LOADED MOVEMENT TRAINING

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LIFTING
Our skin is very much the skin "of" the superficial fascia, and they are thoroughly mechanically related.

Gil Hedley – PhD Anatomist
Bundles of collagen fibers, known as Cutaneous Ligaments extend from the dermis to the intermediate layer of the superficial fascia.

Shearing of the skin will create a gliding effect on the superficial fascia.
Objectives:

- Define Loaded Movement Training and its relevance to overall conditioning
- Map Loaded Movement with other forms of exercise
- Provide a scientific rationale for Loaded Movement Training
- Showcase myriad drills for Loaded Movement Training
The Importance of a Concept:

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Loaded Movement Training combines task-oriented movement patterning with resistance training. Agility and strength come from moving the body through a multitude of purposeful actions, with load - just like back on the farm.
Classic Resistance Training

Benefits include:

- Greater muscle Hypertrophy
- Time under tension
- Increase hormonal release
- Improvement in Stability / Strength / Power
- Improved intra-muscular coordination
4 Quadrant Training

Linear Movement / Recurrent

Skill Development Training
Corrective Exercise
Core Training
MAT
Therapeutic Rehab
Muscle Testing
Running / Cycling / Rowing / Swimming etc.
Archetypal Poses

Benefits include:

- Re-education of neuro-muscular system
- Stability / Mobility training
- Weak Link Activation
- Targeted tissue improvement (i.e. muscle)
- Improved intra-muscular coordination
- Cardio and motor efficiency
- Metabolic improvement
SAQ Training
Skill Development Training
Functional Rehab
Animal Flow
Tai Chi
Yoga
Archetypal Poses
Ground to Standing Patterns

Benefits include:

- Rapid NS activation
- Mostability training
- Improved Motor learning
- Speed, agility, quickness improvements
- Increase functional reaction capabilities
Loaded Movement Training

Warding Patterns
ViPR

Benefits include:

- Greater adaptations in muscle, nerve, skin, fascia
  - Less compressive forces
  - Increase hormonal release
- Improvement in multi-directional Stability / Strength / Power
  - Improved inter-muscular coordination
  - Whole body integration

Transitional Movement - 3D / Variable
BioTensegrity (BT)  Musculo-Skeletal System (MSS)

MyoFascial Web (MFW)

Neuro -Musculo-Skeletal System (NMS)

Osteo Vs. Arthro Kinematics (RM Vs. RM)

Neuro MyoFascial Matrix (NMF)

Fascial Sensory Organ (FSO)

Alpha Nerve Control Input (ANC)

‘Optimal Movement Training Model’ (OM)
Mechanical Load Variability
MechanoTransduction
How our Bodies Dissipate Force and Why?

“refers to the many mechanisms by which cells convert mechanical stimulus into chemical activity”
FASCIAL ARCHITECTURE

- FASCIA
  - CELLS
    - FIBROBLASTS
    - MAST CELLS
    - ADIPOSE CELLS
    - MACROPHAGES
  - FIBERS
    - COLLAGEN
    - RETICULAR
    - ELASTIC
  - ECM
    - GROUND SUBSTANCE
    - PROTEOGLYCANS
    - HYALURONIC ACID
- WATER
  - BINDING
  - NON BINDING
Collagen

Characteristics:

- Chains of amino acids coiled around each other in a triple helix format

- The longer they are, the more strength they give

- The longest/strongest collagens are the hardest to make (require the right diet and the right movement)

- All Collagen carry a special molecule called Glycoaminoglycans

- Once manufactured, collagen molecules get anchored to the exterior of the cell and unfurl throughout the extra-cellular matrix where molecules from adjacent cells can intertwine

- Wrinkles, arthritis, circulatory problems involve lesser quality collagen that cannot prevent the tissue from pulling apart and separating - this makes us look and function ‘older’ as stability begins to be affected
- Foods that are rich in glycosaminoglycans help collagen production ... and attract A LOT of water with them (up to 1000 times their own weight)

- Glycosaminoglycans will naturally adhere to collagen everywhere in your body, moistening dry skin, helping your tendons and ligaments stay supple, and make you look and function younger

- Water in the connective system will coat joints and tissues in tiny, electrically charged clouds, which creates a protective layer of super-lubricating fluid
Collagen is the most prevalent kind of protein we have (about 15% of our dry weight).

Research indicates that individuals with weak collagen experience more injuries throughout their lives.

When our body is making collagen, it's performing a physiological high-wire act, a feat of extraordinary timing and mechanical precision. This level of complexity makes collagen more dependent on good nutrition and more vulnerable to the effects of pro-inflammatory foods than other tissue types.
Inflammation is a culprit (under acute inflammation, the body's response is to elevate white blood cell count, which attack free radicals and release collagen-chewing enzymes called COLLAGENASES).

Under chronic inflammation / congestion (poor diet and environmental exposure) the exact same mechanism happens - but over a long period of time - and the fascial system suffers - leading to injuries, instability and poor motor control (due to the fact that nerves need fascial sensitivity).

The number of children with food allergies has risen 100% in the past 5 yrs.

Sugar and Vegetable oil combined with nutrient-deficient foods make up the perfect pro-inflammatory diet.

Poor diet will negatively affect collagen in the skin and fascia, negatively affecting aging, joint stability and function.

Collagen is made from raw materials we must eat. Unlike other tissues, collagen is uniquely sensitive to metabolic imbalances.

One of the best ways to help collagen heal is to eat some (C. Shanahan, MD).
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<td>In which way will you orient your body to gravity / ground?</td>
<td>What gross movement is occurring in the body?</td>
<td>What external load are you choosing and why?</td>
<td>Foot position (stance) and / or foot movements while performing the exercise?</td>
<td>Hand position and / or hand movements while performing the exercise?</td>
<td>Acute variable manipulation (i.e. sets, reps, weight, ROM, speed etc.)</td>
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IoM Error Detection

Coaching Cues
(Adapted from Chuck Wolf, MS)

1. Maintain Length in the Spine
2. Initiate Movement with the Hips
3. Reach with the Scapula
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Consider elite runners. They are elite because they run, to a large extent, on passive tissue and not muscle.

They are able to stiffen their passive tissues further with muscle activation given the many ligamentous and fascial connections.

This ability is enhanced with plyometric training, but is compromised with stretching.

A general guideline is to never stretch a runner beyond the joint angles utilized in running. Keep them tight to engage the springs with each stride.

OPTIMIZE THE PASSIVE CONNECTIVE TISSUE SYSTEM

‘Superstiffness’ - Stuart McGill
RAPID CONTRACTION / RELAXATION OF MUSCLE
‘Superstiffness’ - Stuart McGill

Muscle contraction occurs rhythmically

It is just as important to ‘turn on’ the muscle as it is to ‘turn off’ the muscle

Too many coaches train for speed with more strengthening approaches – actually slowing the athlete down. A muscle that cannot relax quickly will slow the athlete.

TUNING OF THE MUSCLE
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Muscles act as elastic springs (consider the abdominal wall)

If the spring is too compliant, or too stiff, the elastic energy storage is hampered

It appears that a pre-contraction level of about 25 percent of MVC creates the amount of muscle stiffness for optimal storage and recovery of elastic energy in the core muscles (at least in many situations).
USE ‘COUNTER-MOVEMENT’ TO CREATE PRE-STRETCH
Less wear / tear on joint surfaces

Compression Vs. Tension loads
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--- Skill training:
synaptogenesis, synaptic potentiation, and reorganization of movement representations within motor cortex. (i.e. improves neural connections and potentials; improves wiring sequences)

--- Endurance training:
angiogenesis in motor cortex, but it does not alter motor map organization or synapse number. (i.e. increase capillarization of CNS blood and lymph vessels, but nothing of the neural connections)

--- Strength training:
alters spinal motoneuron excitability and induces synaptogenesis within spinal cord, but it does not alter motor map organization. (i.e. increases sensitivity of action potentials and improves neural connections, but does not alter wiring sequences)
Muscles rely on neural sensitivity

While Nerves rely on fascial sensitivity
It is well documented that exercising only one arm will also enhance strength in the ‘untrained’ arm.

By activating the nervous system, we enhance its ability to “squeeze” the neural drive back to the joint where enhanced performance is required.
Nerves (timing/isometric)
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LIFTING
Adjo Zorn – Fascial Elasticity
Catapult Mechanism
Kawakami (2002)

Elastic Recoil of Fascial Tissue

A - Less Length Change in Muscular Units (i.e. less eccentric muscle load) VS.
B - More Length Change in Muscular Units (i.e. more eccentric muscle load)
10 MOVEMENT PREPARATION DRILLS
(pick 2 at a time)
10 TISSUE ENHANCEMENT DRILLS
(pick 2 at a time)
10 MOVEMENT BASED INTEGRATED STRENGTH DRILLS
(pick 2 at a time)
10 EXPLOSIVE MOVEMENT BASED POWER DRILLS
(pick 2 at a time)
10 SEQUENCING AND INTEGRATED MOVEMENT COORDINATION DRILLS
(pick 2 at a time)