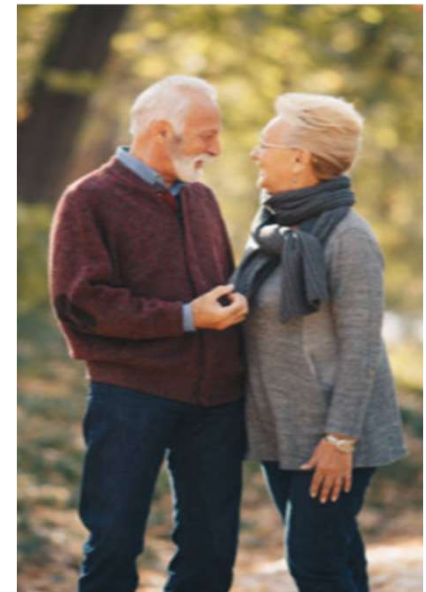
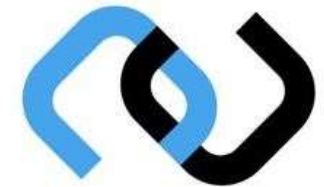
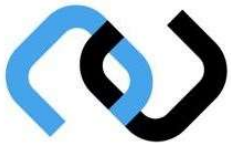

The Longevity Paradox: How Fitness Will Benefit Us as We Age.

*Exploring fitness benefits for lifespan and wellness. A
continuing education program through Med Fit Network*



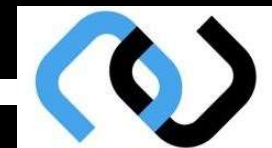
Agenda Highlights

- **Understanding the Longevity Paradox**
 - How We Got Started?
- **The Science of Fitness and Aging**
 - Biology and cellular health
- **Physical Fitness as a Protective Factor**
 - Is strength training the fountain of youth?
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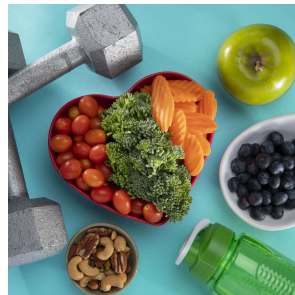


Frank Zane – American Bodybuilder – Age 83

Understanding the Longevity Paradox



Defining the Longevity Paradox in Modern Society



Longevity Paradox Concept

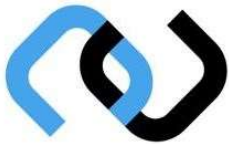
The Longevity Paradox shows longer lifespans do not always equate to healthier lives in modern society. Medicine keeps people alive – but not well. Genetics does play a role in how long you live. Certain areas around the world have an advantage regarding their life span. However – in the US, men die earlier than women – due to body size, riskier lifestyles, more heart attacks, and shorter telomeres

Chronic Disease Increase

Chronic diseases rise despite longer lifespans, highlighting health challenges faced by aging populations. Over 50% of American society has diabetes or pre-diabetes. More than 2/3 of adults are overweight or obese

Importance of Lifestyle Choices

Proactive lifestyle choices are crucial to ensure added years are healthy and disease-free. Nutrition and exercise will play an ever-greater role in longevity as they are applied to more types of medical conditions, and body types.



Where Are We in the Longevity Process?



- Functional medicine and the quest for health over 60 are both on the rise
- Concierge medicine is tending to the needs of those who can afford it
- Longevity centers are popping up all over the country
- Blood testing is now looking at markers of longevity vs. just cardiovascular disease
- Health clubs are looking into developing longevity programs

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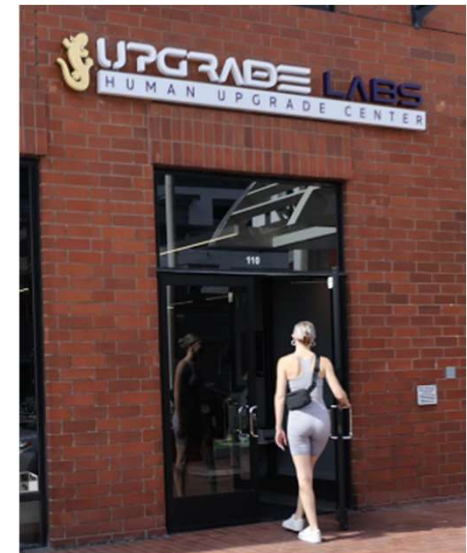
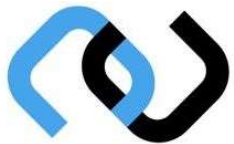


 **UPGRADE LABS**



How did this Longevity Process start?

- **Jack La Lanne** – live longer and better
 - 1930s
 - TV show starting in 1954 through 1983
- The **Blue Zones** – Dan Buettner's travels
 - 2000s
- **Upgrade Labs** and Cerulean Wellness
 - Early 2010-2015





Common Misconceptions About Aging and Lifespan

Misconceptions About Aging

Aging is often mistakenly seen as an unavoidable decline leading to disease and disability. This is based on a medical model of treating disease.

Factors Influencing Aging

Genetics, environment, and lifestyle choices significantly impact the aging process and lifespan. However – genetics plays much less of a role than we are led to believe.

Role of Fitness in Aging

Regular fitness and healthy habits can greatly improve quality of life and aging outcomes.



Key Factors Influencing Longevity



Epigenetics and Longevity

Epigenetics play a crucial role in determining individual lifespan and susceptibility to diseases. It takes into account both biology and the environment in the promotion of health and disease reduction.

Healthy Diet

A balanced diet rich in nutrients supports overall health and promotes longevity. Although there are many different thoughts on a healthy diet (Mediterranean, carnivore, vegan, ketogenic, etc.) – they all play a role in helping to reduce reliance on fast foods, alcohol, etc.

Stress Management

Managing stress effectively reduces health risks and supports longer life expectancy. What type of management you do is based on your needs.

Social Connections and Fitness

Strong social ties and regular physical activity contribute to increased longevity.



How Blood Labs will Change Fitness

- Blood labs look at metabolic markers for health
- Labs have historically been done in clinics, blood draw labs, or hospitals – at an expensive price tag
- Many companies offer labs as saliva testing, urine analysis, stool samples, and soon – using sebaceous oil wipes.
- These labs may be done in health clubs, and mailed to the lab for analysis – at a much lower price
- H.S.A. dollars can pay for many types of blood labs

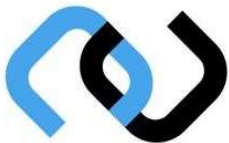


Types of Precision Wellness Therapies

- **Hocatt** – uses a combination of Ozone, PEMF, and red-light therapy for detox and healing



Nano-Vi– cellular enhancement and reversing cell damage

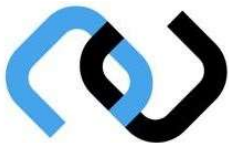


Types of Precision Wellness Therapies

- **PEMF** – Pulsed Electro Magnetic Therapy. Use of magnetic fields to reduce pain, increase energy, and improve circulation



- **Compression Sleeves** – use of pressure to enhance venous return to lower and upper body. Enhances circulation and lymphatic flow.



Types of Precision Wellness Therapies



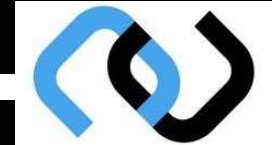
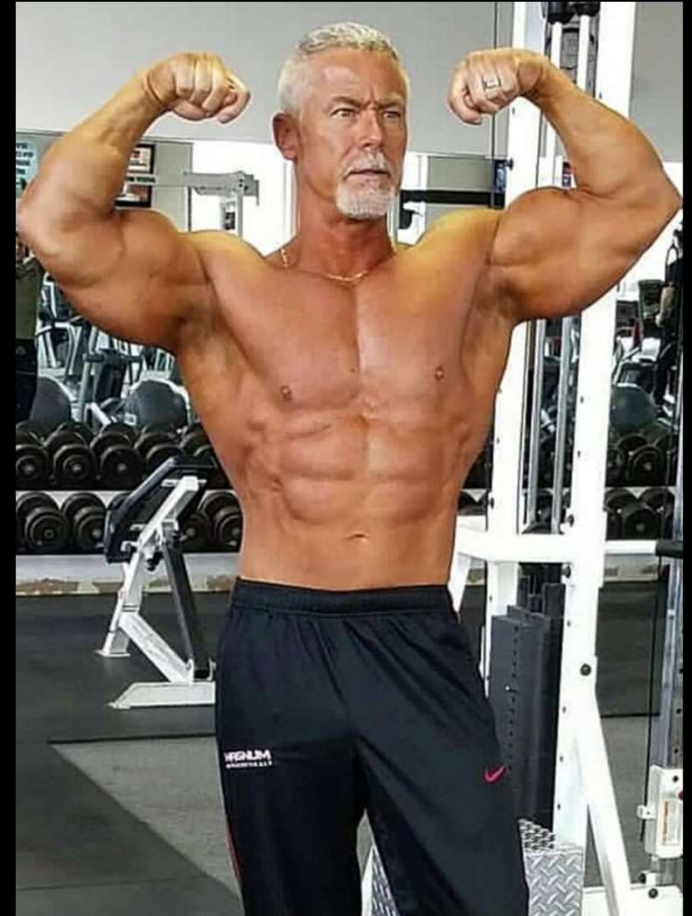
- **Red Light Therapy** – use of light spectrum to heal skin disorders and improve blood flow.

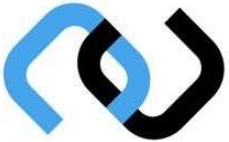
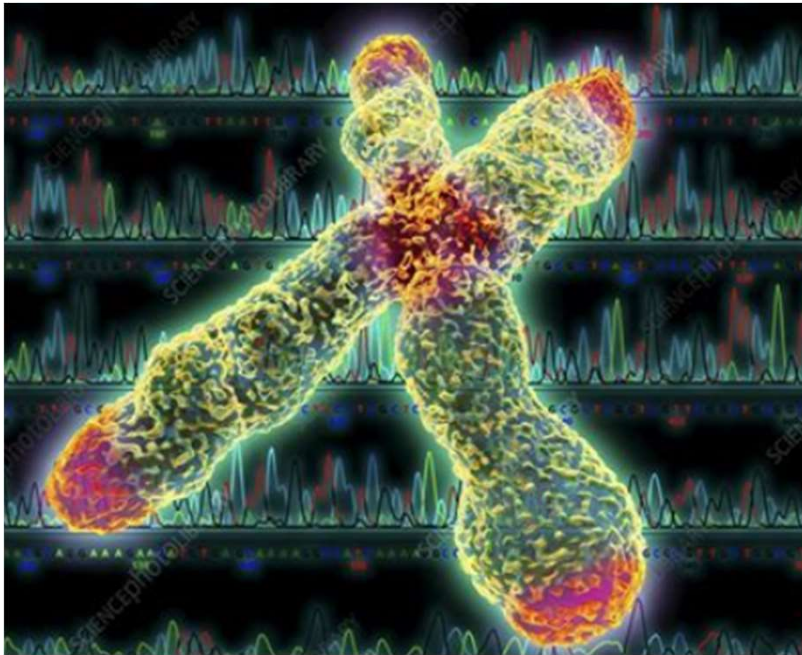


- **Cryotherapy** – is widely used to heal soft tissue injuries, such as sprains. It also reduces inflammation and helps with recovery after exercise



The Science of Fitness and Aging





How Regular Exercise Impacts Cellular Aging

Reduction of Oxidative Stress

Exercise lowers oxidative stress, protecting cells from damage and slowing cellular aging processes.

Enhanced DNA Repair

Physical activity boosts DNA repair mechanisms, helping maintain genetic stability in aging cells.

Maintenance of Telomere Length

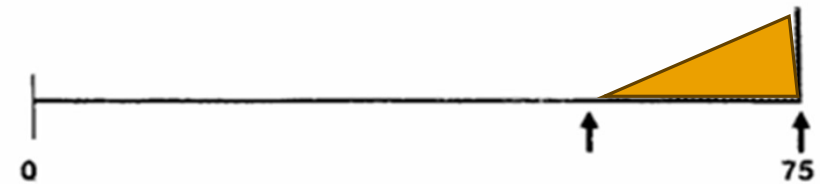
Exercise helps preserve telomere length, supporting healthy cell division and longevity. Can you reverse the shortening of Telomeres? Dr. John Lewis

The Compression of Morbidity

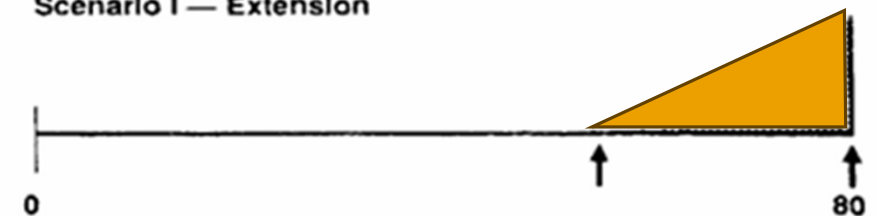


- *Health Promotion and the Compression of Morbidity. The Lancet. March 4, 1989 – James Fries, Lawrence Green.*
- The model states that with a current age span of 75 years, people may live 10 of those years with medical infirmity. If medicine extends life span to 80 years – it may add an additional five years of disease.
- However – the addition of health activities may extend life span – but reduce time of infirmity to a much shorter time = healthier life

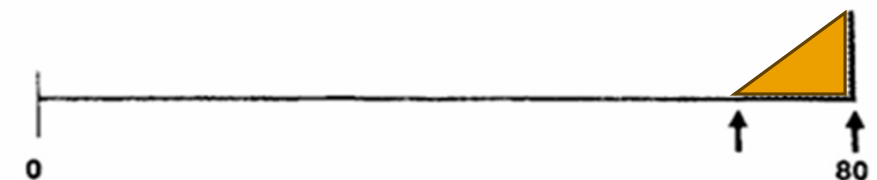
Hypothetical Present Morbidity



Scenario I — Extension



Scenario II — Compression



Role of Different Types of Fitness (Aerobic, Strength, Flexibility)

Aerobic Exercise Benefits

Aerobic exercise enhances cardiovascular health and supports endurance for daily activities. Moderate activity may be best for health improvement without increased risk of injury

Strength Training Importance

Strength training helps maintain muscle mass and supports physical strength as we age. It may be the BEST form of regular activity. Threshold training (around 75% maximum) may cause the greatest gains.

Flexibility Workouts

Flexibility exercises improve joint mobility and reduce injury risk during movement. This is critical for persons over 50 years of age – stretch every day.



Research Evidence Linking Fitness with Extended Longevity

Lower Mortality Rates

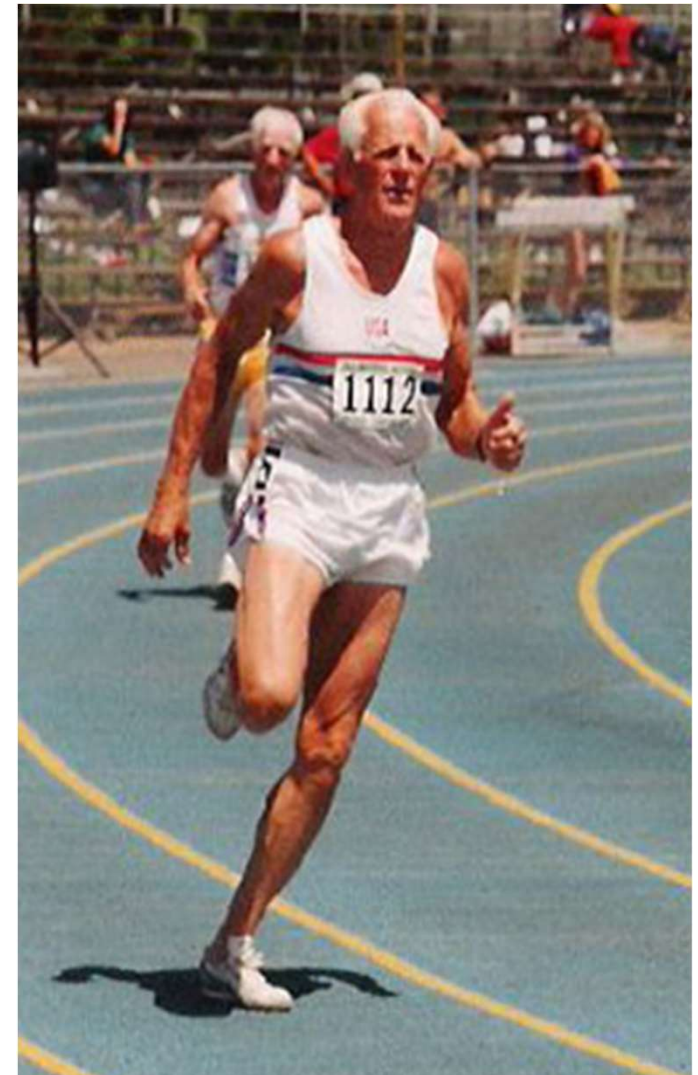
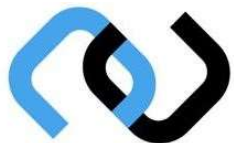
Physically active individuals experience significantly lower mortality rates compared to inactive people.

Reduced Chronic Disease

Regular fitness reduces the risk and incidence of chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes.

Longer Life Expectancy

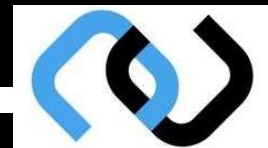
Consistent physical activity is linked with extended life expectancy and improved quality of life.



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Physical Fitness as a Protective Factor



Wisdom of Dr. Gabrielle Lyon

- Founder – **Muscle Centric Medicine**
- Years of experience in strength training
- Uses **muscle as the cornerstone** for circulatory, hormone, and biomechanical health
- Strength training highly correlates to **healthier aging process**
- **Women need strength training** as much (or more) than men
- Hormone balance, peptides, proper protein intake, and wellness all **key to longevity**



Reducing Risk of Chronic Diseases Through Fitness

Lowering Heart Disease Risk

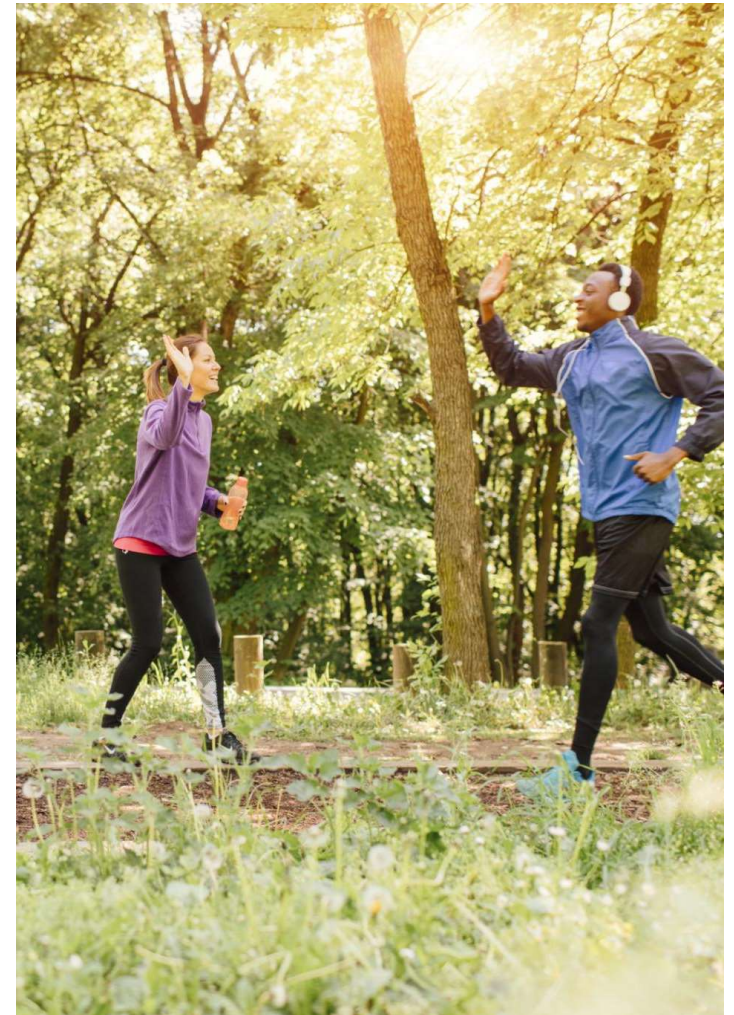
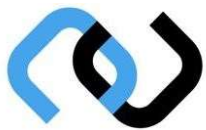
Regular exercise improves circulation and heart health, reducing the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

Reducing Diabetes Risk

Physical activity enhances metabolism, helping regulate blood sugar levels and lower diabetes risk.

Cancer Risk Reduction

Exercise supports body composition and immune function, contributing to lower cancer risk. Persons who train after diagnosis have a much lower incidence of tumor recurrence.



Mental Health Benefits and Cognitive Resilience

Stress Reduction

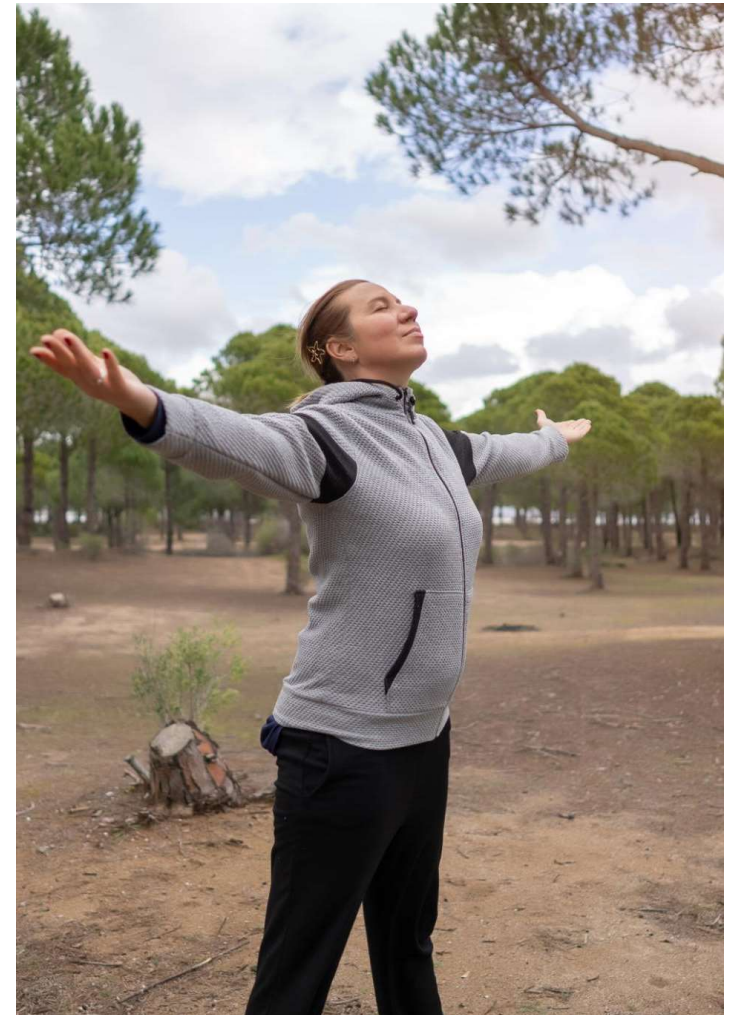
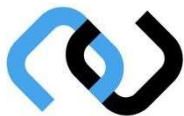
Fitness activities reduce stress levels and promote relaxation, improving overall mental health.

Mood Enhancement

Regular physical activity boosts mood by increasing endorphin levels and reducing anxiety.

Cognitive Function Preservation

Fitness helps preserve cognitive function, delaying or preventing cognitive decline and dementia.





Improving Immune Function and Overall Vitality

Enhances Immune Efficiency

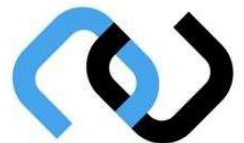
Regular exercise strengthens the immune system, improving the body's ability to fight infections effectively.

Moderate exercise

Along with diet intervention

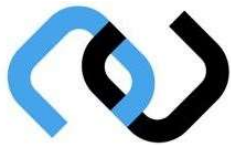
Increases Energy Levels

Physical activity elevates energy levels, promoting faster recovery and better overall vitality.



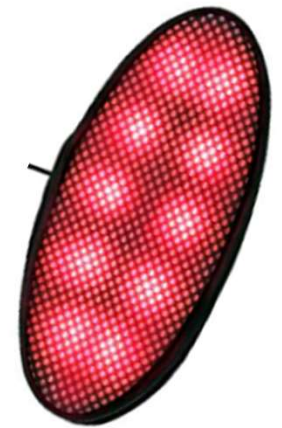
How Trainers Can Incorporate Longevity Modalities in their Practice

- Use of modalities that are anti-inflammatory
- Use of machines that reduce pain levels
- Use of machines to prime the body for exercise
- Combination of exercise training and precision wellness to improve performance, reduce recovery time, and improve cellular health

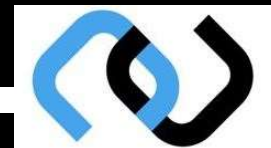


Adding Longevity Products to Programs

- Products that enhance longevity are currently coming on the market. They enhance recovery, improve metabolic health, reduce inflammation, and can be used both at health clubs, and for home self-care.
- Products represent the next level of health within the longevity market.



Practical Strategies for Lifelong Fitness



Designing Sustainable Exercise Routines

Balanced Exercise Plans

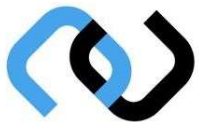
Balanced routines combine cardio, strength, and flexibility to promote overall health and prevent injury.

Individual Preferences

Tailoring exercise to personal likes increases enjoyment and motivation for consistent workouts.

Lifestyle Integration

Incorporating exercise into daily routines ensures long-term adherence and fitness maintenance.



Adapting Fitness Regimens over the Lifespan

Adjusting Exercise Intensity

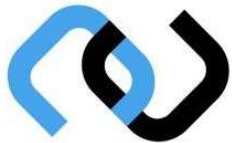
Reducing exercise intensity with age helps prevent injuries while maintaining cardiovascular and muscular benefits.

Modifying Exercise Duration

Shortening exercise duration can accommodate reduced energy levels and recovery capacity in older adults, or persons with an initial low level of fitness

Changing Exercise Type

Incorporating low-impact and flexibility exercises supports joint health and functional movement over time.



Overcoming Barriers to Staying Active as We Age – My Thoughts



Common Obstacles

Time constraints, health problems, and lack of motivation often hinder seniors from staying active.

Social Support

Engaging with friends and community supports helps older adults maintain regular physical activity.

Goal Setting

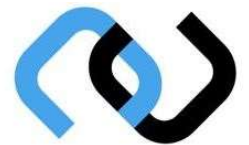
Setting realistic fitness goals encourages consistent progress and boosts motivation in older adults.

Professional Guidance

Guidance from fitness professionals ensures safe and effective exercise tailored for aging individuals.

Outcomes

Very important to document. Outcomes shows improvement and progress.

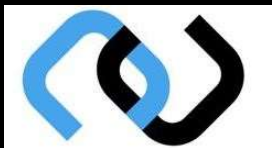


Conclusion



Fitness and Longevity

Fitness plays a crucial role in promoting longer and healthier lives by addressing the Longevity Paradox effectively.

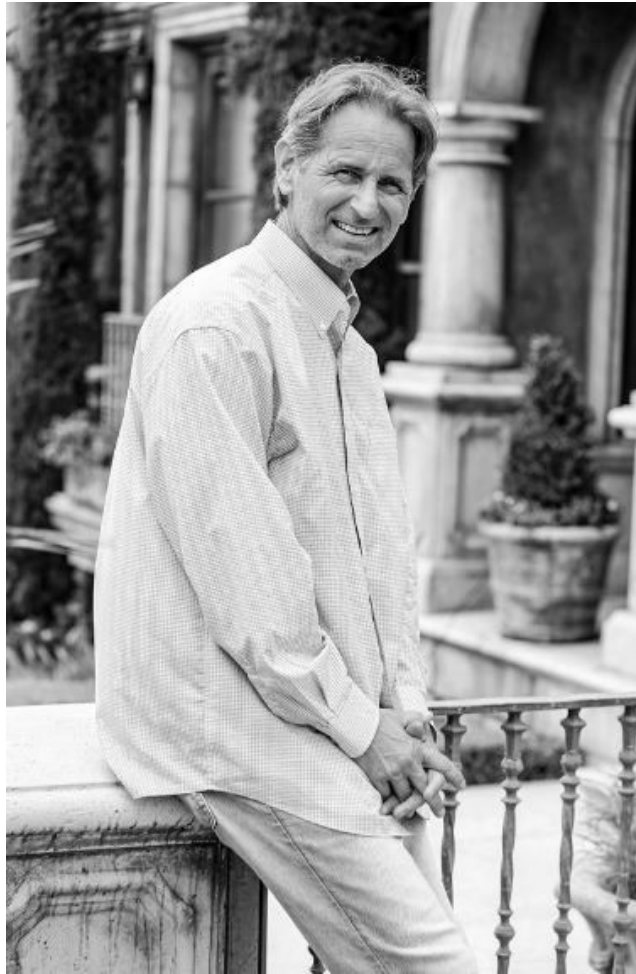


Science and Understanding

Scientific knowledge and understanding help guide practical actions to improve health as we age. Health professionals are scratching the surface of how wellness impacts longevity from a physical and biological perspective.

Quality of Life

Implementing fitness and healthy habits enhances overall quality of life during aging.



Thank You

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