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## Moving Your Way to A Healthier Heart: Physical Activity, Fitness, and Reduction of Sitting Time on CVD Risk

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## Disclosures

- I have no financial disclosures related to this talk
- I disclose that I like to run....alot
- I am also a preventive cardiologist and want to prevent heart attacks and strokes through healthier lifestyles

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## Defining Physical Activity, Exercise, and Fitness

<b>Physical Activity</b>	Any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that results in energy expenditure
<b>Exercise</b>	Is a subset of physical activity that is planned, structured, and repetitive and has as a final or an intermediate objective the improvement or maintenance of physical fitness
<b>Physical Fitness</b>	-The ability to perform moderate to vigorous levels of activity without undue fatigue.

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## Terminology- Exercise Prescription

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- Frequency- number of days a week
- Intensity- METS (metabolic equivalents)
  - One MET = energy expenditure while sitting at rest= oxygen uptake of 3.5 milliliters O<sub>2</sub> per kilogram per minute
- Time- total time, or bouts (distinct periods of time, i.e.: 10 minutes)
- Type- modality (walking, biking, swimming, etc)

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## Intensity: Three Primary Levels of Physical Activity

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Physical activity is often measured in MET levels (metabolic equivalents)

- One MET = resting or sitting quietly

METS are grouped into three activity categories:

- Light (<3 METS)
- Moderate (3 – 6 METS)
- Vigorous (6+ METS)

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## Examples of Physical Activity Levels

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Level/Type of Physical Activity	Example:	Benefit:
Light/Light Physical Activities (< 3 METS)	Light job and housework, walking slowly, washing, bathing, light stretching, light occupational activity	A moderate increase in health associated with physical activity, reduced risk of some chronic diseases
Moderate Physical Activities (3 – 6 METS)	Walking 3-4 mph on a level surface, weight training, jogging, climbing stairs, bicycling 5-9 mph on a flat surface, swimming, moderate yard work and housework	Increased cardiovascular endurance, improved bone health, improved blood cholesterol and pressure better glucose control, management, decreased risk of diabetes, improved overall physical fitness
Vigorous Physical Activities (6+ METS)	Jogging, running, circuit training, competitive sports, swimming laps, heavy physical labor, weight lifting, bicycling over 10 mph up hills	Increased overall physical fitness, decreased risk of disease, further improvements in cardiovascular strength and endurance

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**AHA PA Guidelines**

**The American Heart Association  
Recommendations for Physical Activity in Adults**

For Overall Cardiovascular Health:

**At least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity on most days of the week**

**OR**

**At least 25 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity**

**At least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity**

**At least 150 minutes (2.5 hours) a week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity**

**OR**

**75 minutes (1.25 hours) a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity**

**OR**

**an equivalent combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity aerobic activity."**

**PA Recommendation Achievement: NHANES 2015**

4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death worldwide

Minutes per Week of Moderate-Intensity Activity	Percentage of Population	PA Recommendation
0-10	31.9	Inactive
110-130	23.4	Insufficiently Active
130-150	15.9	Sufficiently Active
150-170	10.8	
170-190	6.6	
190-210	4.7	
210-230	3.4	
230-250	1.6	
250-270	1.2	
270-290	0.8	
290-310	0.5	
>310	0.1	

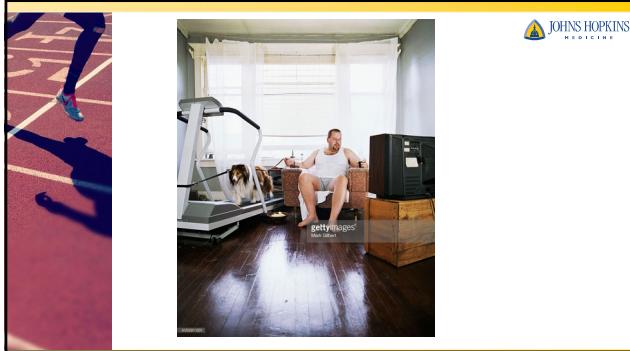
Minutes per Week of Moderate-Intensity Activity

Percentage of Population

Highly Active

~50%

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## The health and economic cost of physical inactivity

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- Physical inactivity causes 10% of premature deaths in the United States
- Nearly \$117 billion in annual healthcare costs attributable to failure to meet the aerobic PA levels recommended in the guidelines
- Obesity disqualifies nearly one-third of American youth, aged 17 to 24 years from military service.

Dr. Brett Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health at the HHS  
<https://www.ctcmid.com/news/sit-less-move-more-new-physical-activity-guidelines-stress-movement-all-ages>

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## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND CARDIOVASCULAR RISK

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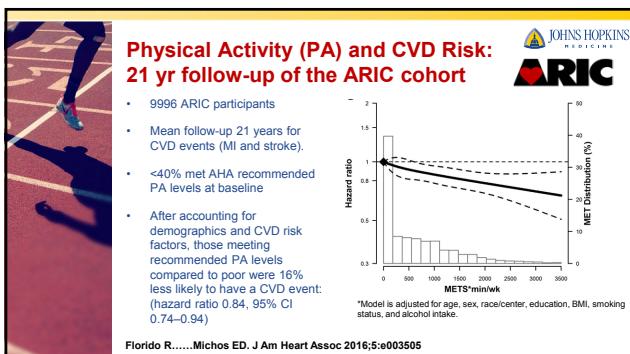
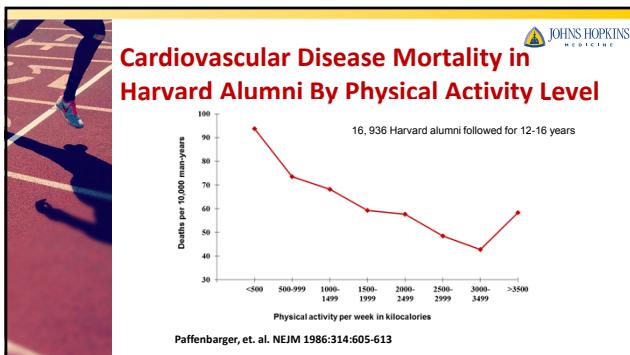
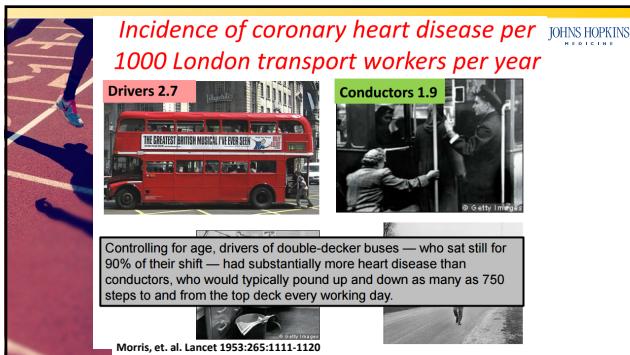
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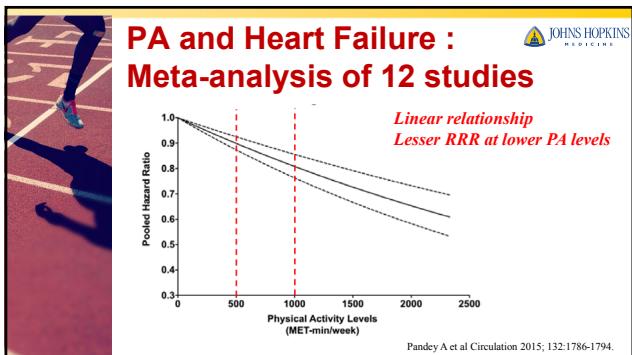
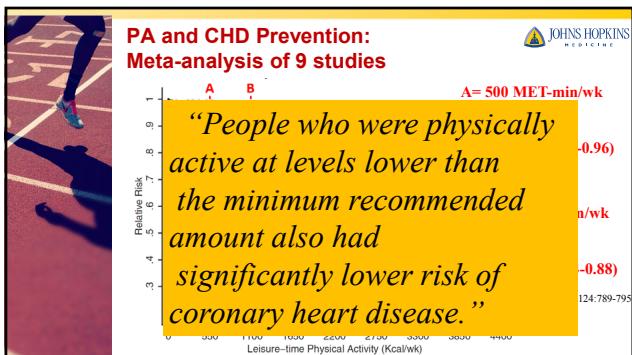
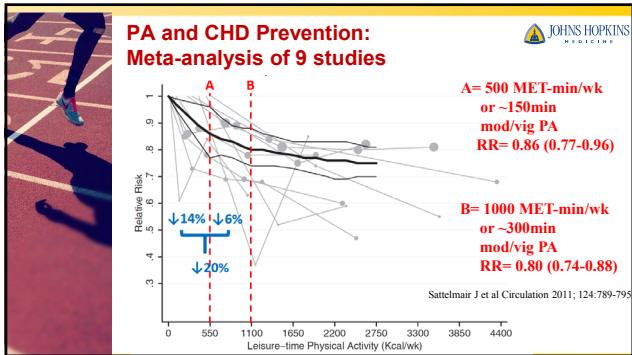
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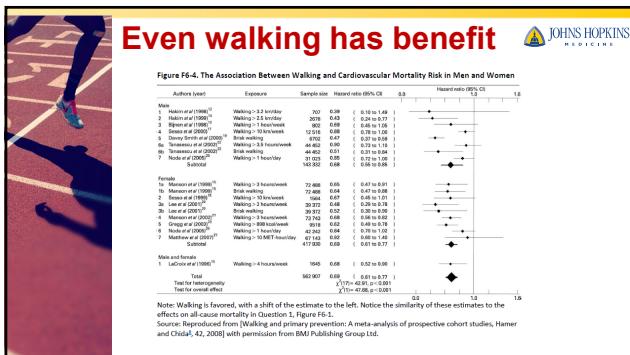
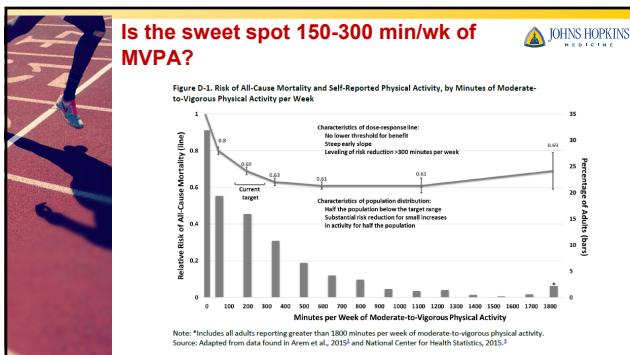
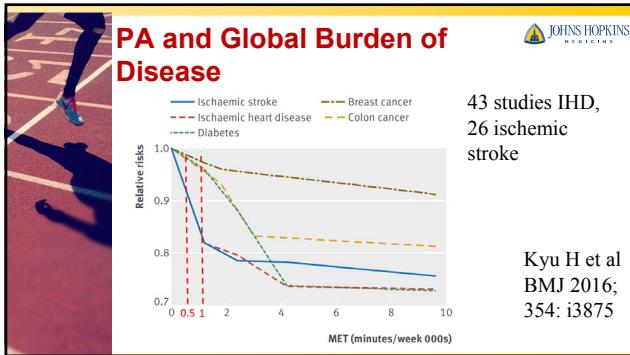
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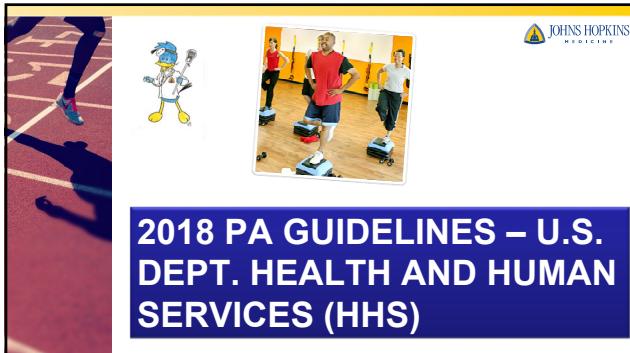
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**2018 PA GUIDELINES – U.S. DEPT. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

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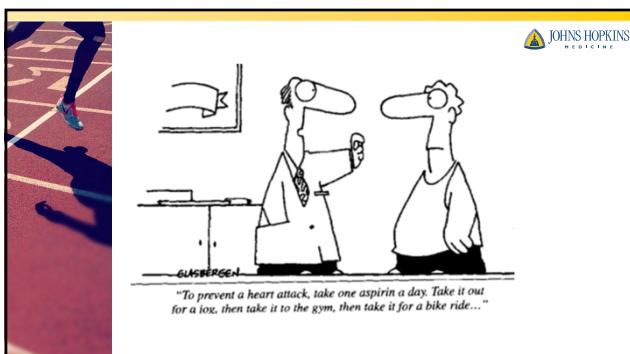
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*Glasberg*

*"To prevent a heart attack, take one aspirin a day. Take it out for a jog, then take it to the gym, then take it for a bike ride..."*

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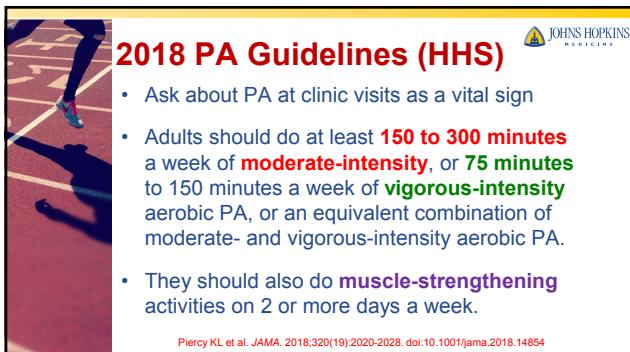
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**2018 PA Guidelines (HHS)**

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- Ask about PA at clinic visits as a vital sign
- Adults should do at least **150 to 300 minutes** a week of **moderate-intensity**, or **75 minutes** to 150 minutes a week of **vigorous-intensity** aerobic PA, or an equivalent combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity aerobic PA.
- They should also do **muscle-strengthening** activities on 2 or more days a week.

Percy KL et al. *JAMA*. 2018;320(19):2020-2028. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.14854

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**2018 PA Guidelines (HHS)**

- Kids 3 to 5 y.o. should be active throughout day to enhance growth & development, with a target of 3 hrs/day of activity.
- Children 6 to 17 y.o.: 60 min/day of either moderate or vigorous intensity aerobic PA with goal of at least 3 hrs of vigorous PA per week

Percy KL et al. JAMA. 2018;320(19):2020-2028. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.14854



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**2018 PA Guidelines (HHS)**

- Older adults should do multicomponent PA that includes balance training as well as aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities.
- Pregnant and postpartum women should do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic PA per week.

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**2018 PA Guidelines (HHS)**

- Individuals performing the least physical activity benefit most by even **modest** increases in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity.
- Additional benefits occur with more physical activity

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DOES LENGTH OF EACH "BOUT" OF PA MATTER?

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MVPA Bout Length and Mortality: NHANES

Quartiles	Hazard Ratio
Q1 (referent)	1.00
Q2	0.44
Q3	0.39
Q4	0.24

Total MVPA  
5min bouts MVPA  
10min bouts MVPA

Saint-Maurice P et al JAHA 2018;

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Moderate - to - Vigorous Physical Activity and All - Cause Mortality: Do Bouts Matter?

Hazard ratio

Bouted MVPA (% of Total MVPA)

- Accelerometer - measure d PA data collected in 2003-2006 from a representative sample of US adults (n=4840)
- PA classified as being accumulated sporadically or in bouts  $\geq 10$  min
- F/u for mortality thru 2011.
- Mortality risk reductions associated with MVPA are independent of how activity is accumulated

Pedro F. Saint - Maurice et al. J Am Heart Assoc 2018;7:e007678

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**2018 PA Guidelines (HHS)**

- Gone are the recommendations that PA should be done in at least 10-minute "bouts".
- Adults are simply encouraged to move more and sit less throughout the day.
- Dr. Brett Giroir, Assistant Secretary at HHS, states "Everyone can dramatically improve their health just by moving. "Anytime, anywhere, and by any means that gets you active."

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**“SITTING DISEASE” AND CARDIOVASCULAR RISK**

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**Sitting Hurts**

- **2X Greater Risk Of Diabetes**
- **90% Greater Risk Of Cardiovascular Disease**
- **49% Greater Risk Of All-Cause Mortality**

Sources: American J Clin Nutr, 2012; World Health Organization, 2012



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**SITTING THE NEW SMOKING**




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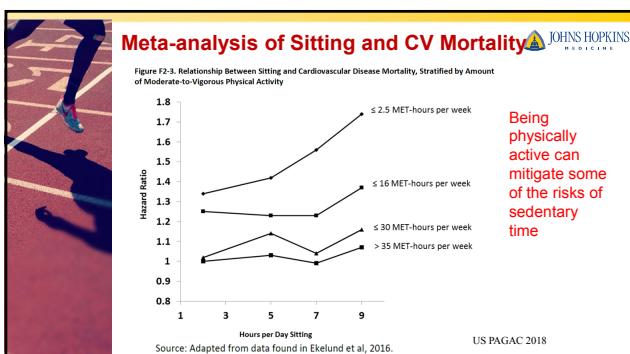
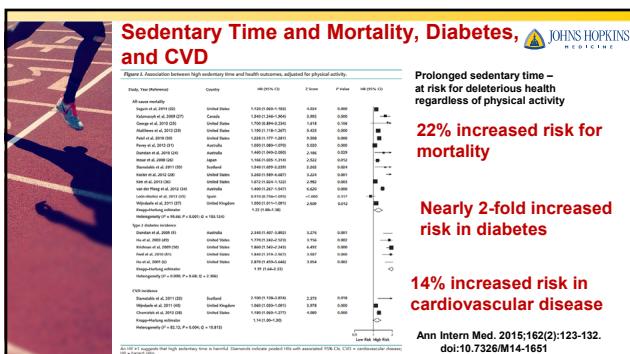
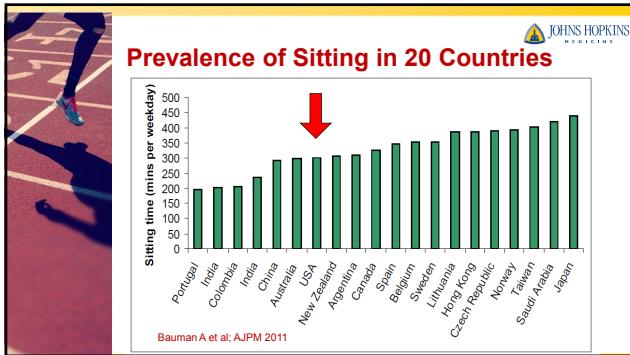
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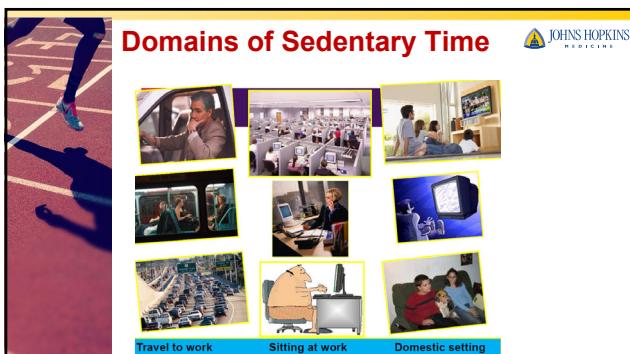
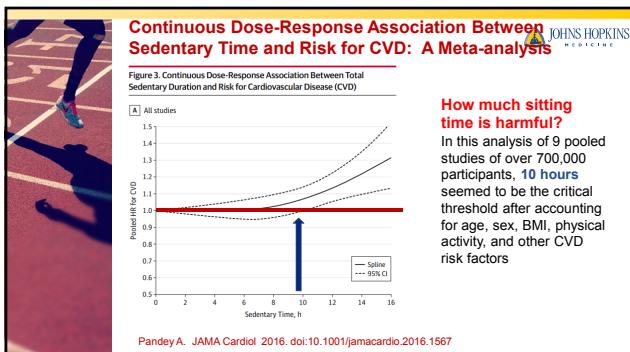
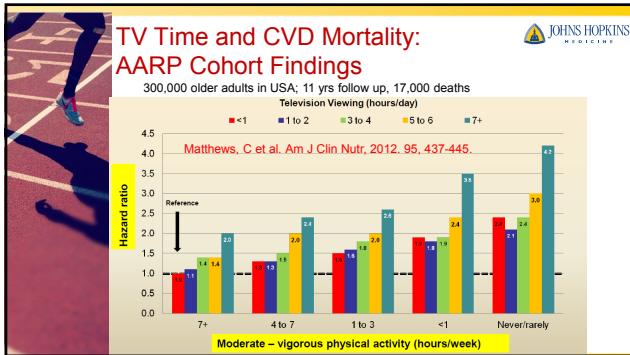


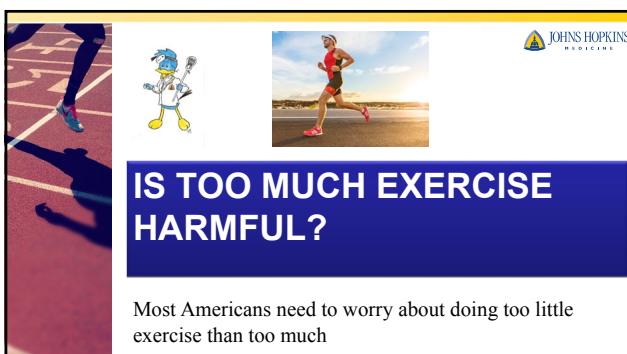
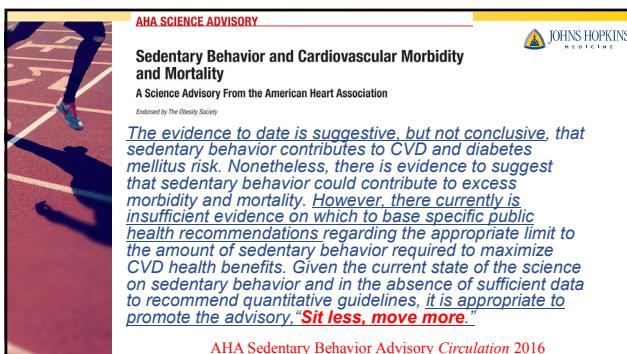
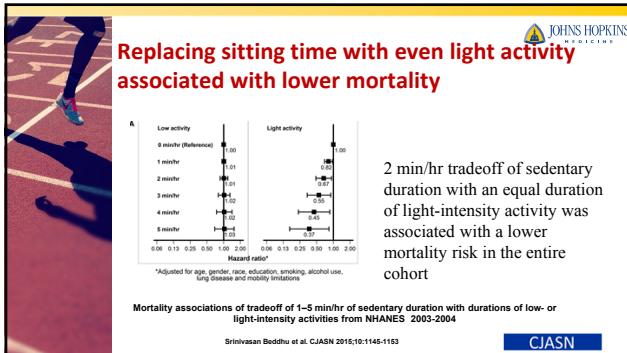
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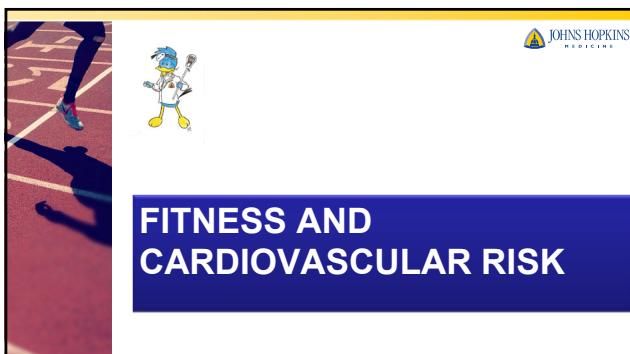
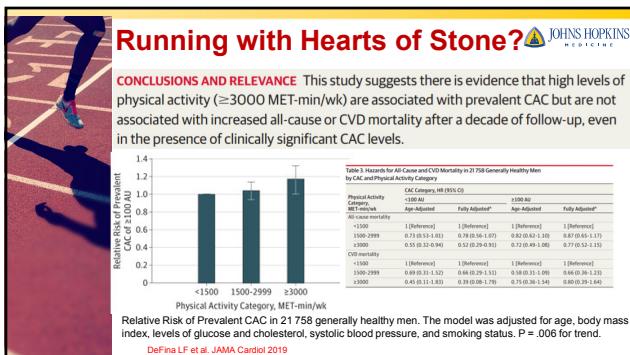
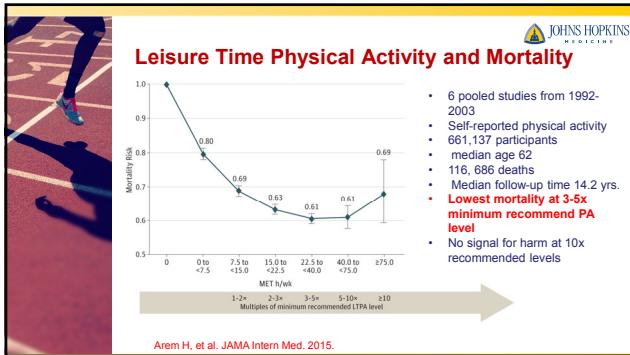


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## Why measure Fitness?

- Physical activity (PA) and cardiorespiratory fitness (CRF)
  - Both have inverse relationships to cardiovascular (CV) morbidity and mortality
  - Self-reported PA often used as a surrogate for fitness
  - But they are 2 distinct risk factors. When discrepant, measured fitness is more strongly associated with CV risk.

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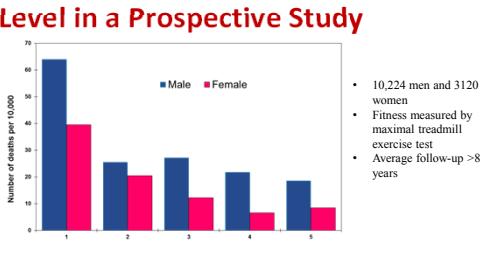
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## All-Cause Mortality by Fitness Level in a Prospective Study



- 10,224 men and 3120 women
- Fitness measured by maximal treadmill exercise test
- Average follow-up >8 years

Blair, et al. JAMA 1989;262:2395.

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## Deriving a Fitness Risk Score



- The Henry Ford Exercise Testing (FIT) Project is one of the largest exercise treadmill testing (ETT) registries to-date
- 58,020 patients ages 18-96 and free of cardiovascular disease referred for treadmill stress testing from 1991 – 2009
- Demographic, clinical, exercise, and mortality data collected on all patients
- The purpose of this study was to:
  - 1) determine which exercise test variables most strongly correlate with survival
  - 2) derive a fitness risk score that can be used to predict 10-year survival

Ahmed et al. Mayo Clin Proc. 2015; 90(3): 346-55

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## FIT Treadmill Score and Survival Estimation

**FIT Treadmill Score**

The variables from Model 4 were included in a Cox proportional hazards model to yield the following Cox coefficients:

$$\text{Survival} = 0.014(\%MPHR + 0.182(\text{METs}) + 0.6381(\text{female sex}) - 0.0613(\text{age}))$$

$$\text{FIT Treadmill Score} = \%MPHR + 12(\text{METs}) - 4(\text{age}) + 43 \text{ if female}$$

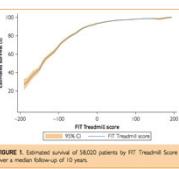
MPHR = maximal age predicted heart rate

Ahmed et al. *Mayo Clin Proc.* 2015; 90(3): 346-55





**FIGURE 1.** Estimated survival of 18,000 patients by FIT Treadmill Score over a median follow-up of 10 years.





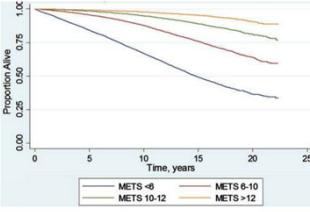
## Survival by Fitness Level

Al-Mallah et al. *Clin Cardiol.* 2014; 37(8): 456-61

Dr. Mouaz H. Al-Mallah  
King Abdullah International Medical Research Center, King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

**FIGURE 3.** Unadjusted Kaplan-Meier survival of the entire Henry Ford Exercise Testing Project cohort. There is a graded decrease in survival with decreasing functional capacity ( $P < 0.001$ ). Abbreviations: METS, metabolic equivalents.





## Resting Heart Rate Predicts Mortality

Table 2  
Hazard ratio and 95% confidence interval for all-cause mortality according to resting heart rate group

Resting Heart Rate	<60	60-69	70-79	80-89	≥90	p for trend
Crude HR*	n=7,203 10.8	n=16,206 14.6	n=16,881 9.3	n=10,457 10.2	n=5,887 12.3	
Overall	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Model 1 <sup>†</sup>	1.02 (0.94-1.11)	1.12 (1.05-1.22)	1.31 (1.18-1.45)	1.60 (1.45-1.85)	1.58 (1.45-1.675)	<0.001
Model 2 <sup>‡</sup>	Reference	1.02 (0.94-1.11)	1.14 (1.05-1.25)	1.29 (1.18-1.42)	1.22 (1.10-1.35)	<0.001
Model 3 <sup>§</sup>	Reference	0.97 (0.89-1.05)	1.03 (0.94-1.12)	1.10 (0.99-1.20)	1.22 (1.10-1.35)	<0.001

Resting HR ≥ 90 bpm compared to <60 was associated with a 22% increased risk of mortality over 11-year follow-up even after considering other risk factors

\* Crude Incidence Rate (IR) is per 1,000 person-years.  
† Model 1 = age, sex, race.  
‡ Model 2 = age, sex, race, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, hypertension medication use, history of dyslipidemia, lipid lowering medication use, smoking, pulmonary disease medication, diabetes, family history coronary artery disease, obesity, reason for stress test, antiarrhythmic-node blocking medication use.  
§ Model 3 = Model 2 + METS achieved.  
§ Interaction by sex: p <0.001 (Model 3, trend).

Aladin Al.... Michos ED. *Am J Cardiol.* 2014; 114(11): 1701-6





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## TRACKING ACTIVITY AND BEING ACCOUNTABLE

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## Pedometers

Alternatives	Sources <sup>a</sup>	Mean Change in Physical Activity From Baseline, Step/d (95% Confidence Interval)	P Value
No step goal	14, 21, 22, 36	686 (-1621 to 2994)	.80
10,000 step/d goal	16, 19, 28-30, 33, 34, 37	2998 (1640 to 4350)	<.001
Other step goal <sup>b</sup>	13, 15, 17, 18, 20-21, 26, 27, 30-32, 35, 38, 39	2363 (1789 to 2936)	<.001

<sup>a</sup>Studies are included in more than 1 category because they compared 2 or more study groups that had different goals.  
<sup>b</sup>Typically, these were based on incremental increases in daily steps over baseline.

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## mActive: A Randomized Clinical Trial of an Automated mHealth Intervention for Physical Activity Promotion

by Seth S. Martin, David I. Feldman, Roger S. Blumenthal, Steven R. Jones, Wendy S. Post, Rebeccah A. McKibben, Erin D. Michos, Chiadi E. Ndumele, Elizabeth V. Ratchford, Josef Coresh, and Michael J. Blaha

### Hypothesis

A fully-automated, fully-mobile, and physician-designed tracking-texting intervention to provide individual encouragement and foster feedback loops increases physical activity.

J Am Heart Assoc; Volume 4(11):e002239/ November 9, 2015

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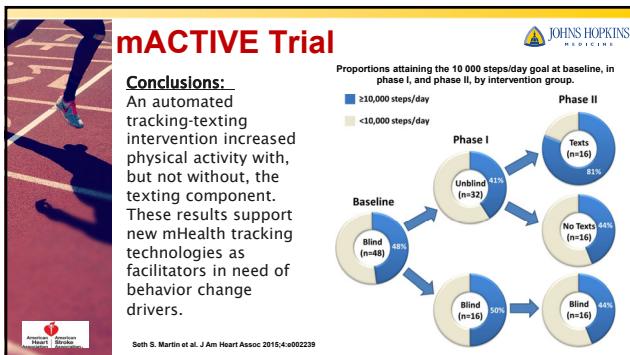
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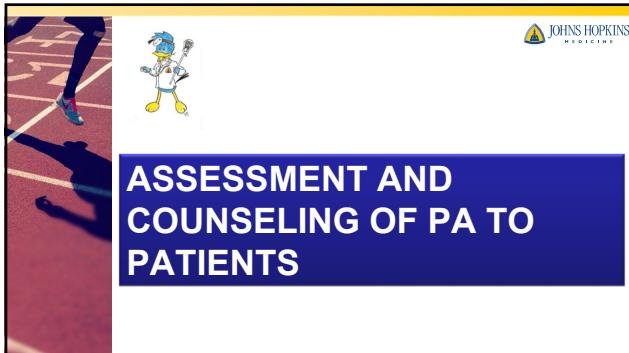


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**AHA SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT**  
**Routine Assessment and Promotion of Physical Activity in Healthcare Settings**  
 A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association

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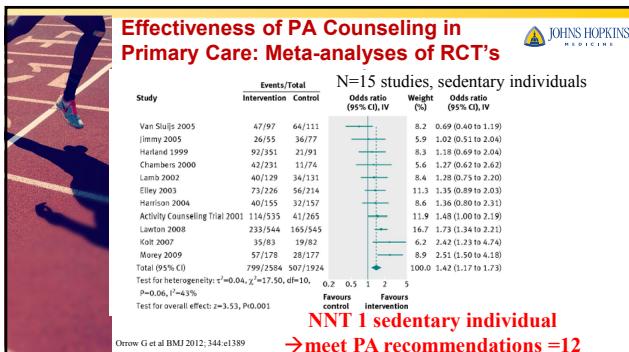
- Evidence supports the effectiveness and feasibility of PA promotion strategies in routine clinical practice.
- Patient PA counseling helps improve patient outcomes.
- Strategies are needed to catalyze increased adoption and consistent use of simple tools (eg, PAVS,EVS) to screen for physical inactivity and to become standard of care

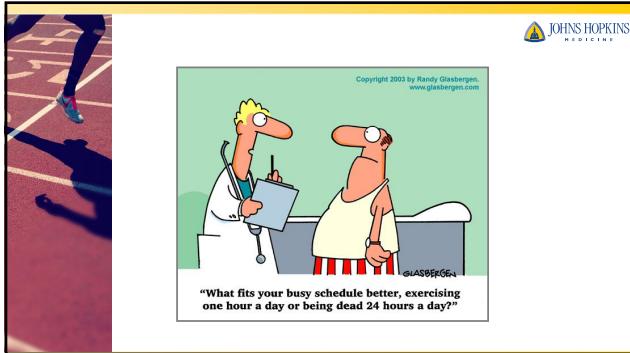
**ESC Prevention Guidelines 2016**

Regular assessment and counselling on PA is recommended to promote the engagement and, if necessary, to support an increase in PA volume over time.<sup>4</sup>

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Lobelo F et al Circulation 2018;137:00-00; ESC Prevention Guidelines 2016






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## 4 Key Points for Patients

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- Avoid inactivity
- Substantial health benefits from medium amounts of aerobic activity
- More health benefits from high amounts of aerobic activity
- Muscle-strengthening activities provide additional health benefits




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## The Physical Activity Pyramid

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Occasional: Watching TV, surfing the Internet, etc.

2-3 days/week: Include all major muscle groups and joints

3-5 days/week: 20-60 minutes per session

Every day: 30 minutes accumulated per day

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## Simple ways to Infuse More Activity into Your Day

- Count your steps
  - Track progress, be accountable, engage friends/family in step challenges
- Sit less, move often
  - Don't have to replace sitting with more vigorous exercise.
- 20-8-2 Rule
  - For every 20 min sitting, stand for 8, move for 2
- Get Pinged into Moving
  - Set alarms/reminders
- Work Moving
  - Hold "Walking Meetings"
- Find excuses to take more steps



## Key Injury Prevention Guidelines

- Understand risks, but benefits clearly outweigh risks.
  - Light to moderate PA (such as brisk walking) has low risk of musculoskeletal injury and low risk for serious cardiac events
- Can lower injury risk through choosing appropriate activity
  - Injury risk of walking is low; football is high
- Increase physical activity gradually over time
  - Usually increase frequency and duration first, then intensity
- Follow principles of injury prevention
- Consult a health care provider if you have chronic conditions or symptoms
  - Not needed before exercise if healthy and no symptoms

**CONCLUSIONS: Physical Activity and Exercise Prevention Many Chronic Disease**

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The diagram illustrates the causal relationships between physical inactivity and various diseases. A central blue circle labeled "Physical Inactivity and Sedentary Lifestyle" is connected by arrows to eight surrounding blue circles, each representing a different disease category:

- Cardiovascular diseases** (top center): Arrows point from "Physical Inactivity and Sedentary Lifestyle" to "Coronary heart disease", "Congestive heart failure", "Cardiomyopathy", and "Hypertension".
- Musculoskeletal disorders** (right center): Arrows point from "Physical Inactivity and Sedentary Lifestyle" to "Low back pain", "Osteoarthritis", and "Bone fractures and connective tissue tears".
- Psychological disorders** (bottom right): Arrows point from "Physical Inactivity and Sedentary Lifestyle" to "Depression", "Osteoporosis", and "Mood".
- Pulmonary diseases** (bottom center): Arrows point from "Physical Inactivity and Sedentary Lifestyle" to "Emphysema", "Chronic bronchitis", and "Asthma".
- Metabolic disorders** (left center): Arrows point from "Physical Inactivity and Sedentary Lifestyle" to "Obesity", "Diabetes", and "Overweight".
- Cancer** (bottom left): Arrows point from "Physical Inactivity and Sedentary Lifestyle" to "Colon", "Prostate", "Lung", and "Breast".



**Exercise – For Everyone**

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At the 2012 Olympic Games in London, Sarah Attar represents Saudi Arabia as the country's first Olympic female runner, competing in the women's 800 meters.

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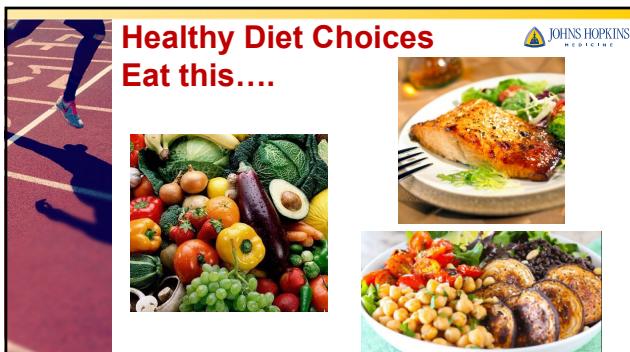
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**Healthy Diet Choices**

**Eat this....**

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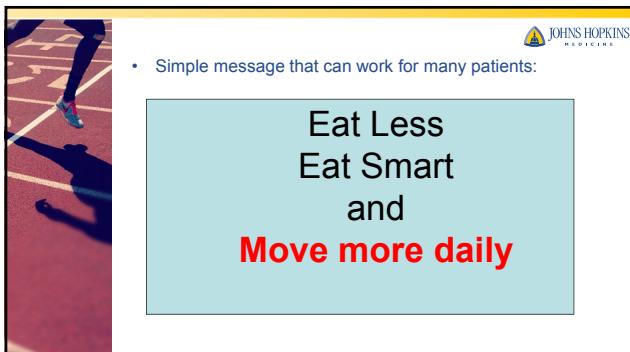
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- Simple message that can work for many patients:

**Eat Less  
Eat Smart  
and  
Move more daily**

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