

Goals

- Develop an understanding of normal aging physiology
- Incorporate aerobic and resistance exercise into treatment and prevention plans of the elderly
- Appropriate pre-exercise assessment

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MARINE CORPS MARATHON



Years Ahead of the Competition For Many Participants, District's 26.2-Mile Trek Never Gets Old

Still Running



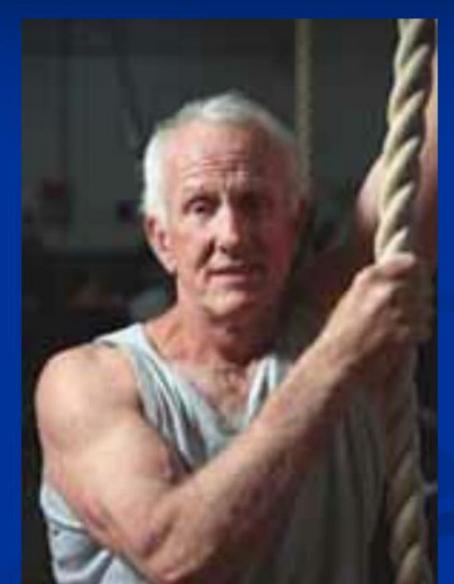
The Marine Corps Marathon,

Exercise and aging physiology



Physiologic changes with aging (Board Questions)

- Decreased
 - Muscle mass
 - Muscle strength
 - Muscle power
 - Muscle endurance
 - Muscle contraction velocity
 - Muscle mitochondrial function
 - Muscle oxidative enzyme capacity

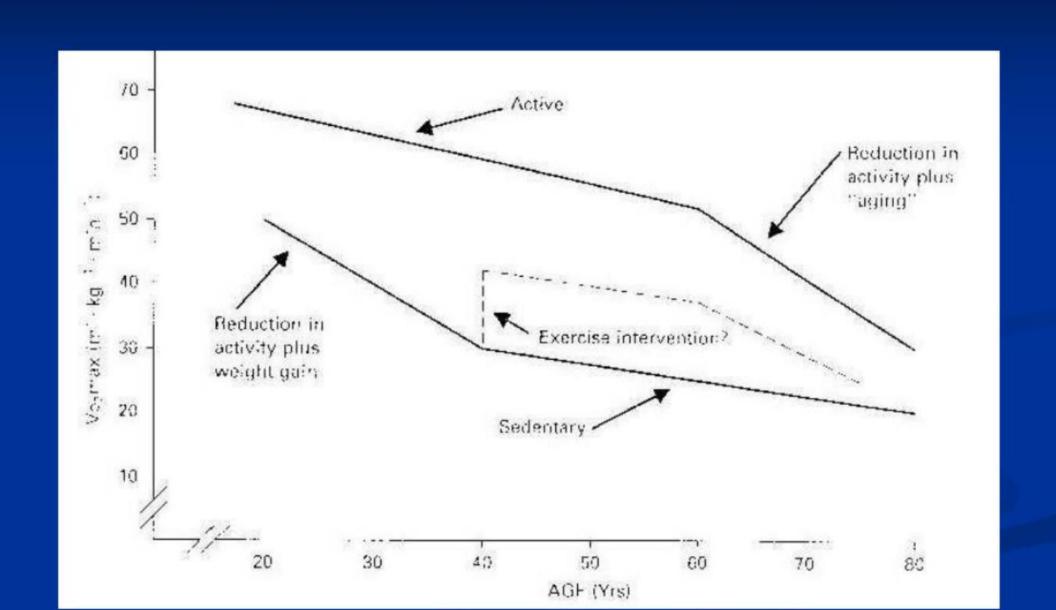


Physiologic changes with aging (Board Questions)

- Decreased
 - Maximal and submaximal aerobic capacity
 - Cardiac contractility
 - Maximal heart rate
 - Stroke volume and cardiac output
 - Nerve conduction velocity
 - Balance

- Decreased
 - Proprioception
 - Gait velocity
 - Gait stability
 - Insulin sensitivity
 - Glucose tolerance
 - Immune function
 - Bone mass/strength/density
 - Collagen cross-linkage, thinning cartilage, tissue elasticity

Exercise and VO2 Max



Use It or Lose It

- Sedentary people lose large amounts of muscle mass (20-40%)
- 6% per decade loss of Lean Body Mass (LBM)
- Aerobic activity not sufficient to stop this loss
- Only resistance training can overcome this loss of mass and strength
- Balance and flexibility training contributes to exercise capacity

What is exercise?

- Lifestyle choices
- Organized sports
- Unstructured play
- Household and Occupational tasks



Increased Muscle Mass

- Endurance training emphasis
 - Walking isn't enough
- Progressive resistance training
 - DM prevention?
 - Dependency prevention?
 - Falls and fractures
 - Disuse
 - Sarcopenia
 - Frailty

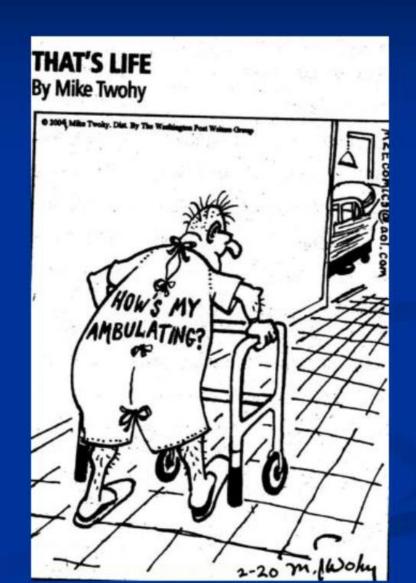


Burning Fat

- Decreases in total body adipose tissue
 - Aerobic and resistive training
 - Energy restricted diets and/or high volume exercise (5-7 hours/week)
 - Visceral fat selectively mobilized

Geriatric Disease and Epidemiology:

- Top 10 Chronic Conditions (1989)
 - Arthritis
 - Hypertension
 - Hearing Impairment
 - Heart Disease
 - Cataracts
 - Orthopedic Impairment
 - Chronic sinusitis
 - Diabetes
 - Visual Impairment
 - Varicose Veins



Exercise and prevention



Common Chronic Diseases

- Genetic
- Environmental factors
- Most chronic illness related to behavior and patterns of physical activity
 - Exceptions: Parkinson's, degenerative neurologic diseases
 - Exercise may be protective with dementia

Diabetes and Osteoporosis

- Insulin Resistance
 - Improves insulin sensitivity
 - Detraining may reduce exercise effect
 - Primary prevention demonstrated
- Osteoporosis prevention and treatment
 - Stabilization or increase in bone density in pre- and postmenopausal women with resistive or weight bearing exercise
 - 1-2% per year difference from controls

Hypertension

- Most trials cross sectional and cohort
- Lower pressures in active individuals
 - 5-10 mmHg
 - Type and intensity
- Greater training effect in those with mild to moderate hypertension
 - 6-7 mmHg drop in systolic and diastolic pressure
 - Effect present in low-to-moderate exercise

Arthritis

- Improved functional status
- Faster gait
- Lower depression
- Less pain
- Less medication use
- Strength and endurance training benefit

Cancer

- Potential protective benefits with
 - Breast Cancer
 - Colon Cancer

Contraindications

- Relative
 - Acute illness
 - Undiagnosed chest pain
 - Uncontrolled diabetes
 - Uncontrolled hypertension
 - Uncontrolled asthma
 - Uncontrolled CHF
 - Musculoskeletal problems
 - Weight loss and falls

- Absolute
 - Inoperable Aortic Aneurysm
 - Cerebral aneurysm
 - Malignant ventricular arrhythmia
 - Critical aortic stenosis
 - End-stage CHF
 - Terminal illness
 - Behavioral problems

ACSM guidelines for healthy aerobic activity

- Exercise 3-5 days each week
- Warm up 5-10 minutes before aerobic activity
- Maintain intensity for 30-45 minutes
- Gradually decrease intensity of workout, then stretch to cool down during last 5-10 minutes
- If weight loss is goal, 30 minutes five days a week

