What Is Fitness?

- **Physical fitness**: ability of the body to respond to physical demands
- **Skill-related fitness**: ability to perform specific leisure or sport skills
- **Health-related fitness**: ability to perform daily living activities with vigor
Benefits of Physical Activity and Exercise

• **Physical activity**: activity that requires any type of movement

• **Exercise**: structured, planned physical activity, often used to improve fitness levels

• People who are active are healthier than those who do not exercise

• Benefits from exercise include:
  - **Physical benefits** of improved functioning of body systems
  - **Cognitive benefits** of processing information more quickly
  - **Psychological and emotional benefits** of reducing stress levels and influencing mood
  - **Molecular level benefits** of stabilizing blood glucose levels
Physical Inactivity

- Less active people are at greater risk for developing high blood pressure than active people.
- People who are inactive are more likely to develop coronary heart disease than active people.
- Physical inactivity may lead to feelings of anxiety and depression.
- Physical inactivity is associated with certain types of cancers.
- People who are overweight or obese can significantly reduce their risk for disease by being physically active.
Physical Activity

**Brain** General feeling of well-being
- Decreased depression and anxiety
- Reduced stress and tension
- Improved sleep
- Increased oxygen and nutrients to the brain

**Thyroid** Increased metabolism (aids in weight control)

**Heart** Greater volume of blood pumped to body

**Lungs** Strengthened chest muscles
- Increased depth of breathing

**Gastrointestinal** Fewer gastrointestinal disorders
- Reduced risk of colon cancer

**Kidneys** Diminished blood flow during exercise
- Increased output of hormones

**Pancreas** Improved muscle sensitivity to glucose
- Reduced risk of diabetes

**Joints** Increased joint range of motion
- Reduced pain and swelling due to arthritis

**Liver** Increased high density lipoproteins (good cholesterol)
- Lowered triglycerides

**Muscles** Increased muscle mass
- Increased strength, endurance, speed, coordination, and balance
- Increased blood circulation

**Bones** Increased bone density
- Decreased risk of osteoporosis

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General Guidelines for Physical Activity

• The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) issued guidelines for promoting and maintaining health and preventing chronic diseases

• Recommendations include:
  • Minimum of 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity on 5 days per week, or 20–25 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity 3 days a week
  • Guidelines also include recommendations for improving muscle strength and endurance
## Examples of Activities

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<th>Light</th>
<th>Moderate</th>
<th>Vigorous</th>
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<td>Canoeing</td>
<td>Cycling leisurely</td>
<td>Cycling moderately</td>
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<td>Golf with cart</td>
<td>Golf, no cart</td>
<td>Jogging 7 mph</td>
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<td>Croquet</td>
<td>Table tennis</td>
<td>Tennis singles</td>
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<td>Fishing—sitting</td>
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<td>Darts</td>
<td>Housework/gardening</td>
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<td>Playing cards</td>
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<td>Walking the dog</td>
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<td>Laundry</td>
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Components of Health-Related Fitness

• Fitness training programs can improve:
  • Cardiorespiratory fitness
  • Musculoskeletal fitness (muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility)
  • Body composition

• Overload: amount of exercise
  • Too little, your fitness level won’t improve
  • Too much, you can become susceptible to injury
Components of Health-Related Fitness

- **FITT:**
  - Frequency (number of sessions per week)
  - Intensity (level of difficulty)
  - Time (duration of each session)
  - Type (type of exercise in each session)
Cardiorespiratory Fitness

• Ability of the heart and lungs to efficiently deliver oxygen and nutrients to the body’s muscles and cells via the bloodstream

• Benefits include:
  • Increase in oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood
  • Improved extraction of oxygen from blood to muscles
  • Increase in the amount of blood the heart pumps with each heartbeat
  • Increased speed of recovery to resting heart rate
  • Decreased resting heart rate, heart rate at any work level, and blood pressure
  • Improved muscle and liver function
Cardiorespiratory Training

- Frequency: exercise at least twice, ideally three times a week; more if weight control is a primary concern
- Intensity: target heart rate (THR) zone: point at which you stress your cardiorespiratory system for optimal benefit without overdoing it
  - Heart rate reserve (HRR): difference between maximum heart rate and resting heart rate
  - Maximum heart rate formula
  - Breathing test
  - Perceived exertion test
# Target Heart Rate Formulas

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<td><strong>To find maximum heart rate:</strong></td>
<td>Subtract age from 220</td>
<td>Subtract 88% of your age from 206</td>
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<th>Example, for a 20-year-old</th>
<th>220 – 20 = <strong>200</strong></th>
<th>206 – 18 = 188 (88% of 20 = 17.6)</th>
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<td>Target low for a 20-year-old</td>
<td>200 × 0.70 = <strong>140</strong></td>
<td>188 × 0.70 = 132 (rounded)</td>
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<td>Target high for a 20-year-old</td>
<td>200 × 0.85 = <strong>170</strong></td>
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Cardiorespiratory Training

- Time: sessions should last 30 minutes on average
- Type: two types of aerobic exercise:
  - Those that require sustained intensity with little variation in heart rate response (running, rowing)
  - Those that involve stop-and-go activities (basketball, soccer, tennis)
- For maximum benefit, level of activity must be altered (duration and intensity)
  - High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT)
- Start out slowly to avoid injury, and gradually build up endurance
  - Select activities you enjoy
Muscular Fitness

• **Muscular strength** is the capacity of a muscle to exert force against resistance

• **Muscular endurance** is the capacity of a muscle to exert force repeatedly over a period of time

• Strength training is a type of exercise in which the muscles exert force against resistance
  • Free weights
  • Exercise resistance machines
Types of Muscle Work-Outs

- Isometric – Muscle Tenses, but doesn’t shorten
- Isotonic – Muscle contracts and shortens to move a load
Strength Training

• Frequency: two to three resistance training sessions a week
  • Exercise each muscle group during a session
• To develop strength, exercise at a higher intensity for a shorter duration
• To develop endurance, exercise at a lower intensity for a longer duration
  • Measured in repetitions
Gender Differences in Muscle Development

- Muscle mass growth is influenced by the hormone testosterone
- Women produce testosterone at about 10 percent of the levels seen in men
  - Women’s increase in muscle mass is less than that achieved by men
- Also wide range of individual variability
  - **Somatotype**: body type
    - *Mesomorphic*: stocky, muscular; higher levels of testosterone than other types
    - *Ectomorphic*: tall, thin
    - *Endomorphic*: short, fat
Muscular Fitness and Training

• *Muscular power*: amount of work performed by muscles in a given period of time
• Train for muscular power by performing any exercise faster
• *Plyometrics*: program that trains muscles to reach maximum force in shortest period of time
  • Crouching and jumping
• *Core-strength training*: strength training that conditions the body torso from the neck to the lower back
  • *Pilates*
Muscular Fitness and Training

• Many exercise programs use *unstable surfaces* such as balance boards, tilt disks, trampolines
  • Forces you to make sudden, inconsistent motions; produces co-contraction of different muscles
    • *Resistance cords*
    • *Stability balls*
  • Bear in mind increased risk of injury
Drugs and Dietary Supplements

- Some people attempt muscle gain through drugs and supplements; most are expensive and ineffective, some are dangerous, and some are illegal.
## Table 6.3  
Selected Performance-Enhancing Drugs and Dietary Supplements and Their Effects

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<th>Substance or Dietary Supplement</th>
<th>Effects</th>
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<td>Anabolic steroid, testosterone</td>
<td>Promotes muscle growth by improving ability of muscle to respond to training and to recover.</td>
<td>Masculinization of females; feminization of males; acne; mood swings; sexual dysfunction.</td>
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<td>Human growth hormone</td>
<td>Promotes muscle growth.</td>
<td>Widened jawline and nose, protruding eyebrows, buck teeth; increased risk of high blood pressure, congestive heart failure.</td>
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<td>Ephedrine</td>
<td>Boosts energy, promotes weight loss (stimulates metabolism).</td>
<td>High blood pressure; irregular heartbeat; increased risk of stroke and heart attack.</td>
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<td>Androstenedione (Andro)</td>
<td>Promotes muscle growth.</td>
<td>Decreased good cholesterol (HDL); increased levels of estrogen, breast enlargement in men; increased risk of pancreatic cancer; may significantly increase testosterone levels in women (little known about Andro effects in women).</td>
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<td>Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA)</td>
<td>May promote muscle growth.</td>
<td>Body hair growth; liver enlargement; aggressive behavior; long-term health effects not known.</td>
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<td>Creatine monohydrate</td>
<td>May increase performance in brief high-intensity exercises; promotes increased body mass when used with resistance training.</td>
<td>Diarrhea; dehydration and muscle cramping; muscle tearing; long-term health effects not known.</td>
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<td>Chromium picolinate</td>
<td>May build muscle tissue, facilitate burning of fat, and boost energy.</td>
<td>Chromium buildup with large doses and possible liver damage and other health problems; long-term health effects not known.</td>
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Strength Training

• Guidelines for strength training:
  • Warm up
  • Do not hold your breath or hyperventilate
  • Hold weights close to your body, and do not arch your back
  • Make sure equipment pins and collars are correctly in place
  • Lift weights with a slow and steady cadence
  • Use a spotter when using free weights
  • Allow 48 hours between training sessions using the same muscle groups
Flexibility

- Ability of joints to move through the full range of motion
  - Maintains posture and balance
  - Makes movement easier and more fluid
  - Prevents low back pain and injuries
- Much of the loss of flexibility that results from aging can be reduced by stretching programs
Flexibility

• Four types of stretching programs:
  • *Static stretching*: stretching until you feel tightness and holding stretch for 30-60 seconds
  • *Passive stretching*: partner applies pressure, producing a stretch beyond what you could do on your own
  • *Ballistic stretching*: stretching the muscle by bouncing rapidly; recommended for experienced athletes only
  • *Proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation*: therapeutic exercise causing a stretch reflex in muscles
Flexibility

• ACSM recommends stretching for all the major joints
  • Neck, shoulders, upper back and trunk, hips, knees, ankles
  • 2 to 3 days a week or more
  • To a point of mild discomfort (not pain), hold for 15 to 60 seconds; 4 or more repetitions

• Greatest improvement in flexibility is seen if stretching done after other exercise
Body Composition

• Relative amounts of fat and fat-free mass in the body
  • Recommended proportion = percent body fat
• The relative amount of body fat has an impact on overall health and fitness; too much can have the following effects:
  • Overweight and obesity
  • Heart disease
  • Diabetes
  • Different forms of cancer
• Increased physical activity can help you control body weight, trim body fat, and build muscle tissue
## Table 6.4: Summary of Physical Activity Recommendations for Adults

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<th>Recommendation</th>
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<td>Aerobic (endurance) activity</td>
<td>150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week. OR 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity per week. OR A combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity physical activity that meets the recommendation.</td>
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<td>Muscle-strengthening activity</td>
<td>8 to 10 exercises that stress the major muscle groups on 2 or more nonconsecutive days per week. Do two to four sets of 8 to 12 repetitions for each exercise using sufficient resistance to fatigue the muscles.</td>
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<td>Flexibility</td>
<td>Stretching exercise for all major joints, at least 2 to 3 days per week. Stretch to the point of tension, hold for 10 to 30 seconds, repeating 2 to 4 times, to accumulate 60 seconds per stretch.</td>
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<td>Weight management</td>
<td>To prevent unhealthy weight gain, 150 to 300 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity per week. For substantial weight loss or to sustain weight loss, 300 minutes or more of moderate- to vigorous-intensity exercise a week.</td>
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Making Daily Activities More Active

• Walking: 10,000 steps per day controls weight
  • Inactive people take 2,000 to 4,000 steps per day
• Stairs: excellent for improving leg strength, balance, and fitness
  • Twice as taxing to heart and lungs as walking
• Exergaming: can track calories burned and progress over time
  • Comparable to moderate-intensity walking
  • Should not be considered a substitute for active outdoor play and physical activity
Health and Safety Precautions

• Begin with proper warm-up and cool-down activities
• Recognize forms of fatigue and overexertion
• Know how to treat soft tissue injuries by using the acronym, R-I-C-E
  • Rest
  • Ice
  • Compression
  • Elevation
Effects of Heat and Cold on Exercise and Physical Activity

• How to adjust for environmental conditions that affect physical activity:
  • Heat: wet head or body with cold water, take in extra fluids before activity
  • Cold: dress in several thin layers, take in extra fluids before activity
# Heat-Related Disorders

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<th>Heat Disorder</th>
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<td>Heat cramps</td>
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<td>Muscle cramps</td>
<td>Rest in cool environment; drink fluids; ingest salty food and drinks; get medical treatment if severe.</td>
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<td>Heat exhaustion</td>
<td>Excessive loss of electrolytes in sweat; inadequate salt and/or fluid intake</td>
<td>Fatigue; nausea; dizziness; cool, pale skin; sweating; elevated temperature</td>
<td>Rest in cool environment; drink cool fluids; cool body with water; get medical treatment if severe.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Heat stroke</td>
<td>Excessive body temperature</td>
<td>Headache; vomiting; hot, flushed skin (dry or sweaty); elevated temperature; disorientation; unconsciousness</td>
<td>Cool body with ice or cold water; give cool drinks with sugar if conscious; get medical help immediately.</td>
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Exercise for People with Disabilities

• Importance of physical activity for people with disabilities
  • Counteract detrimental effects of bed rest and sedentary living patterns
  • Maintain optimal functioning of body organs or systems
Class Discussion

Should Insurers and Employers Reward Healthy Behaviors and Punish Bad Ones?
Physical Activity for Life

• Several key factors help people make physical activity a lifetime behavior

• Make a commitment to change
  • Assess yourself
  • Set achievable and sustainable goals
  • Maintain lifestyle

• Use social and community support
Wrap - UP