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# Let' Get Eccentric !

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**eccentric**  
/ɪk'sentrɪk,ɛk-/

adjective

- (of a person or their behaviour) unconventional and slightly strange.  
"he noted her eccentric appearance"  
synonyms: unconventional, uncommon, abnormal, irregular, aberrant, anomalous, odd, queer, strange, peculiar, weird, bizarre, off-centre, outlandish, freakish, extraordinary, More
- technical  
not placed centrally or not having its axis or other part placed centrally.  
"a servo driving an eccentric cam" Lengthening muscle contraction

**Muscle Contraction Types**

**Eccentric Exercise:** Exercise mainly consisting of eccentric contractions

Eccentric (Lengthening) : Force < Load

**Elbow Flexion**

Biceps (contracted)  
Triceps (relaxed)  
Insertion  
Contracting biceps brachii is stretched  
**Eccentric contraction of the elbow flexors**

**Knee Extension**  
Knee extensors (Quadriceps)

Sitting down slowly to a chair  
Contracting knee extensors are stretched  
**Eccentric exercise of the knee extensors**

**"Eccentric" Research**

Muscle Damage, Muscle Pain

Neuromuscular Fatigue

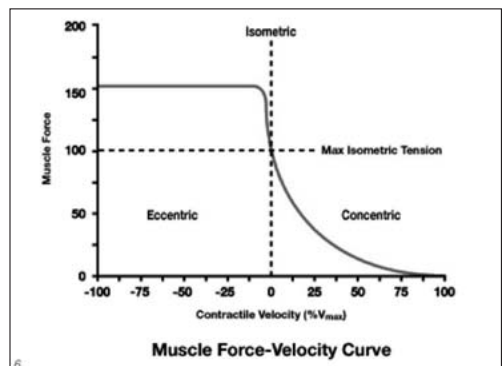
Interventions for fatigue, damage and pain

**Eccentric Contractions**

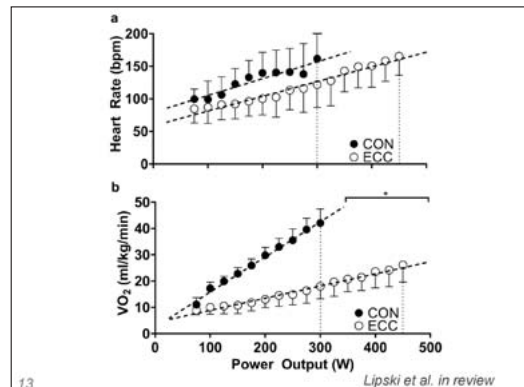
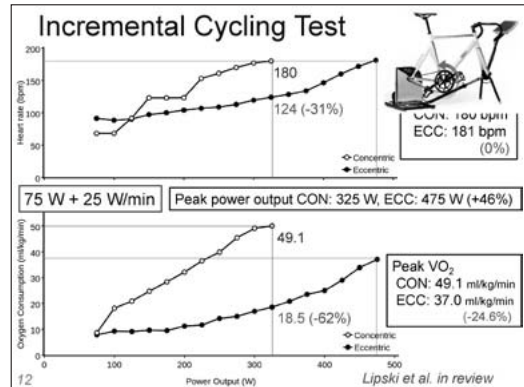
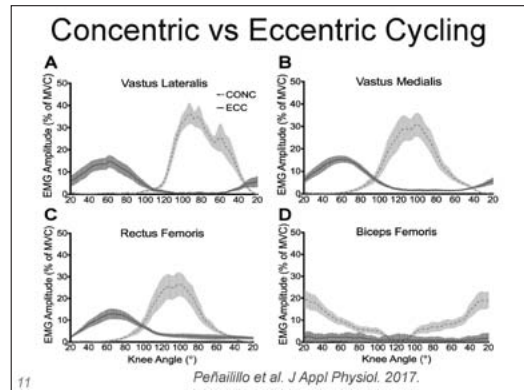
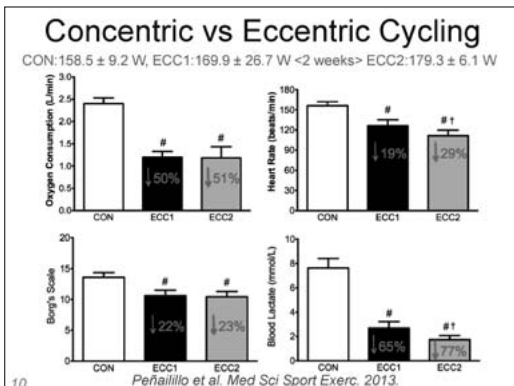
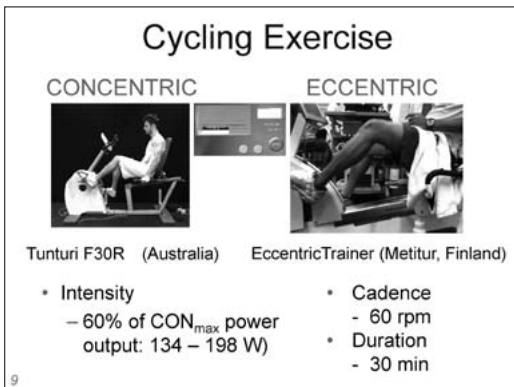
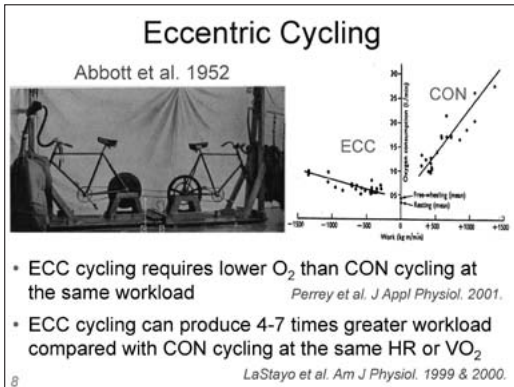
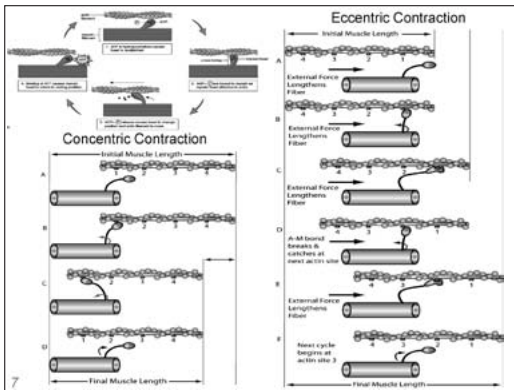
Muscle Spindle  
Golgi tendon Organ  
Excitation ↑  
Inhibition ↓  
Muscle Cramp

**Eccentric Cycling / Eccentric Training**

**Exercise Medicine:** Patients with chronic diseases (e.g. Dementia, Diabetes, Stroke), Ageing  
**Athletic Performance:** Injury prevention and treatment, Strength and conditioning, Preparedness



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### Maximal Cycling

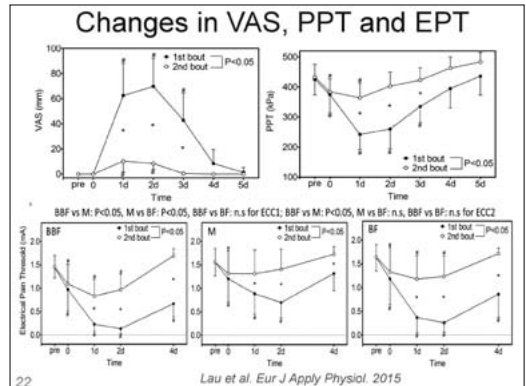
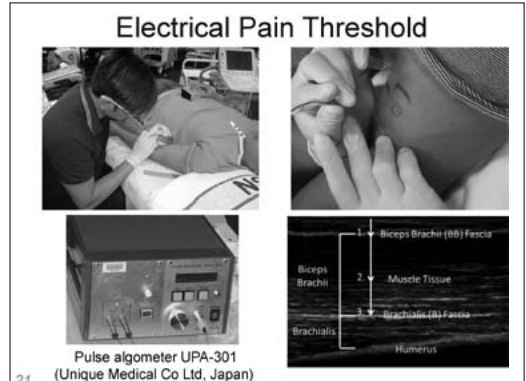
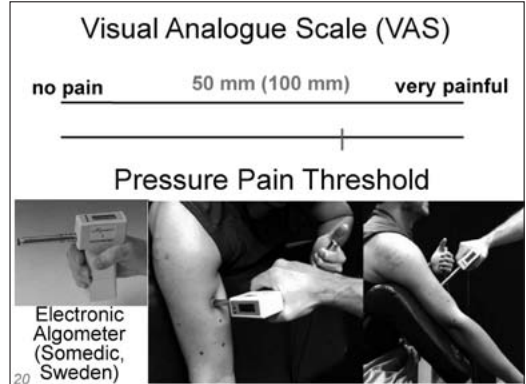
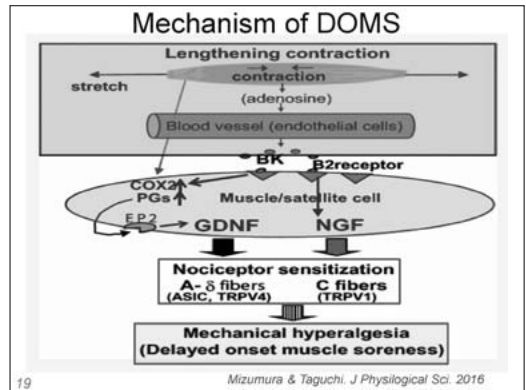
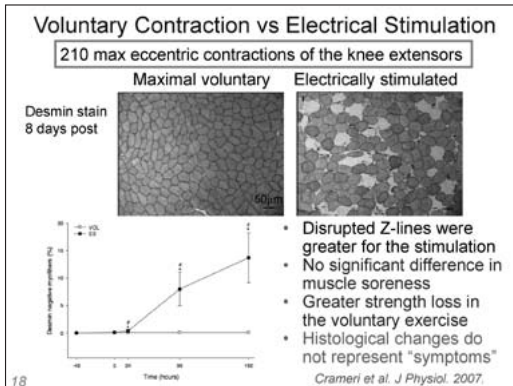
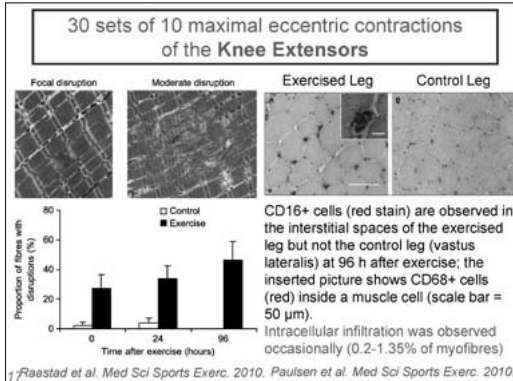
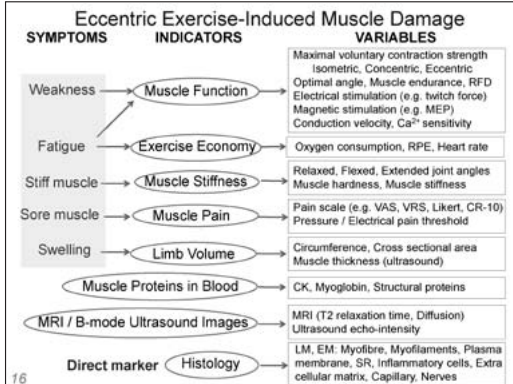
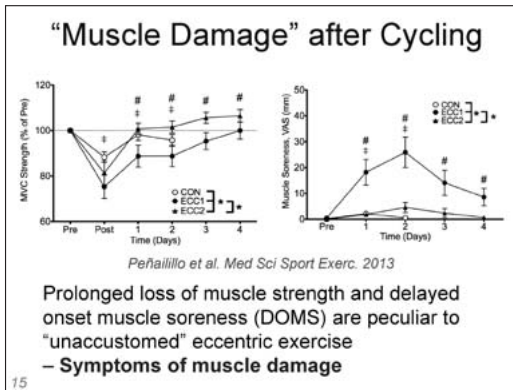
n=9

	CON	ECC	Dif (%)
Peak power (W)	300.4 ± 50.4 (200 – 375)	455.3 ± 118.1 (225 – 625)	149 ± 23 (138 – 188)
Peak HR (bpm)	184.4 ± 12.9 (155 – 196)	176.2 ± 20.4 (151 – 201)	83 ± 32 (79 – 106)
Peak $VO_2$ (ml/kg/min)	43.7 ± 7.6 (34.1 – 54.7)	31.2 ± 6.1 (21.7 – 40.7)	71 ± 11 (56 – 94)

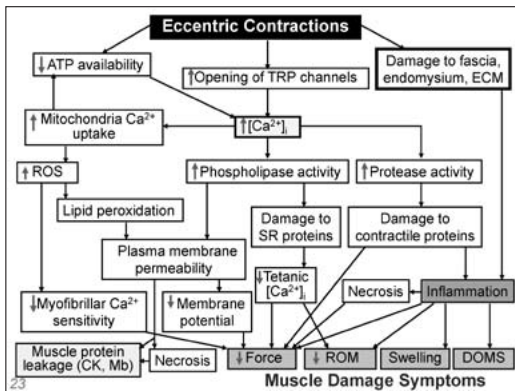
### Cycling @ 200 W

	CON	ECC	Dif (%)
HR (bpm)	139.7 ± 31.8 (92 – 176)	100.2 ± 24.8 (64 – 125)	74 ± 16 (50 – 103)
$VO_2$ (ml/kg/min)	29.9 ± 3.0 (23.5 – 34.8)	13.1 ± 3.2 (8.7 – 18.3)	42 ± 11 (31 – 62)

Lipski et al. in review

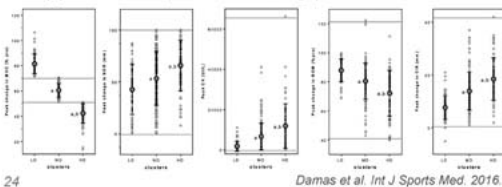






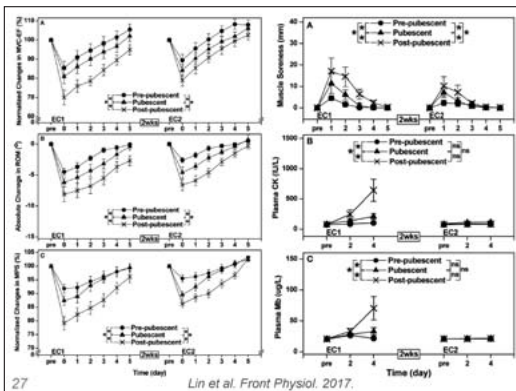
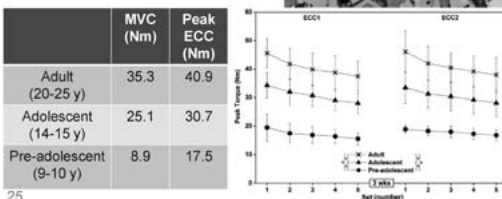
### Relationship among Indirect Markers of Muscle Damage

- "Untrained" young men (n=286)
- 30 maximal "isokinetic" eccentric contractions of the elbow flexors
- Indirect markers: MVC torque, Muscle soreness (VAS: 100 mm), CK activity, Range of motion, Upper arm circumference
- Clusters based on the magnitude of decrease in MVC torque 1 day post-exercise (Low, Medium, High)

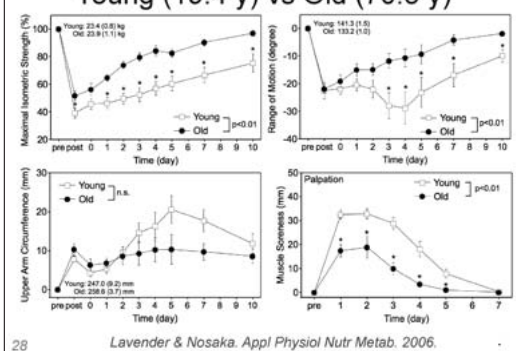


### Muscle Damage in Children

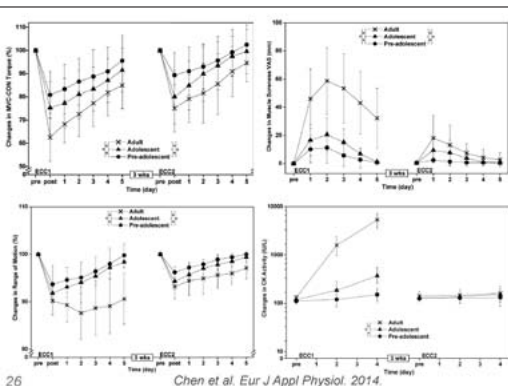
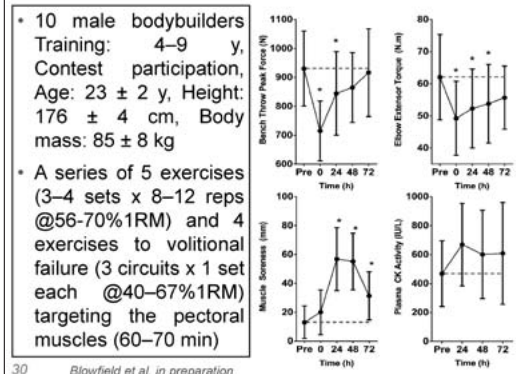
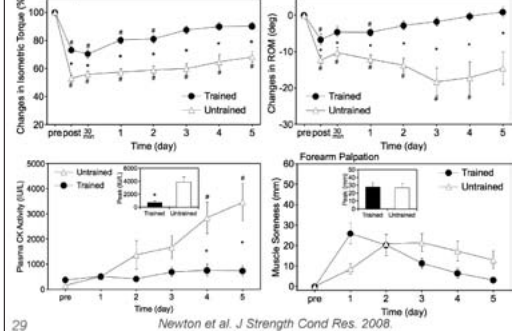
- Non-dominant arm
- 5 sets of 6 maximal ECC
- ROM: 90 - 0° (90°/s)
- 10 s between contractions, 2 min between sets

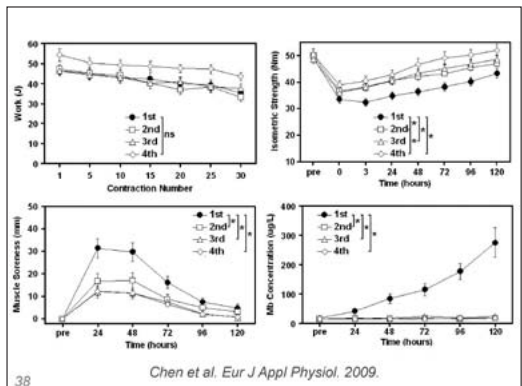
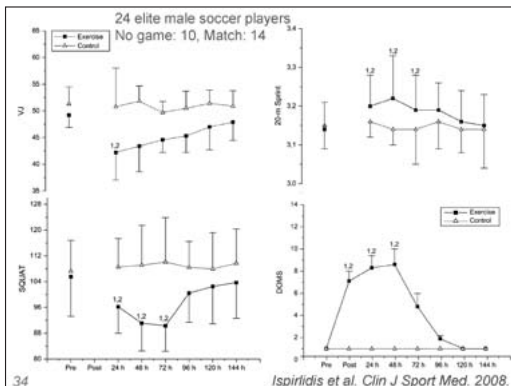
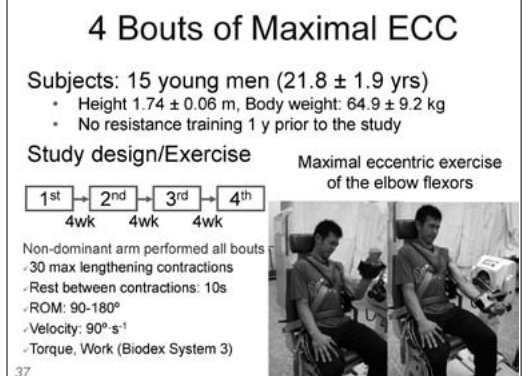
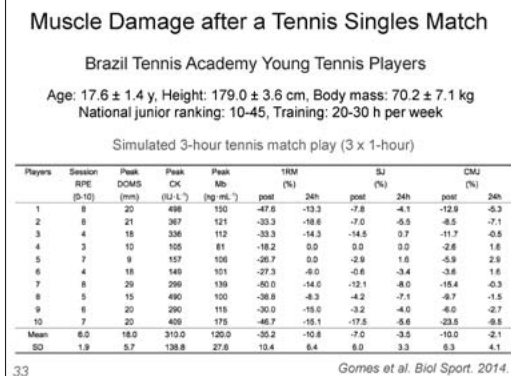
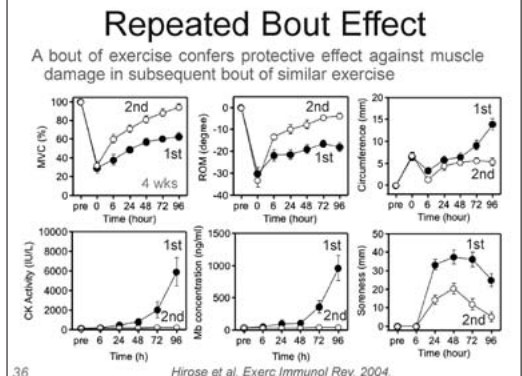
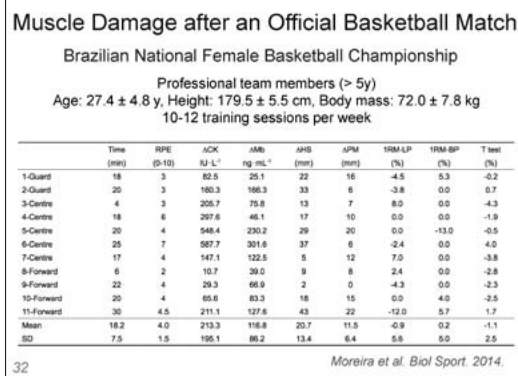
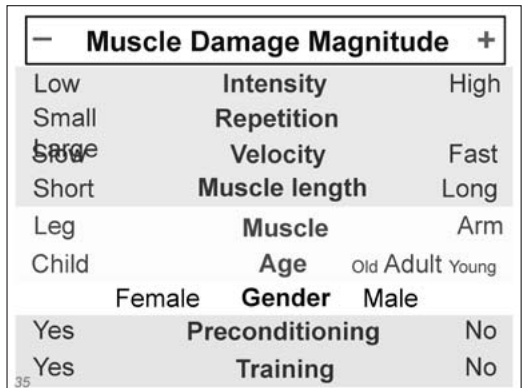
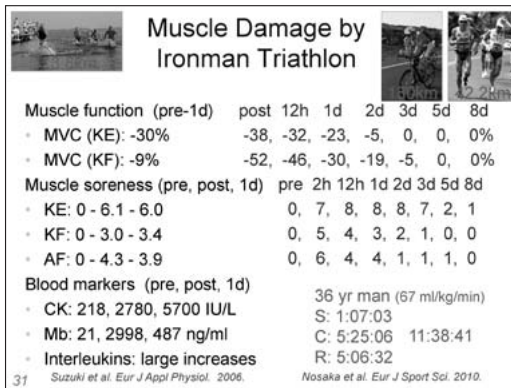


### Young (19.4 y) vs Old (70.5 y)

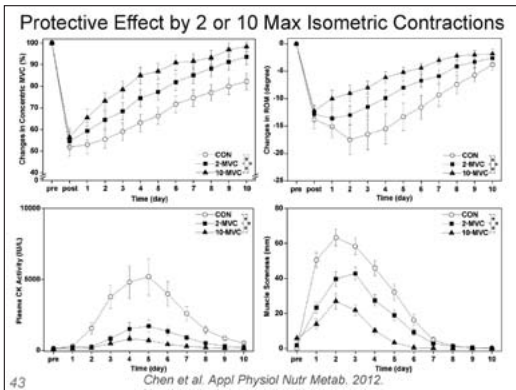
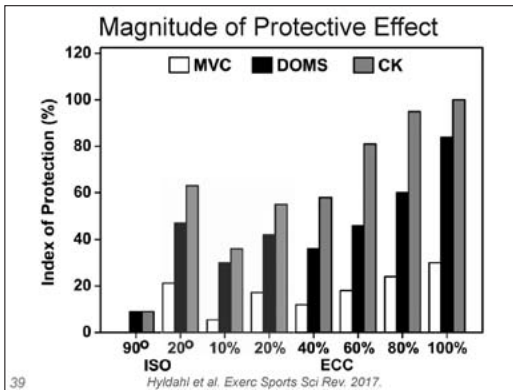


### Trained vs Untrained





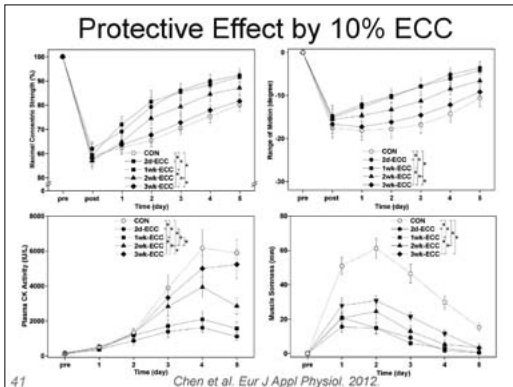
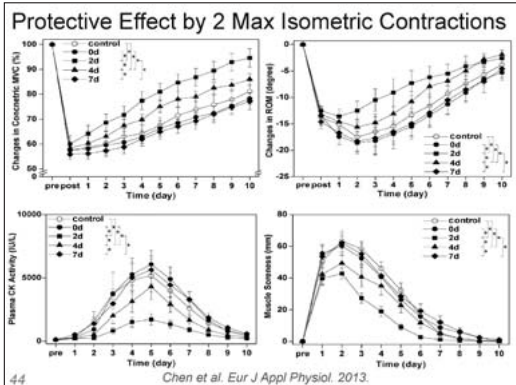
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### Eccentric Exercise

- **100% bout:** Maximal isokinetic eccentric contractions
- **10% bout:** 10% load
  - ✓ 5 sets of 6 contractions
  - ✓ 3 s contraction (30°/s)
  - ✓ ROM: 90-0°
  - ✓ 10 s between contractions
  - ✓ 2 min between sets

Dumbbell: MVC@90°



### Contralateral Repeated Bout Effect

5 sets of 6 maximal eccentric contractions of the elbow flexors

1st Bout	Interval	2nd Bout	Group
Non-dominant Arm	2 weeks	Non-dominant Arm	CONTROL
	0.5 hour		0.5h
	6 hours		6h
	12 hours		12h
Right (Left) Arm	24 hours	Left (Right) Arm	24h
	1 week		1w
	4 weeks		4wk
	8 weeks		8wk

104 young "untrained" men      13 men/group

### Isometric Contractions

2 or 10 maximal isometric contractions

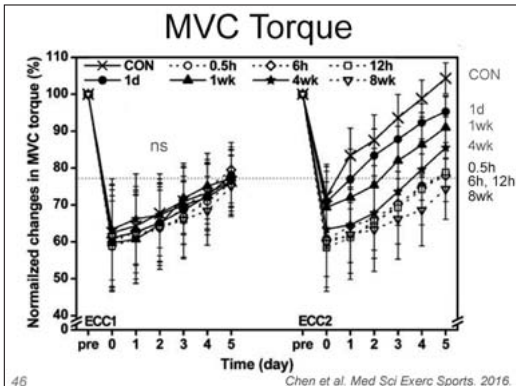
- ✓ 20° flexion
- ✓ 3 s
- ✓ 45 s between contractions

### Eccentric Exercise

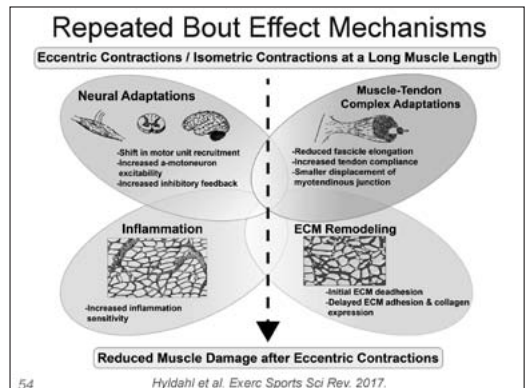
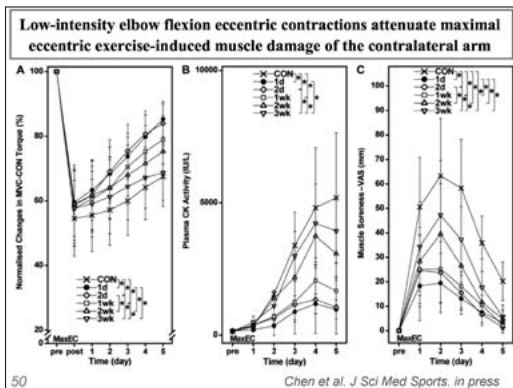
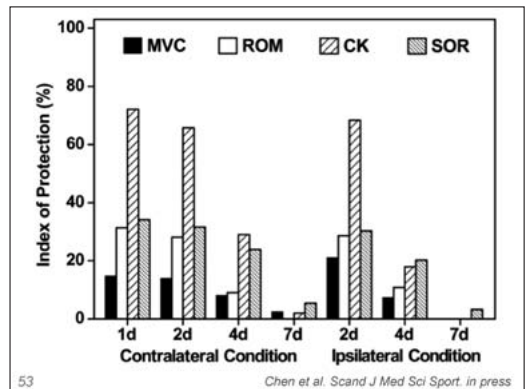
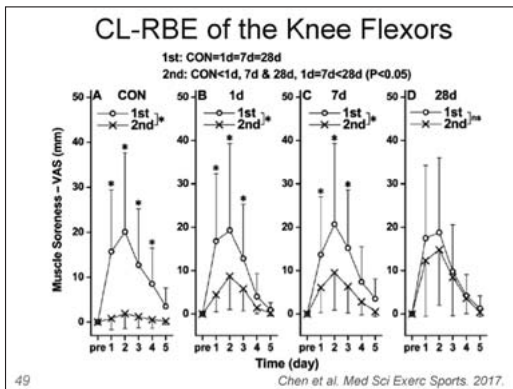
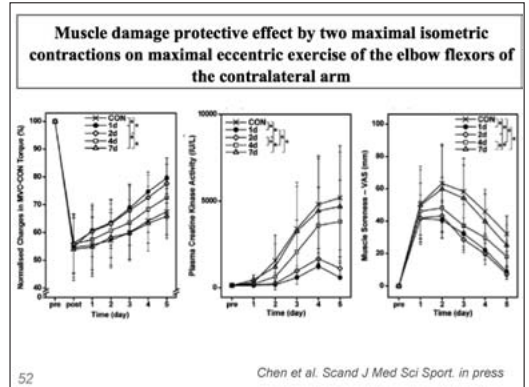
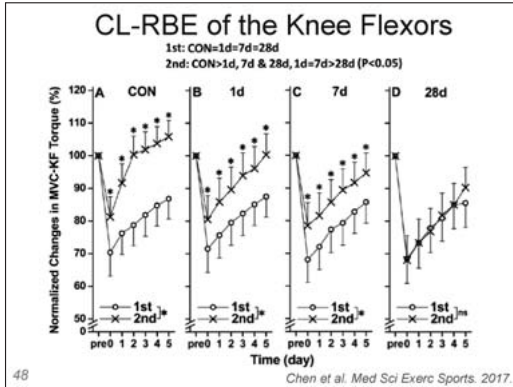
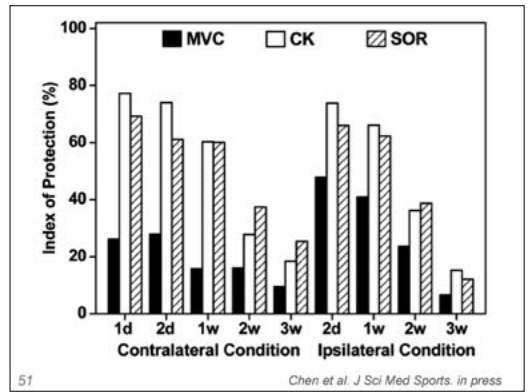
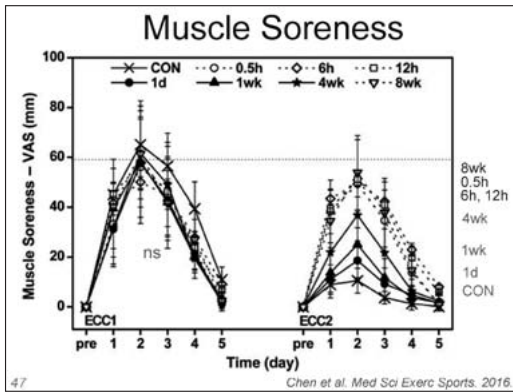
5 sets of 6 maximal eccentric contractions

- ✓ Angular velocity: 90°/s
- ✓ ROM: 90-0°
- ✓ 10 s between contractions
- ✓ 2 min between sets


Non-dominant arm





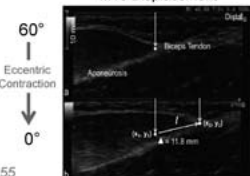


### Muscle Length Changes During Eccentric Contractions of the Elbow Flexors



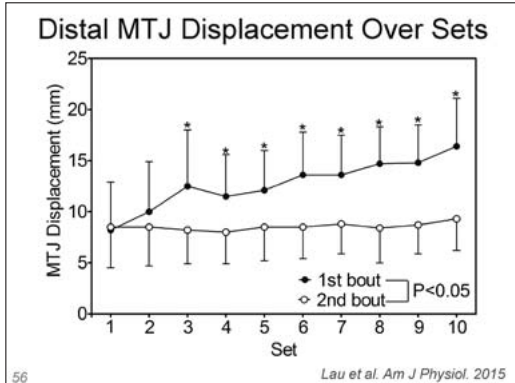
- Aloka SSD-α10 with a 10-MHz probe (6 cm)
- Frame rate: 47 Hz

MTJ Displacement

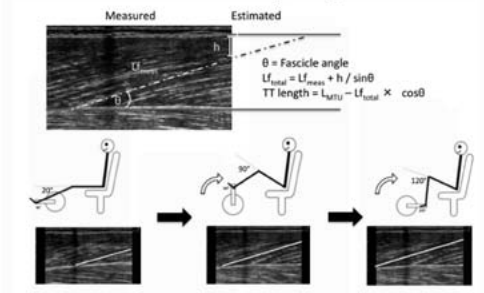


60°  
Eccentric Contraction  
0°

10 sets of 6 maximal eccentric contractions (60°/s) of the elbow flexors (ROM: 60°-0°)



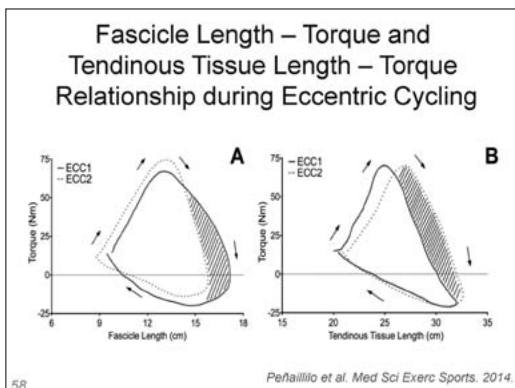
### Muscle Fascicle Behavior during Eccentric Cycling



Measured Estimated

$\theta$  = Fascicle angle  
 $L_{f,est} = L_{f,meas} + h / \sin \theta$   
 $TT \text{ length} = L_{f,meas} \times \cos \theta$

75° 90° 120°

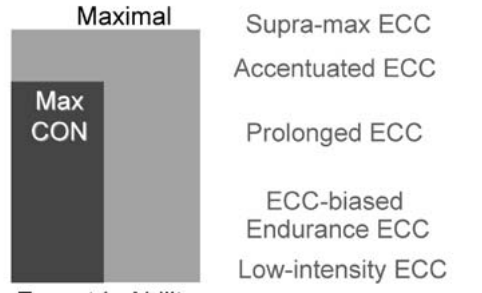


### Douglas et al. Sports Med. 2016.

#### Key Points

- Eccentric training can improve muscle mechanical function to a greater extent than other modalities.
- Novel muscle-tendon unit adaptations associated with a faster (i.e. explosive) phenotype have been reported.
- Eccentric training may be especially beneficial in enhancing strength, power and speed performance.

### Variety of Eccentric Exercises



Maximal  
Supra-max ECC  
Accentuated ECC  
Prolonged ECC  
ECC-biased  
Endurance ECC  
Low-intensity ECC

Max CON


Eccentric Ability

### Low-intensity Eccentric Training

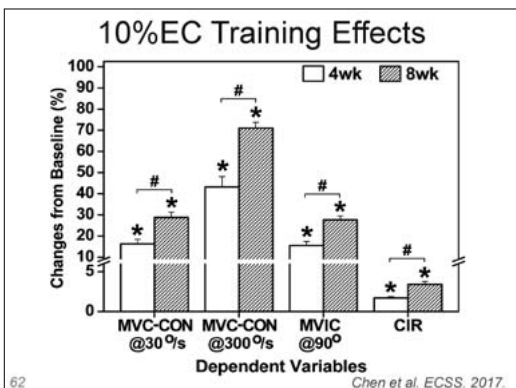
Subjects: 26 untrained young men  
 (Age:  $21.4 \pm 1.7$  y, Height:  $172.9 \pm 6.3$  cm, Weight:  $67.2 \pm 11.1$  kg)

Training: Low-intensity (10% of maximal isometric contraction strength @ 90° elbow flexion)

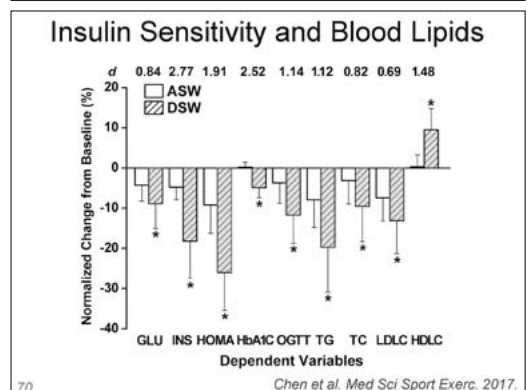
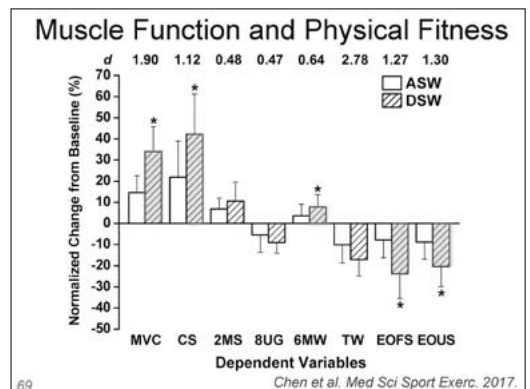
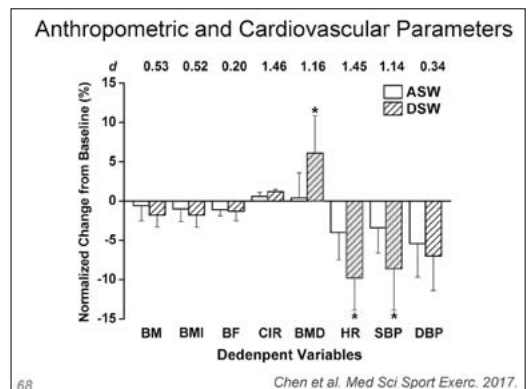
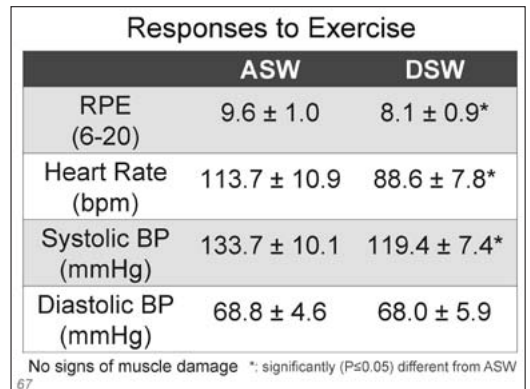
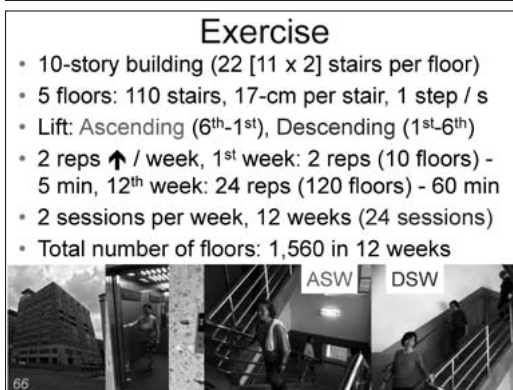
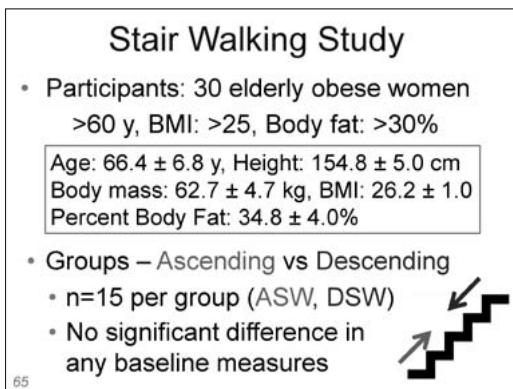
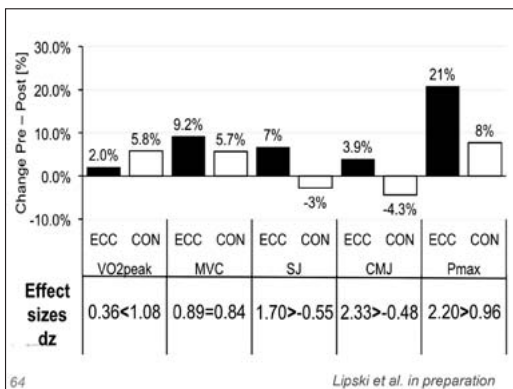
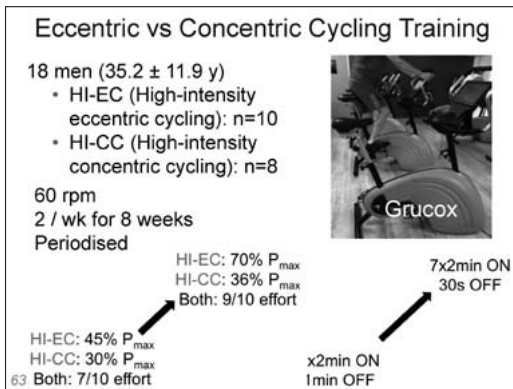
4wk group: 2 bouts/wk for 4 wk  
 8wk group: 2 bouts/wk for 8 wk



- 5 sets of 6 reps
- ROM: 90-0°
- 3 s contraction
- 10 s between contractions
- 2 min between sets

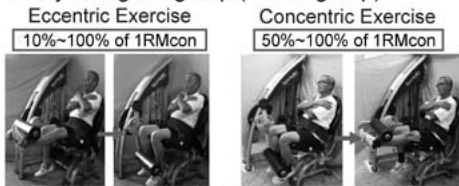






### Knee Extensor Resistance Training Study

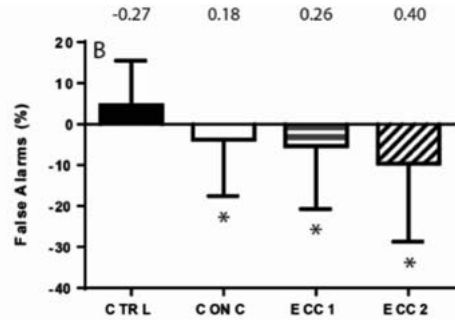
- Participants: 26 healthy elderly (60-76 y) men
- Study Design: 2 group (n=13 / group)



Once a week over 12 weeks, 12 training sessions for both legs  
 ECC: 10% → 20% → 40% → 60% → 75% → 90% → 100%  
 of one repetition maximum of concentric knee extensor strength  
 (1RMcon), 3 or 6 sets of 10 contractions  
 No indications of muscle damage

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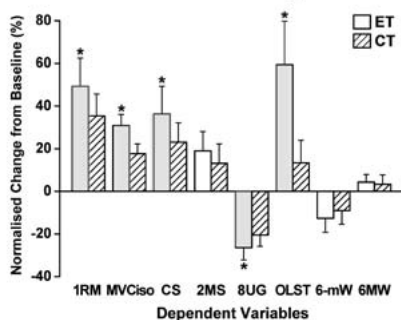
### Cognitive Load during ECC vs CONC Cycling



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Kan et al. in review

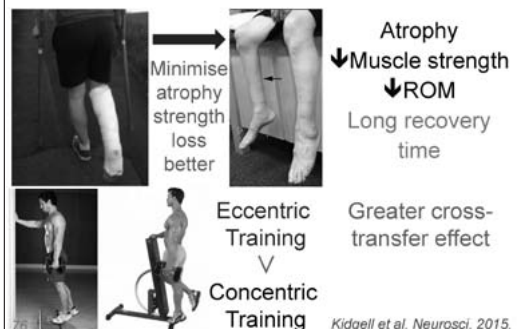
### Muscle Function and Physical Fitness



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Chen et al. Front Physiol. 2017.

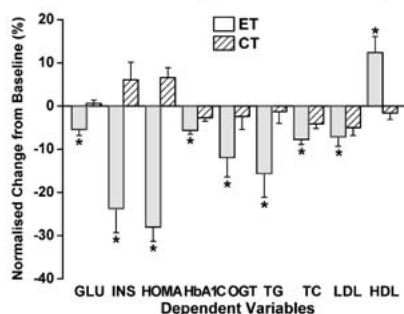
### Other Implication of Eccentric Training



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Kidgell et al. Neurosci. 2015.

### Insulin Sensitivity and Blood Lipids



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Chen et al. Front Physiol. 2017.

### Eccentric Exercise

#### Negative aspect

- Induce muscle damage
- DOMS, Prolonged loss of muscle function

Muscle damage can be minimised by using "pre-conditioning exercise" and gradually increasing the intensity and volume  
 Muscle damage is not necessary!  
 Not NO PAIN, NO GAIN

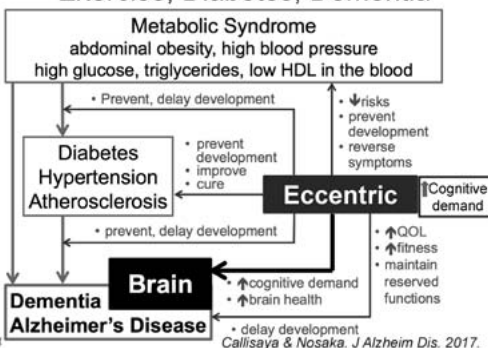
#### Positive aspects

- Less metabolic demand
- ↑ muscle function
- ↑ muscle mass
- ↑ muscle coordination
- ↑ balance
- ↑ flexibility
- ↑ bone mineral density
- ↑ insulin sensitivity
- ↑ blood lipid profile
- ↑ cardiovascular function
- ↑ brain health

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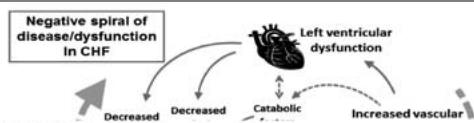
Minimise muscle damage, Maximise eccentric exercises

### Exercise, Diabetes, Dementia



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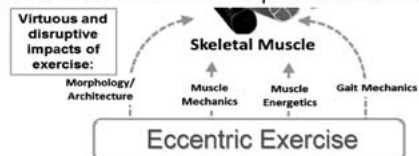
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### NHMRC Project

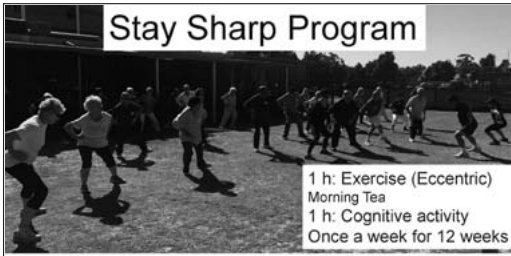
Exercise as medicine for heart failure:

A novel intervention to improve outcomes



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### Stay Sharp Program



1 h: Exercise (Eccentric)  
Morning Tea  
1 h: Cognitive activity  
Once a week for 12 weeks


Rod Evans Community Centre 2016: #1, #2, #3 (n=20-30)  
Perth & Tattersall's Bowling & Recreation Club

2017: #1 (15/03 – 31/05), #2 (Wed/Thu: 28/06 – 14/09)  
#3 (Wed/Thu: 27/09 – 14/12): n = 25 + 15


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### Elbow extension:

Hold a knee with one hand and fully extend the elbow joint by lowering the knee in 3 seconds, Do both arms



Target muscles 0




Repetitions  
10 reps for each arm

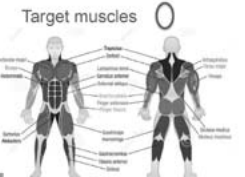
Key  
Contracting biceps are stretched by the leg movement

### Floor kiss:

Hold the upper body with two arms and lower the face slowly to a floor in 3 seconds



Target muscles 0




Repetitions  
10 reps

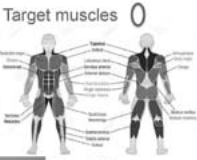
Key  
Bending the elbow joint slowly  
You do not need to "push up" for the next rep

### Lean back:

Place hands on the back of the head, widen the chest, and lean back in 3 seconds



Target muscles 0




Repetitions  
10 reps

Key  
Abdominal muscles are stretched  
If possible, raise legs


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### Chair sit:

Sit down to a chair in 3 seconds from a half-squatting position




Target muscles 0




Repetitions  
10 reps

Key  
Resist maximally just before sitting on a chair, Change the leg stance




### One leg squat:

Bend the knee joint of one leg slowly as deep as possible and go back with two legs



Target muscles 0




Repetitions  
10 reps for each leg

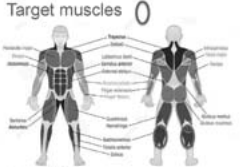
Key  
Bend the knee as deep as possible  
You may hold a chair if necessary  
Put two feet together to go back

### Heel down:

Raise the heels of both legs and lower the heel of one leg in 3 seconds



Target muscles 0



Repetitions  
10 reps for each leg

Key  
Contracting calf muscles are stretched by the body weight  
Increase the range of motion by leaning forward

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### Effects of Eccentric Exercises

N=32 (M:10, F:22), 61 – 87 y, more than 2 ECC / week


	Pre	Post	Change
One leg stand (s)	26.2 ± 16.7	37.2 ± 19.5	42%↑
2.5-m up and go (s)	5.4 ± 0.9	5.1 ± 0.9	6%↑
30-s chair stand (reps)	16.1 ± 5.9	19.8 ± 4.8	23%↑
2-min Step (reps)	111.8 ± 11.9	120.6 ± 14.4	8%↑

Comments: easy to move around, stronger, more flexible, better balance, prevented falling, knee pain is gone, "sharp"

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### Importance of Eccentric Training



**Eccentric Contractions**

↓ Strength, Power, Endurance ↑

Muscle  
Damage

↓ Performance ↑

Muscle  
Adaptation

**Eccentric Training**

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### Is eccentric training effective for improving running performance?



Runners who performed downhill running appear to improve their middle and long distance running performance

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### Is eccentric training effective for improving endurance performance?



350-500 W

Eccentric cycling training appears to be effective for improving cycling performance

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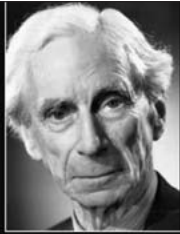
### Rugby 7s Malaysia Team



**TEAM MAS**

**29th SEA Games 2017**

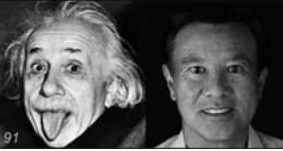
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Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric.

— Bertrand Russell —


In 1950 Russell was awarded the "Nobel Prize in Literature" in recognition of his varied and significant writings in which he champions humanitarian ideals and freedom of thought.



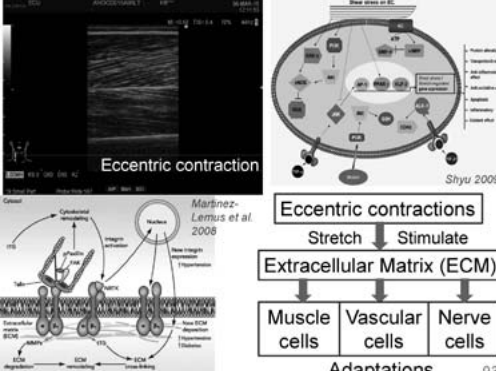
Do not fear to perform "eccentric exercises," they could be the best exercise medicine and training intervention

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### Eccentric-Only Gym



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**Eccentric contraction**

Stretch → Stimulate

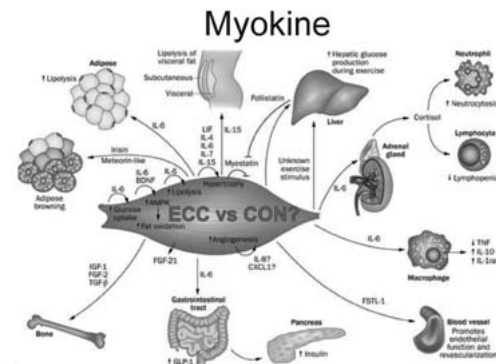
**Extracellular Matrix (ECM)**

**Muscle cells   Vascular cells   Nerve cells**

**Adaptations**

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### Myokine



**ECC vs CON?**

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## Let's get ECCENTRIC



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Let's do Eccentric  
Exercises  
Let's do more  
"Eccentric"  
research

## Challenges

- Visualise yourself **5 years** from now and set goals to achieve
- What kind of person do I want to be?
- How can I make a difference?
- What should I do today and now?
- How can I do it differently tomorrow?
- How can I progress to the "next" level?
- How can I maximise my potential?

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## Today is the first day of the rest of your life

Never too late

The 10,000 h Rule

6 h / day x 365 days x 5 years

You could be a person who  
you want to be in **5 years**

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## Thank you very much

Question?  
Comment?  
Suggestion?  
Collaboration?

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