of exercise post-event improves outcomes & overall well-being

Sports cardiologist role is to help patients resume exercise in a safe manner, and not to disqualify patients solely on the basis of past CV events

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- Moderate disease in his mid LCx, not significant by FFR of 0.85
- LVEF post MI 35-40%

Current medical therapy:

- DAPT, HI statin
- BB, ARNI, SGLT2i, MRA
- 8 medications, some of which are taken multiple times per day 🤔

MANAGEMENT OF CAD/POST-MI PATIENTS



- **Hallmark is optimal medical therapy!**
- **Recurrent events risk highest immediately post indexed event, w/ risk of SCA/D estimated at ~1.4% in first 30 days & declines progressively thereafter**

Medical Therapy

- **Antiplatelet therapy**
- **Lipid lowering therapy & blood pressure control for secondary prevention**
- **Guideline directed medical therapy for cardiomyopathy**
 - ✓ **Reduce mortality & risk of hospitalization**

CARDIAC REHABILITATION

Cardiac Rehabilitation is a comprehensive program, typically lasting for 12 weeks & a total of 36 sessions

Rehab Focus:

- **Exercise training & safety**
- **Heart healthy habits**
- **Diet/weight loss strategies**
- **Structured support**

Cardiac Rehabilitation Indications:

- ✓ **Recent myocardial infarction**
- ✓ **Acute coronary artery syndrome**
- ✓ **Chronic stable angina**
- ✓ **Congestive heart failure**
- ✓ **After coronary artery bypass surgery**
- ✓ **After a percutaneous coronary intervention**
- ✓ **Valvular surgery**
- ✓ **Cardiac transplantation**

INITIATING EXERCISE POST MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (MI)

- Participation in monitored exercise training **reduces risk** of CV mortality & hospital admissions in patients with recent acute MI at ~12-month follow-up
 - ✓ **26% reduction in CV mortality**
 - ✓ **18% reduction in hospitalizations**
- Despite evidence for benefit, only appx 1 in 4 eligible for CR will enroll in a program

Recommendations for Cardiac Rehabilitation and Education
Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in [Online Data Supplement 49](#).

COR	LOE	Recommendations
1	A	1. In patients who have undergone revascularization, a comprehensive cardiac rehabilitation program (home based or center based) should be prescribed either before hospital discharge or during the first outpatient visit to reduce deaths and hospital readmissions and improve quality of life. ¹⁻⁴
1	C-LD	2. Patients who have undergone revascularization should be educated about CVD risk factors and their modification to reduce cardiovascular events. ⁵⁻⁷

EXERCISE INTENSITY POST-MI

How intense is too intense?

- Cardiac rehabilitation standard is moderate intensity continuous training
- However high intensity interval training (HIIT) has demonstrated an improvement in functional capacity w/ increased VO2 max & GLS, w/ very low rates of adverse events
 - ✓ 1 major cardiovascular event in >17,000 training sessions

ESTABLISHING A TIMELINE

- **Functional stress testing for patients post PCI can be considered 1-2 weeks post event (>3-4 weeks in patients post CABG to allow sternum to heal)**
 - ✓ **Helps establish baseline, as well as guide exercise training during cardiac rehab & beyond**
- **No vigorous competitive activity for at least 3 months**
 - ✓ **Class IIB; Level C**
- **Allow lesions to heal, anti-inflammatory properties of statin therapy to mitigate future events**
 - ✓ **Some recommend delay of vigorous activity for 2 years, based off plaque regression demonstrated on imaging studies in patients on high intensity statin therapy**

EVALUATING PATIENT RISK

High Risk Features

- Initial presentation (sudden cardiac arrest, VT, Syncope, MI, CHF)
- LVEF <50%
- Residual CAD with >50% stenosis
- Angina or anginal equivalent at low levels of exercise
- Exertional syncope
- Increased scar burden on Cardiac MRI
- Ventricular arrhythmias
- Decreased functional capacity
 - ✓ Difficult to compare at times to patients' pre-event baseline, but marked discrepancy in pre vs post event is 'red-flag'



MEDICATION RISKS

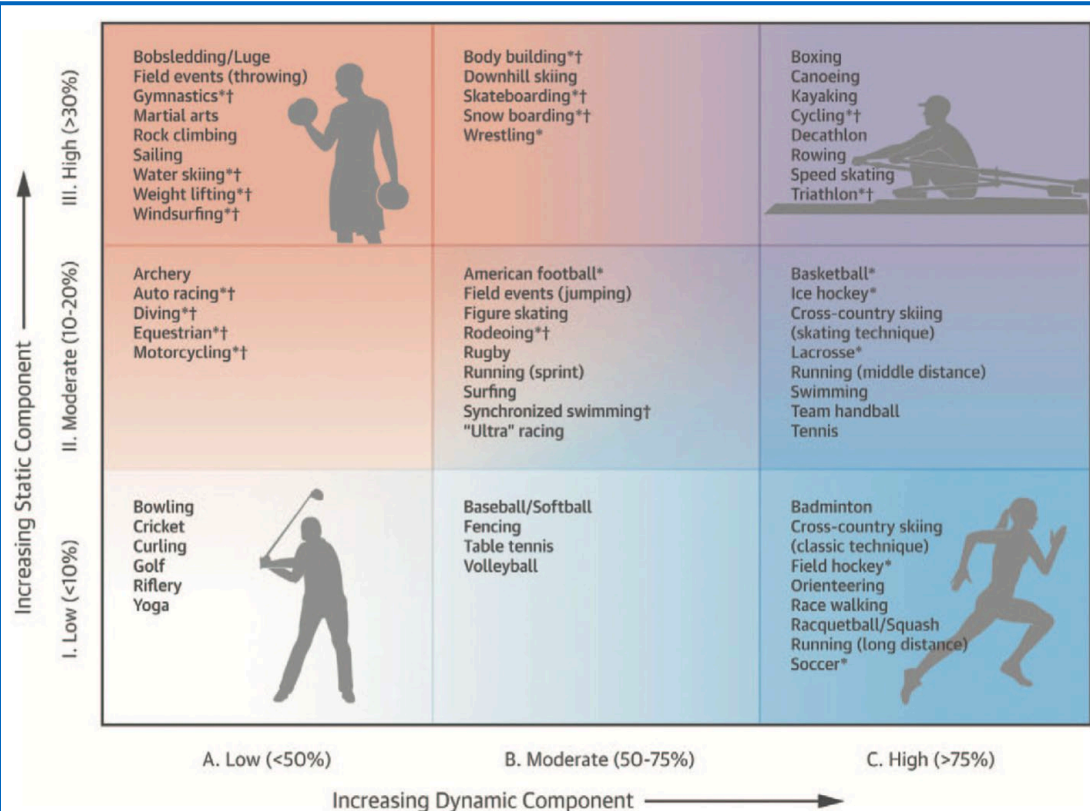
Antiplatelets/Anticoagulant Risk

- Less of factor in adult population, but sports w/ high probability of physical contact or injury (Mountain biking, Hockey, Soccer), should be participated in with great caution until completion of antiplatelet therapy



CLASSIFICATION OF SPORTS

- Classification of sports by dynamic/static component
- Exercise results in significant physiologic changes
 - ✓ Cardiac output can increase 5/6-fold during maximal exertion in high dynamic states
- Class IIIc events w/ highest CV load



MANAGEMENT OF RESIDUAL CAD

Case #1 with anterior STEMI, LAD revascularized, had moderate residual disease, not hemodynamically significant during indexed event (FFR 0.85), has no residual chest pain

3-Month ETT:

- Exercise stress testing with ischemic ST changes at peak exercise, completed 6 minutes on Bruce Protocol with max output <10 METS, test terminated due to fatigue.
- No chest pain, mild non-limiting dyspnea

Is lesion culprit? Should it be fixed regardless

- Multiple RCT's demonstrate no benefit in reducing ischemic events in patient's w/ asymptomatic CAD (ISCHEMIA TRIAL/COURAGE TRIAL), but demonstrated improvement in QOL w/ trend toward benefit in functional capacity

MANAGEMENT OF RESIDUAL CAD

- Questions of whether FFR cut-offs can be applied to athletes
 - ✓ FFR is ratio of pre/post stenotic flow
 - ✓ <0.80 is determined to be hemodynamically significant
- Smith et al demonstrated supranormal coronary flow reserve in endurance athletes compared to non-endurance athletes, suggesting flow ratio cut-offs could possibly underestimate hemodynamic significance in endurance athletes
- Cook et al demonstrated significant improvement in coronary flow dynamics w/ increased exertional capacity in patients pre & post PCI
 - ✓ All lesions were hemodynamically significant

MARRYING RISK/GOALS

Reviewing Risk in Case #1

- LVEF <50%
- Residual CAD, ischemic cardiomyopathy w/ LVEF 35-40% post PCI
- Decreased functional capacity on Bruce protocol

Patient goals are to participate in high intensity/high dynamic athletic events, including possible ultra-marathon

- Guidance? Recommendations?
- Limitation to low dynamic, low to moderate static activities
- Unfortunately, in some cases, risk > benefits

Bruce Protocol VO2 Max Treadmill

Stage	Speed (mph)	Treadmill Grade (slope)	Time
1	1.7	10%	3
2	2.5	12%	6
3	3.4	14%	9
4	4.2	16%	12
5	5.0	18%	15
6	5.5	20%	18
7	6.0	22%	21

The Bruce protocol is the most widely adopted protocol and has been extensively validated.

ETERNAL OPTIMIST

3-6 months Post Event Risk

- Repeat echocardiogram w/ LVEF >50%
- Continued poor exertional tolerance. Repeat angiography was performed which demonstrated a moderate LCx lesion w/ FFR 0.79. Underwent PCI
- 3 months later functional testing demonstrated no ischemic changes on ETT, completed > 10 minutes on Bruce protocol w/ >12 METS output

Now What?

- Establish training regimen (incorporate exercise Rx; Dr. Kremer)
- Establish reasonable goals
- Completion of event > performance
 - ✓ Half marathon carries less risk; RACER Study Group

RACER STUDY GROUP

Cardiac arrest during long-distance running races

Jonathan H Kim ¹, Rajeev Malhotra, George Chiampas, Pierre d'Hemecourt, Chris Troyanos, John Cianca, Rex N Smith, Thomas J Wang, William O Roberts, Paul D Thompson, Aaron L Baggish; Race Associated Cardiac Arrest Event Registry (RACER) Study Group

Affiliations + expand

PMID: 22236223 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1106468

Reviewed 10.9 million runners

- 59 had cardiac arrest, 42 of which w/ sudden cardiac arrest
- Incidence for cardiac arrest was 1 per 184,000 participants

Among those who had cardiac arrest, risk factors included:

- Race distance, 3-5x higher incidence in full marathons vs half marathons
- Males > Females
- Most common etiology was HCM
- In 5/8 runners who survived cardiac arrest secondary to ischemic heart disease as etiology, none had angiographic evidence of acute plaque rupture
 - ✓ Etiology surprisingly suspected to be supply/demand ischemia

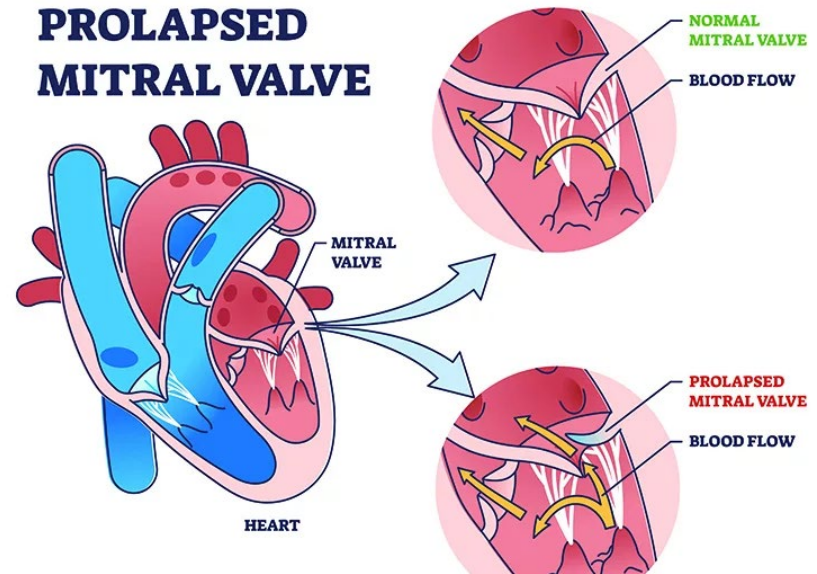
CASE #2

28 yo female presented initially w/ new onset dyspnea during CrossFit workouts, found to have myxomatous mitral valve disease w/ severe mitral regurgitation now s/p mitral valve repair

- LVEF >55%
- Pre-op coronary angiography w/out any significant CAD

Future athletic goals: 

- Return to full effort CrossFit work-outs



VALVE DISEASE

Case #2 w/ myxomatous MV resulting in early valve destruction

- Completed CR w/out issue
- Completed functional testing w/ >100% predicted VO2 Max on CPET
- Echo after exercise stress w/ normal LVEF, well functioning repaired MV w/out residual regurgitation or stenosis
- Asymptomatic w/ moderate to vigorous activity but has yet to return to maximal effort CrossFit work-outs

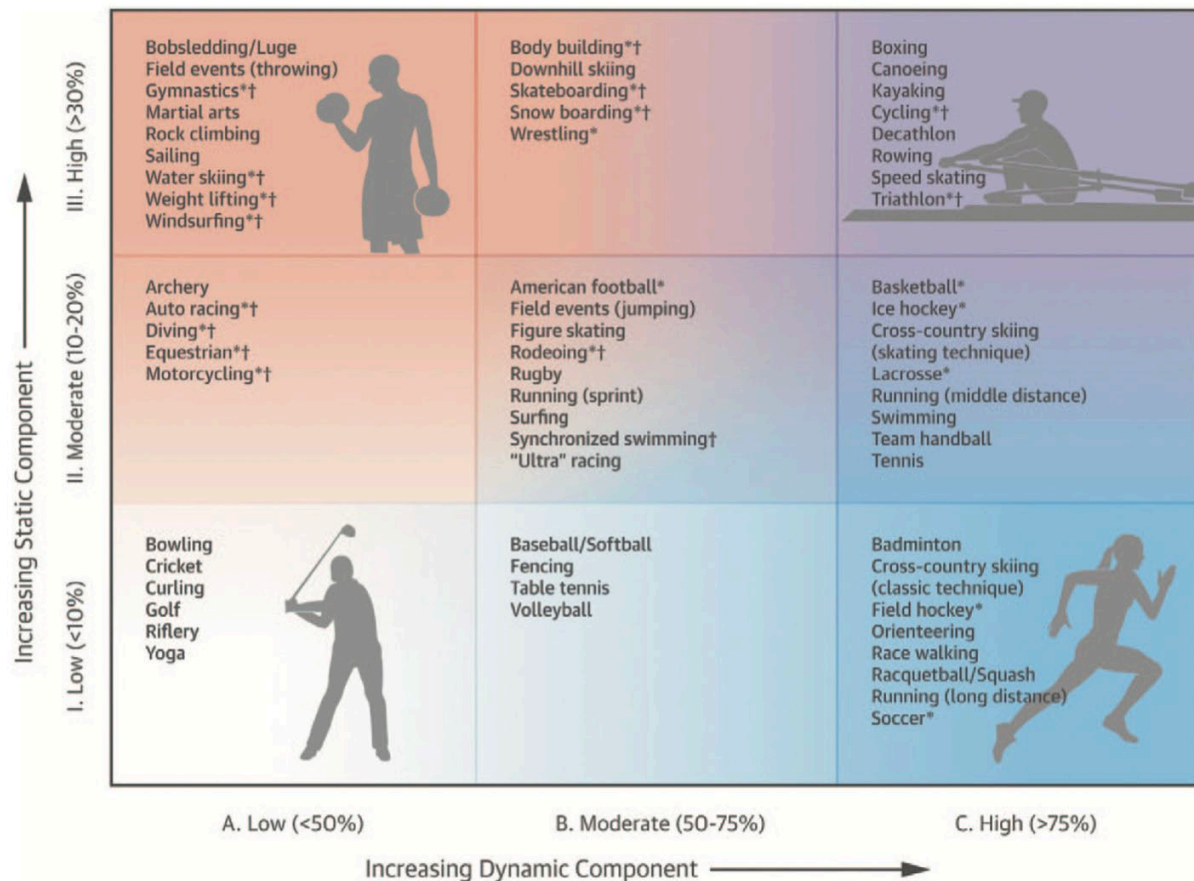
REVIEW OF RISK FACTORS

- Normal LVEF
- No ischemic heart disease
- Excellent functional capacity
- No arrhythmias
- No anticoagulation (baby aspirin)

Seems great, right?

- Athletes who have undergone mitral valve repair for MR or surgical aortic valve repair, have **no or mild** residual AR or MR & have **normal** LV systolic function **MAY** be considered for participation in sports **at discretion** of managing physician **if low likelihood of bodily contact** (classes IA, IB & IIA)
- (Class IIA; Level of Evidence C)

BOWLING, FENCING, SURFING



SHARED DECISION MAKING

2015 ACC/AHA Eligibility & Disqualification Recommendations for Competitive Athletes With Cardiovascular Abnormalities: Preamble, Principles & General Considerations Scientific statement provide construct to help guide eligibility decisions

- Guidelines were constructed specifically to be conservative
- Eligibility can be determined on case-by-case basis
- Patient must acknowledge paucity of data in specific cases & is willing to undertake the risk of participating in specific activities

SPORTS CARDIOLOGY ADVICE

RCT's to help guide return to CrossFit

- **NO!!!!**

Discussion:

- Participation is **reasonable** w/ active symptom monitoring, annual sports cardiology evaluation to re-assess risks & imaging of valve
- **Patient must acknowledge an awareness that all risks/circumstances can NOT be accounted for**
- **Avoid significant physical contact sports with prior sternotomy**

PRACTICAL APPROACH

- Cardiac rehab & monitored exercise training
 - ✓ Consider tailored HIIT
- Maximum effort testing at 3 months
 - ✓ ETT/CPET
- Assessment of LVEF +/- stress imaging (valve cases)
 - ✓ Cardiac MRI has role in myocarditis & ischemic heart disease to assess scar burden
- Graded training program to meet individual goals
- Holter monitoring w/ full exercise out of hospital for arrhythmias
- Appointment to discuss goals & to assess/discuss risks prior to returning to competition
- Return to competition
 - ✓ Usually no sooner than 6 months, preferably 1 year after major cardiac event



OBJECTIVE REVIEW

- Despite significant cardiovascular & psychosocial benefits of exercise, vigorous exercise carries a paradoxical risk of acute cardiac events
- Management of the athlete post event is predicated on:
 - ✓ Optimal medical therapy
 - ✓ Assessing risks
 - ✓ Managing residual disease
 - ✓ Marrying patient goals with acceptable risk
 - ✓ Shared decision making



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RETURN TO PLAY POST TOTAL HIP/KNEE REPLACEMENT

Dr. Jeff Chapek



OUTLINE

- **Basic science of implant fixation**
- **Similarities and differences between total hip and knee arthroplasty (THA / TKA) recovery**
- **Recovery timeline**
- **Key activities / when to return**
- **High impact activity**
- **Limitations**

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IMPLANT BASIC SCIENCE

- Whether a hip replacement (THA) or knee replacement (TKA) the goal is immediate rigid fixation
- Historically this was achieved with bone cement (PMMA) for both
- Hips were first to adopt a “press-fit” method of fixation, but knees are catching up
 - ✓ In 2018, 95% of THA were press-fit; compared to about 5-10% of TKA
 - ✓ In 2024, 25-30% of TKA were press fit...# increasing...influenced by robotic TKA

WHY IS IMMEDIATE FIXATION IMPORTANT? (IF PMMA)

Micro-motion → stress on the cement mantle → fatigue cracks → mantle failure → gross loosening (pictured)

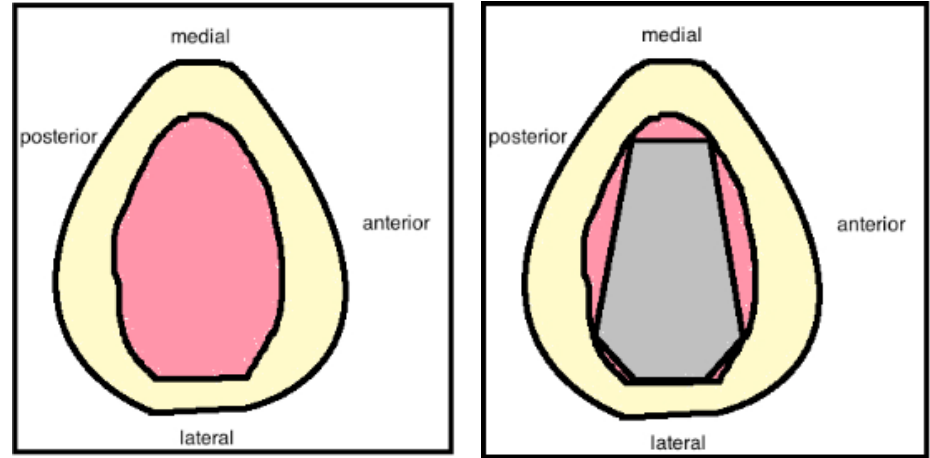


HOW TO ACHIEVE BEST INITIAL RIGID FIXATION

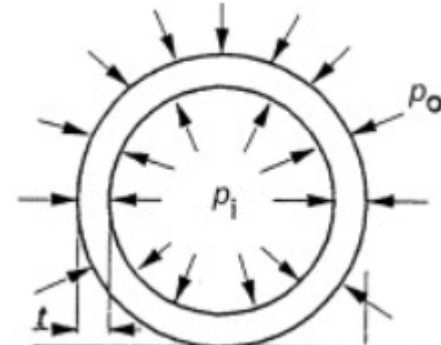
- **PMMA has the best initial fixation (compared to press-fit)**
- **Acts as grout by producing interlocking fit between surfaces**
- **Achieved by good cement technique**
 - ✓ **Cleaning and drying the bone**
 - ✓ **Mixing cement in an air vacuum to prevent bubbles**
 - ✓ **Pressurizing the cement into the bone**
 - ✓ **Placing cement on backside of components for cement-cement interface during insertion (do not want blood or fat touching back of implant)**

WHAT IS 'PRESS-FIT'?

“Square peg/ oval hole”

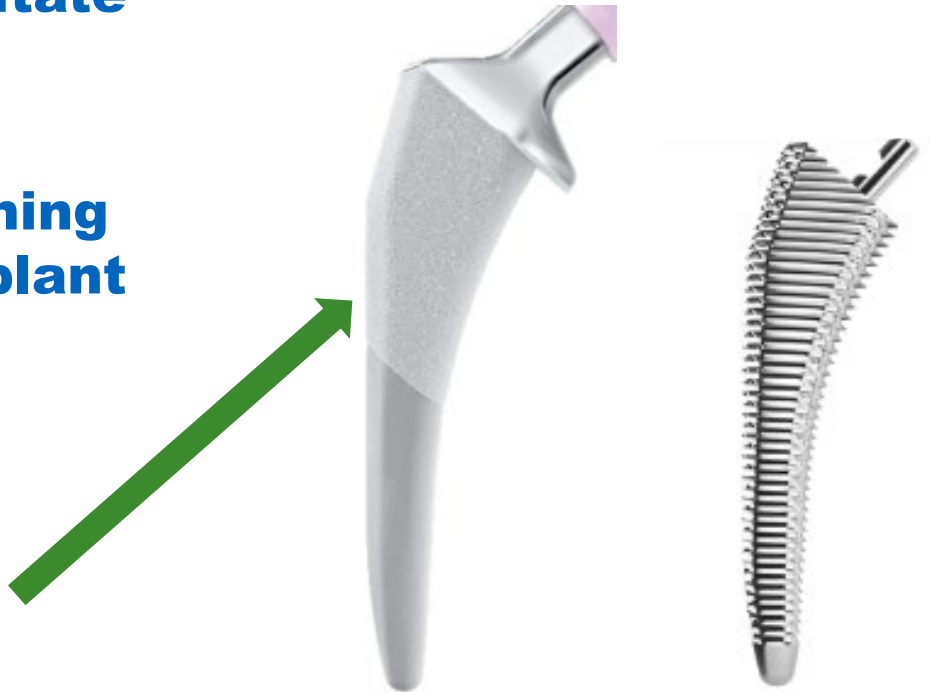


Initial fixation via hoop stresses



WHAT IS 'PRESS-FIT'?

- **Implants coated to facilitate bony ingrowth**
- **The final implant machining + coating makes the implant “bigger” than the last broach**
- **Hydroxyapatite coating**



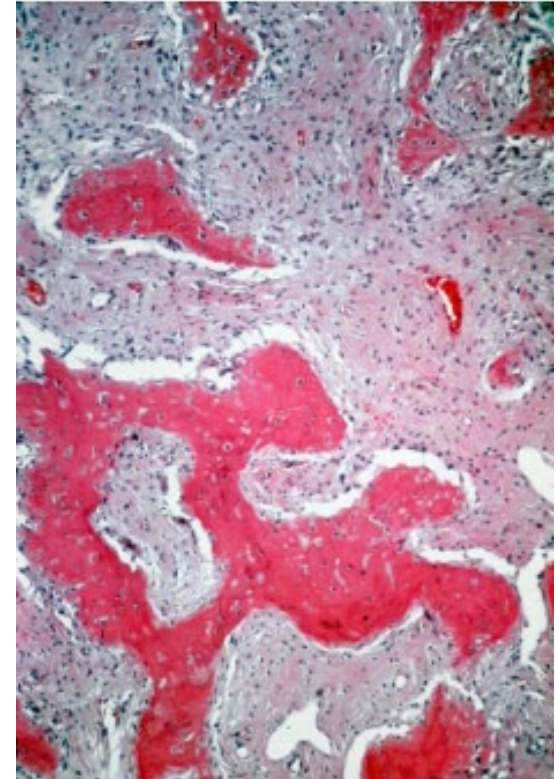
WHAT IS 'PRESS-FIT'?

- Implant has different coating based on stem location
- Bone geometry and bone type changes as you move down the femur
- Changing the surface type closer to stem tip eases insertion without compromising fixation → decreases fracture risk



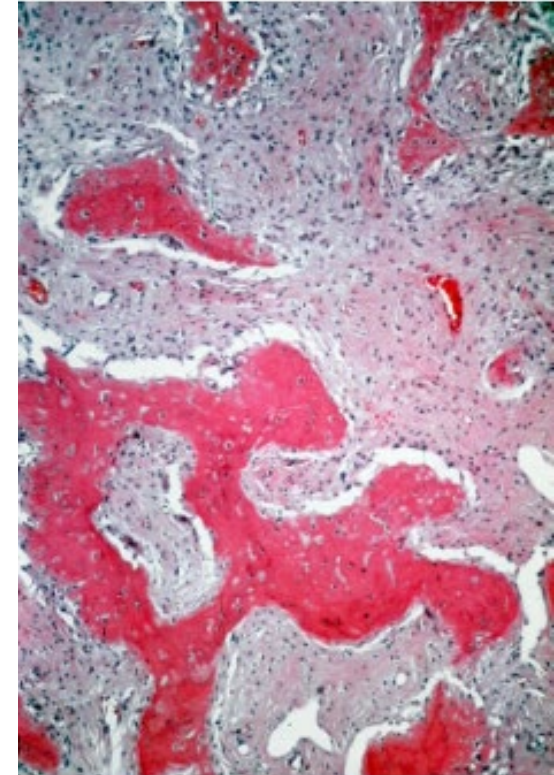
WHY IS IMMEDIATE FIXATION IMPORTANT? (IF PRESS-FIT)

- The goal is **biologic fixation** of implant to host bone
- Accomplished by **osteoblasts** (bone forming cells) migrating onto the porous implant and making bone
- Only occurs when implant has **close contact** to host bone and **minimal motion**
- If too much space or implant micro-motion → fibrous ingrowth → early loosening



WHY IS IMMEDIATE FIXATION IMPORTANT? (IF PRESS-FIT)

- Process of biologic fixation takes between 4-12 weeks to occur & strengthens **up to a year** from index procedure
- Early in recovery patients will rely entirely on components press-fit & stem geometry (including implant collar) to provide reliable “scratch fit” while biology does the work
 - ✓ **This is the reason to initially restrict high impact activity of a press-fit implant**
- PMMA is additional interface that can fail. Cemented components should **permanently** refrain from high impact activity (in my opinion)



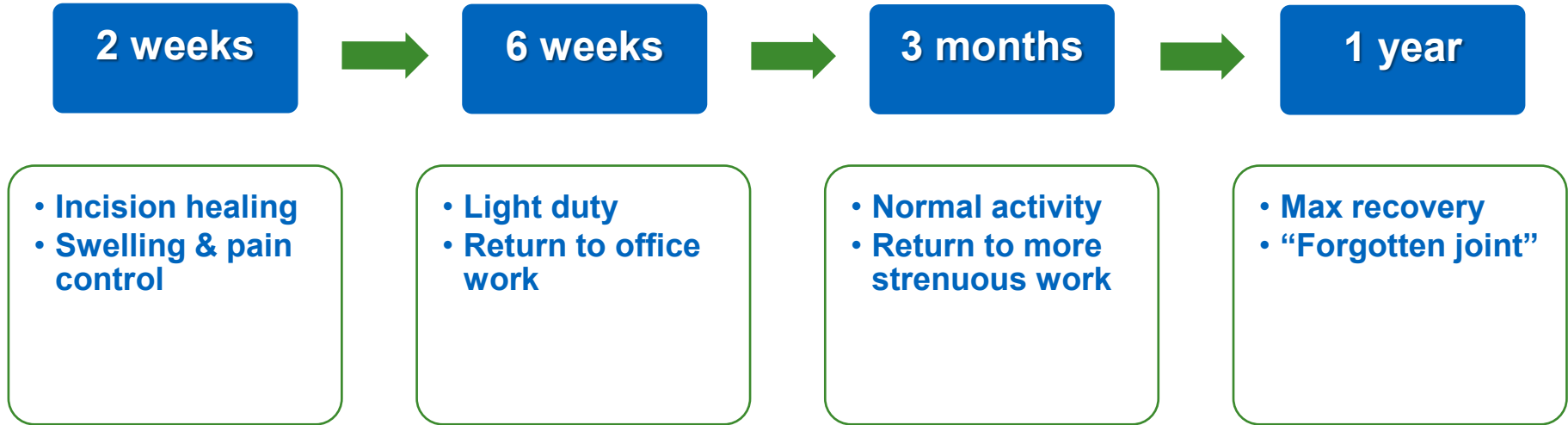
THA VERSUS TKA RECOVERY

In general, THA will rehab **slightly faster** than TKA, largely due to better pain control

Studies show recovery has large initial curve for both THA & TKA with greatest magnitude of improvement within the first 3 months

Important to remember these are **AVERAGES**, some patients recover quickly, some take up to 1 year

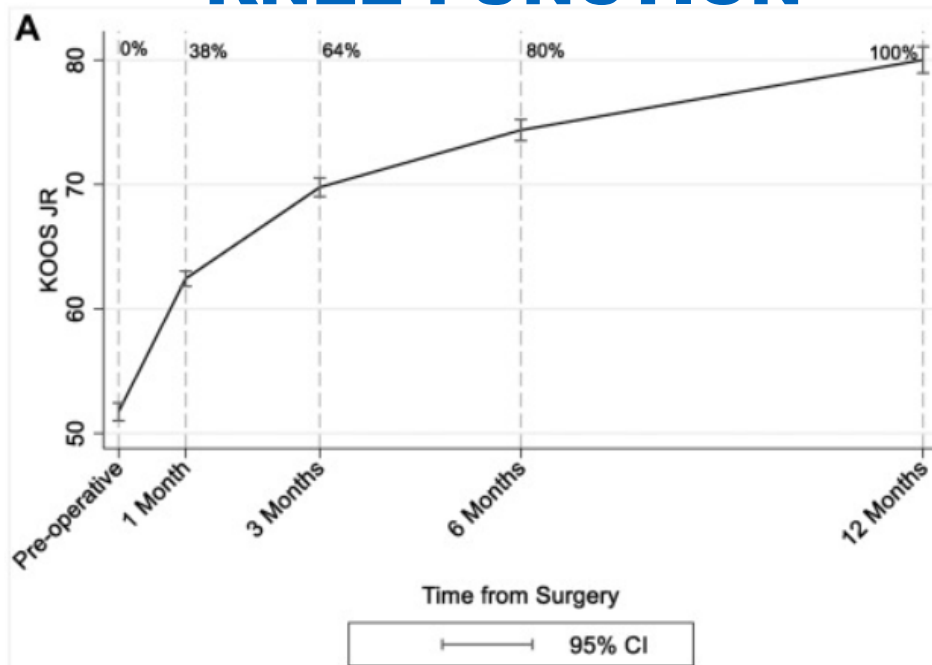
ROUGH RECOVERY TIMELINE



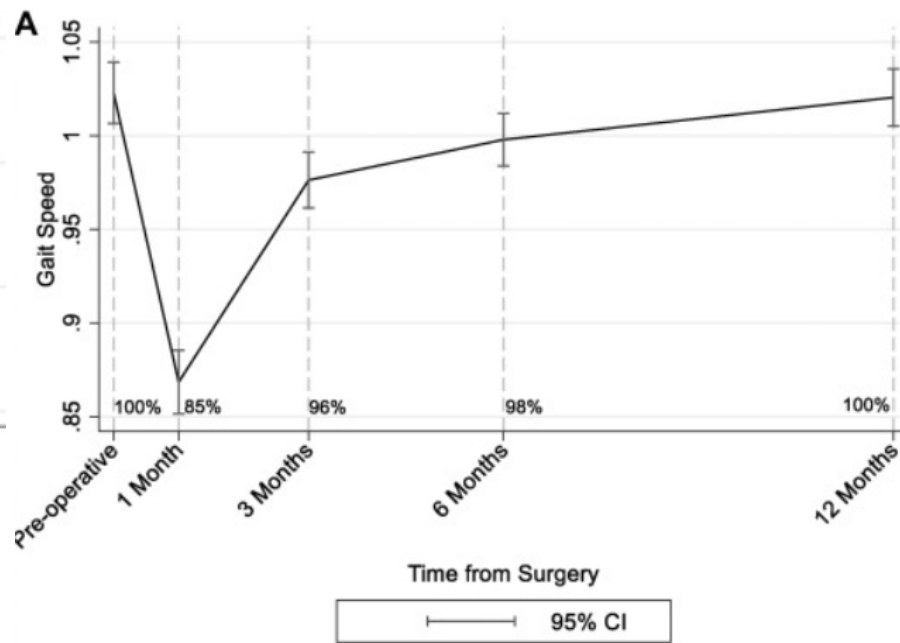
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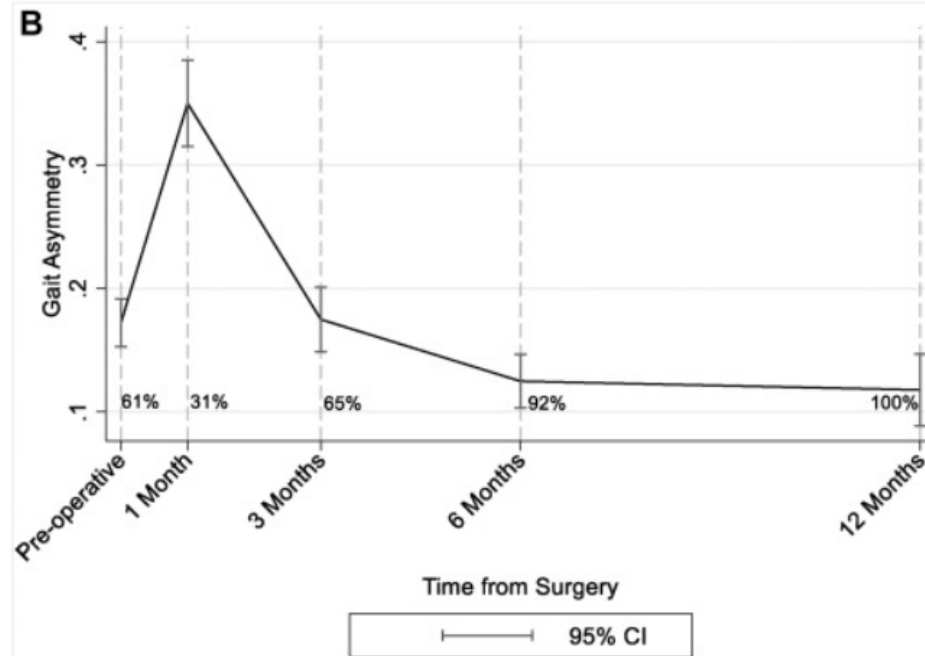
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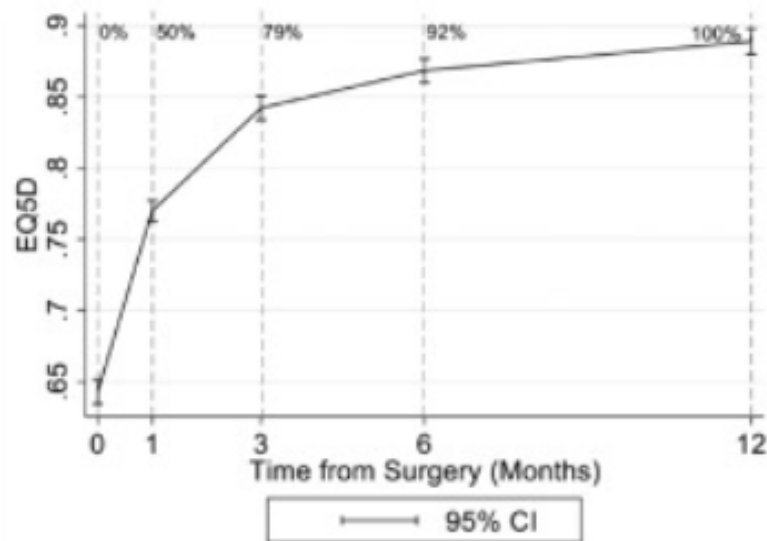
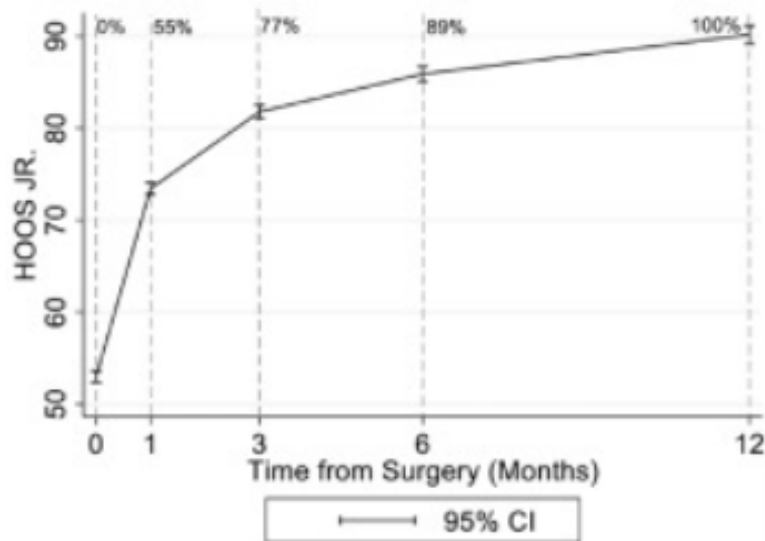
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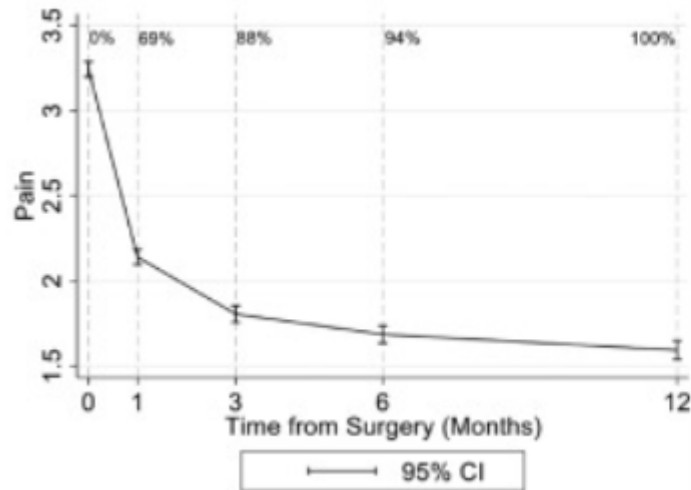
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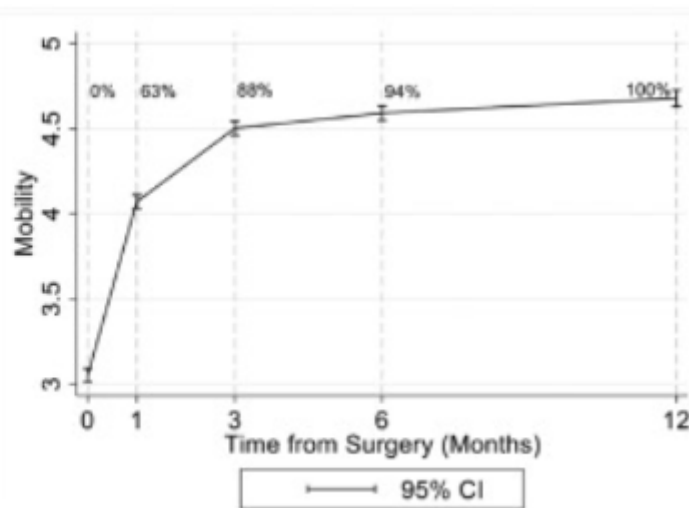
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PAIN LEVEL



MOBILITY



Activity Recommendations Following Total Hip and Knee Arthroplasty: A Survey of the American Association for Hip and Knee Surgeons

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- **Patient activity survey handed out to 657 AAHKS members who did a minimum of 50 THA/TKA per year. 139 were returned**
- **95% of respondents had no restriction on low impact activity**
- **High impact activity had more restrictions, but with considerable variability in responses**
- **THA restrictions were generally less than TKA almost certainly due to the press-fit versus cement discrepancy between THA and TKA (especially in 2007)**

Return to Cycling After Total Joint Arthroplasty

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- **Single institution study. Online survey sent - 1,029 patient surveys returned**
- **Average age of patient population was 69 years, with an average of 4.08 years from time of most recent TJA surgery**
- **94% able to return to cycling; 41.8% returned to cycling within 3 months**
- **Most cyclists were able to return to their previous level. Patients who had a revision TJA had significantly lower rates of return to cycling**
- **Return to cycling did not result in higher rates of revision**

LOW IMPACT ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS

General consensus that activities including walking (on flat or graded surface), swimming, golf, cycling (on flat surface), elliptical, and stair climbing are **safe** as early as 6 weeks

Can use above accepted activities and extrapolate them to other similar activities not listed (e.g. casual Pickleball)

WHAT ABOUT HIGH IMPACT ACTIVITY AFTER TJA IN 2025?



WHAT ABOUT HIGH IMPACT ACTIVITY AFTER TJA IN 2025?

Any activity, vocation, or sport (e.g. competitive Pickleball) with jumping or running would fall into the category of high impact activity

If press-fit components were used, after initial restriction for 6-12 months (varies by surgeon) these activities **may be safe**, although more data is needed

There is a risk of wearing the plastic spacer between implants, but with improved wear properties [of the plastic] this risk has decreased

✓ **I would still be cautious if very young and very active as the risk of wearing through a liner is possible over a longer period of time (>30 years)***

***Majority of implants used in modern TJA have not been on the market/in vivo for even 10 years let alone 20 or 30. Most of the data is extrapolated from industry-sponsored, government mandated wear simulation studies.**

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If **CEMENTED** components were utilized:

- ✓ Recommend abstaining from sustained, repetitive, high-impact activity
- ✓ Probably fine in small amounts (e.g., running from a bear...or police)

There is variability from surgeon to surgeon on postoperative restrictions. You should listen to the treating surgeon and ask them about their restrictions and reasoning behind them.

WHAT ABOUT HIGH IMPACT ACTIVITY AFTER TJA IN 2025?

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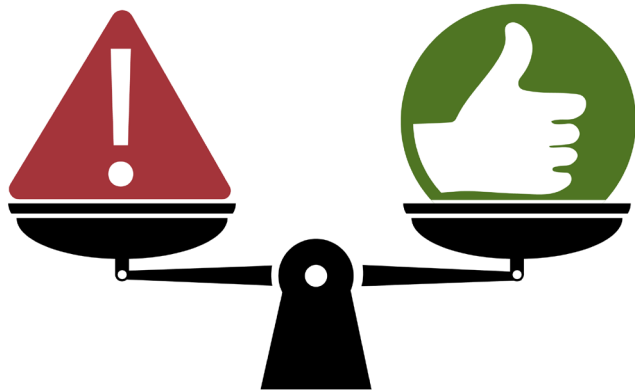
✓ Are they allowed at all?

✓ If so...when?

You should listen to the treating surgeon and ask them about their restrictions & reasoning behind them if you have questions

Managing patient mobility expectations preoperatively is the best way to guarantee compliance and happiness postoperatively

WHAT IS AT STAKE?



The (unlikely) risk of returning to activity too quickly is more surgery...

✓ Secondary to implant loosening, fracture, or component wear

Revision surgery may be more complex, with a higher risk of complications including infection

Must weigh joys of certain activity, or financial need to return to more demanding work, against the potential negative impact on implant longevity

DRIVING AFTER TJA

- 6 weeks for right sided surgery
- When you are no longer taking narcotics for left sided surgery (unless you drive with 2 feet)
- Practice braking time in a parking lot (like a teenager just learning)



RETURN TO WORK

Low impact / office job

- ✓ OK to return when off narcotic medication

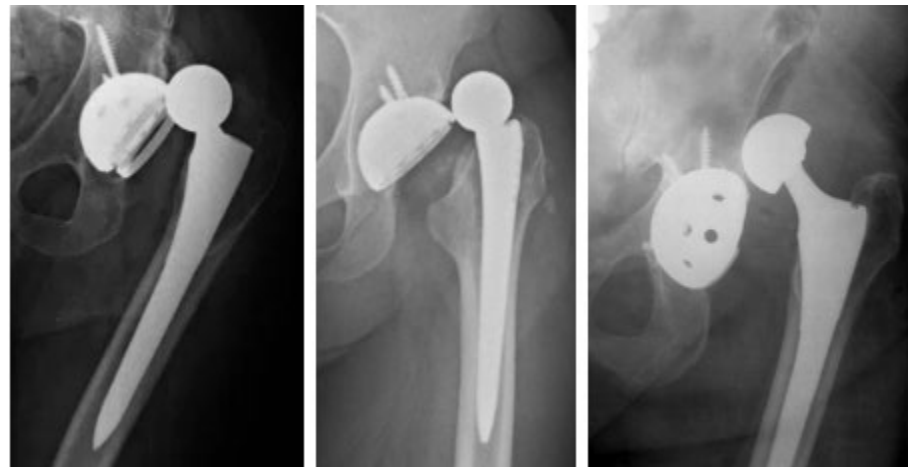
High impact work

- ✓ Would recommend light duty for minimum 3 months, preferably 6 months
- ✓ Return to full duty 6-12 months



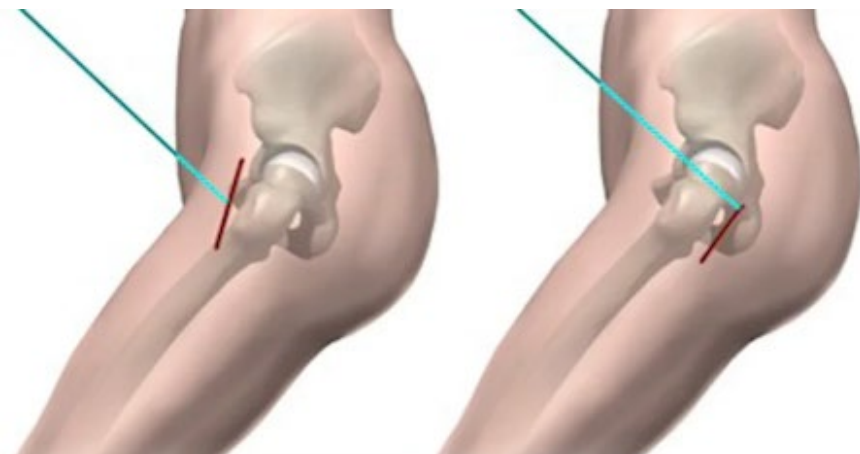
HIP STABILITY: ANOTHER PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

- **Hip instability can lead to joint dislocation**
 - ✓ **Historically 1-5% risk; 90% occur w/in month of surgery**
 - ✓ **Modern THA risk under 1% for many reasons**
 - ✓ **Still occurs – especially in Reverse THA**
- **Dislocation Treatment**
 - ✓ **1st dislocation: closed reduction**
 - ✓ **Repeat offenders often need revision surgery**
- **Best treatment is prevention through hip ROM precautions**



HIP STABILITY: ANOTHER PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

- Risk is highest early, therefore surgeons will often use precautions for the first 6-12 weeks post surgery
- The type of precautions vary based on the approach
 - ✓ Posterior precautions: avoid F(90)ADIR
 - ✓ Anterior precautions: avoid extension/external rotation past neutral
- Avoid high risk activity (e.g. yoga)
- Google AI provides a good (data-supported) summary

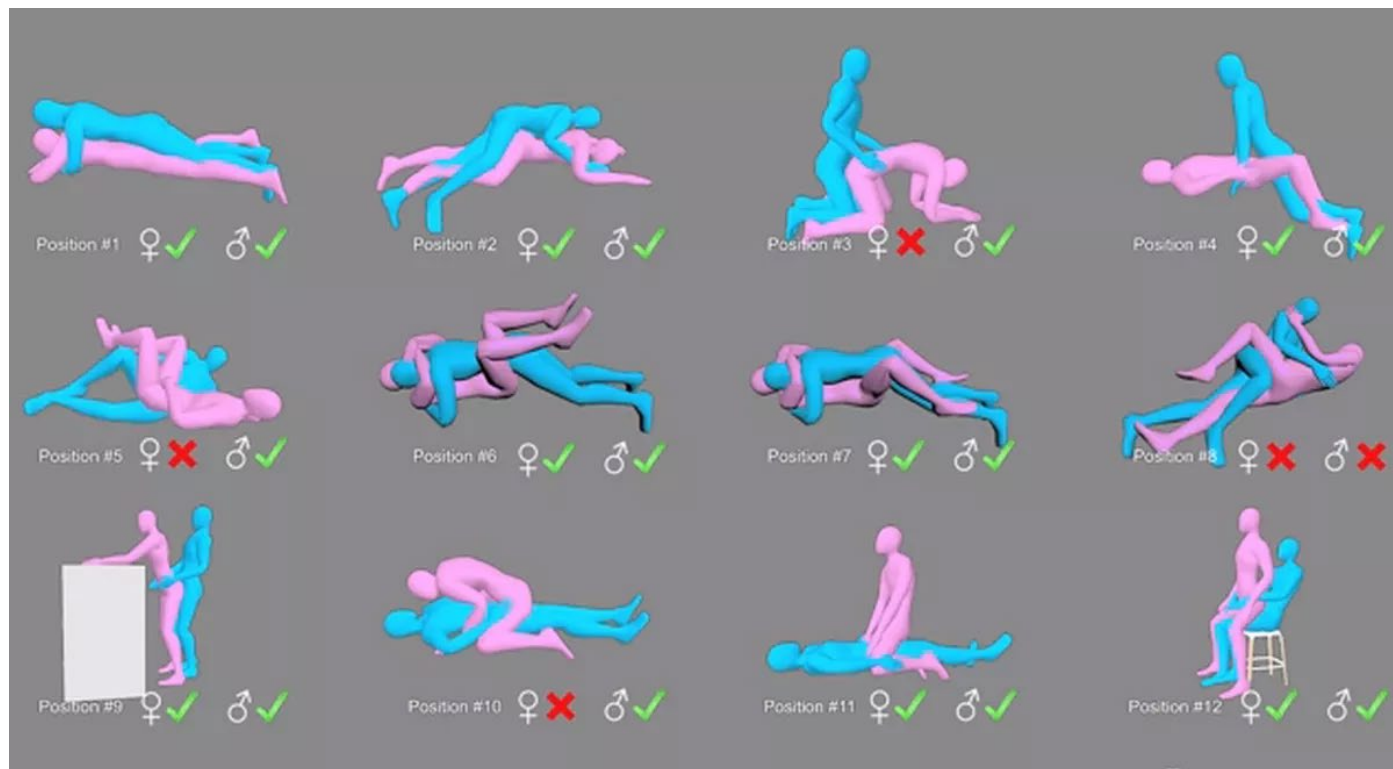


SEXUAL ACTIVITY AFTER THA

- Total hip arthroplasty (THA) can improve sexual satisfaction by reducing pain
- **Fear of dislocation** can lead to sexual difficulties following this procedure
- Landmark studies have used various methods to simulate hip implant position during sexual activity to determine both safe & unsafe positions

Sexual Activity After Total Hip Arthroplasty: A Motion Capture Study

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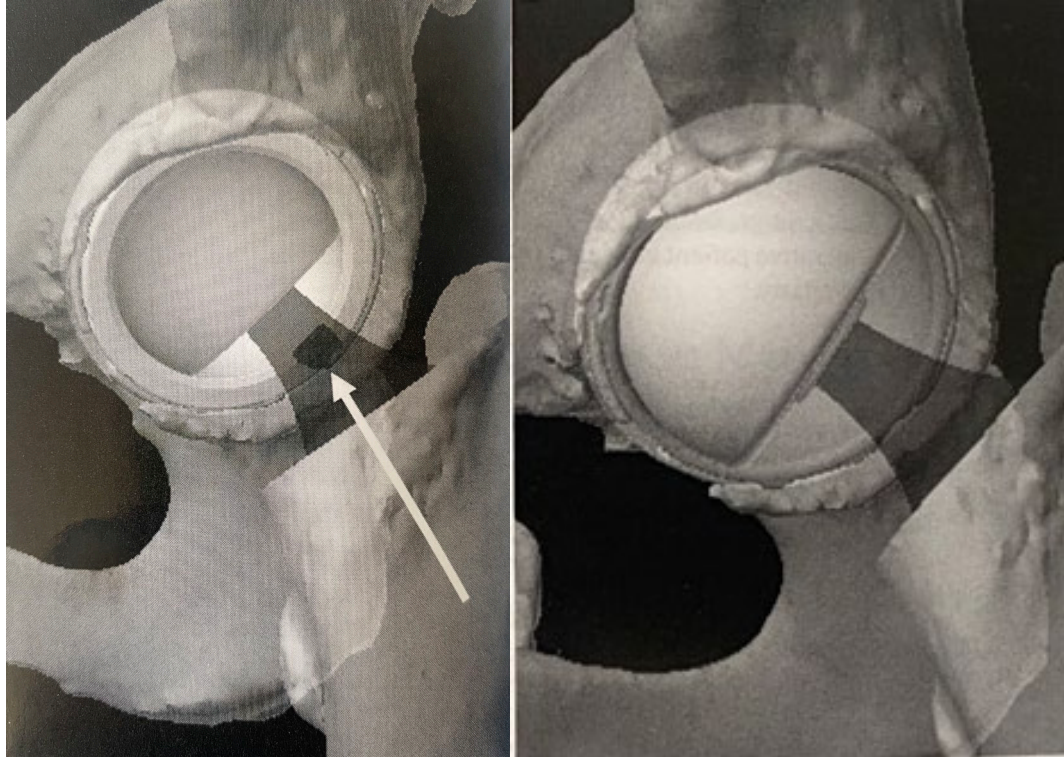
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- This study expanded on the work by Chabonnier
- Robotic THA simulations using 3-dimensional renderings from 12 patients (6 F, 6 M) who received computed tomography (CT)-based robotic THA were used to assess for prosthetic and/or bony impingement among 12 popular sex positions
- Findings: the “at risk” position for women were generally free of any impingement when subjected to CT simulations
- 2 of the 11 positions (8 and 11) for men had some implant impingement in the posterior inferior position

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