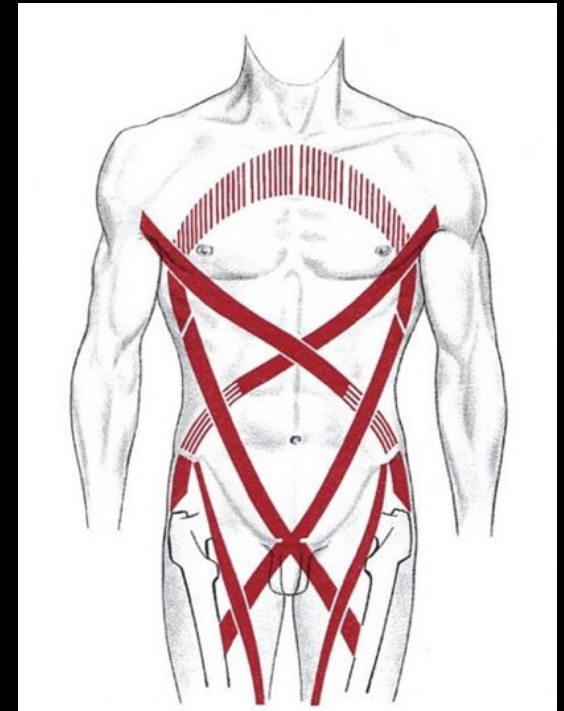
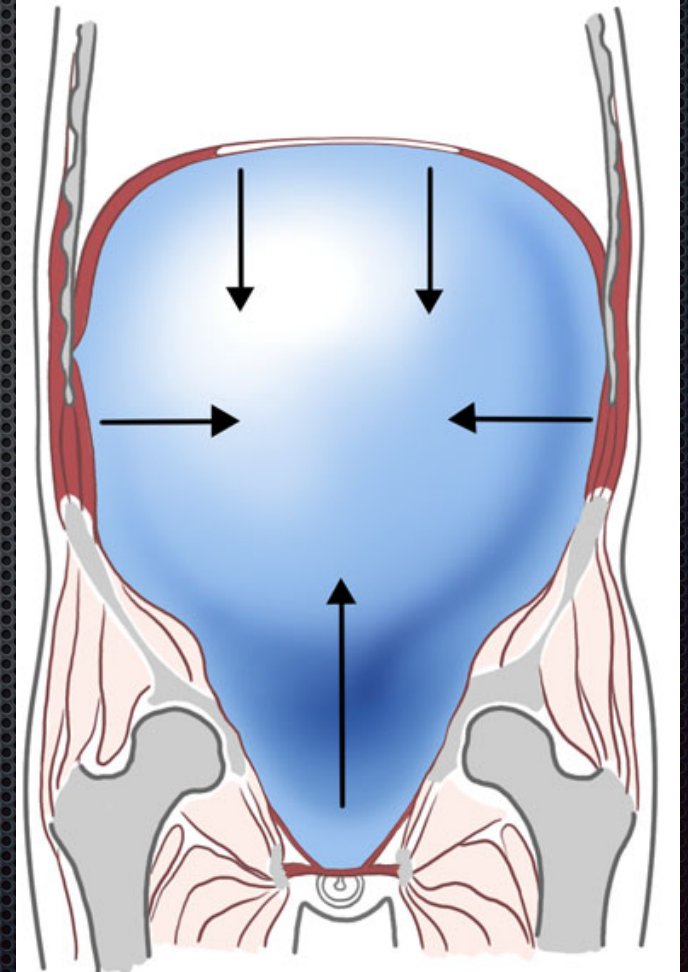
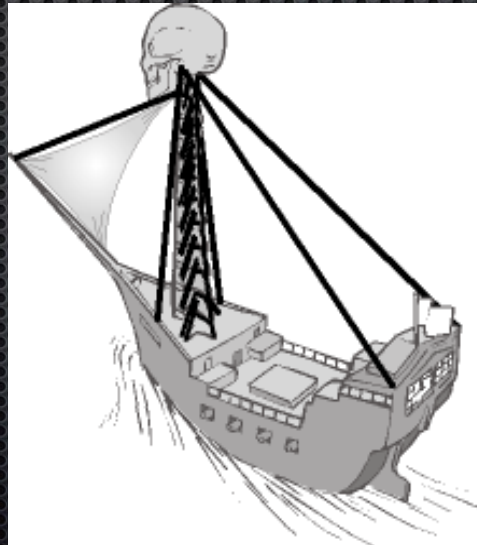
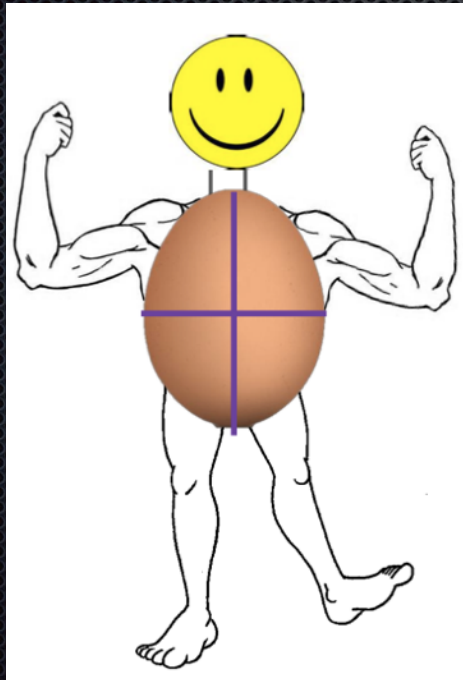
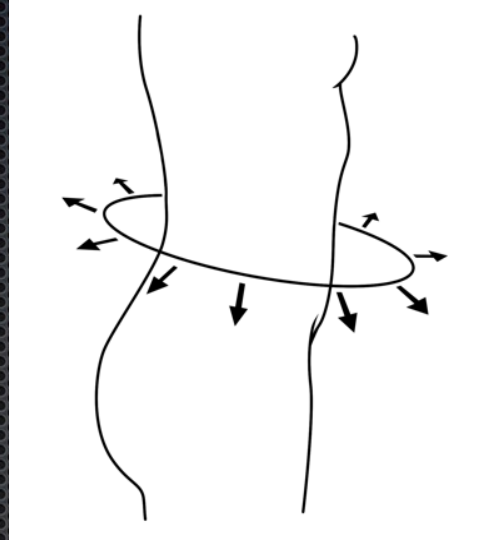
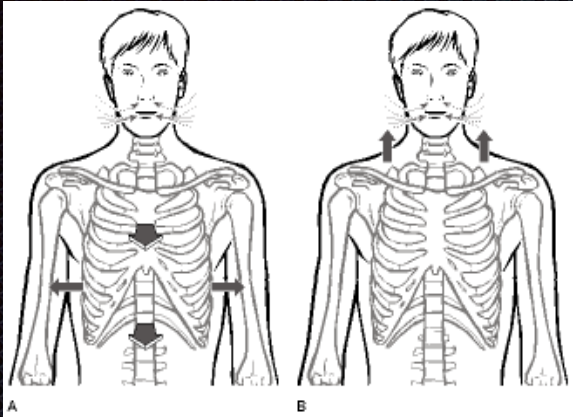


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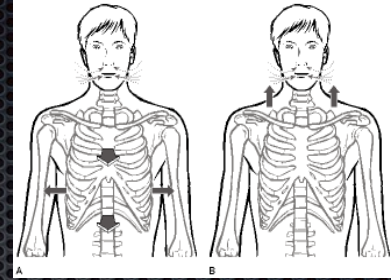


# The Diaphragm & the Core





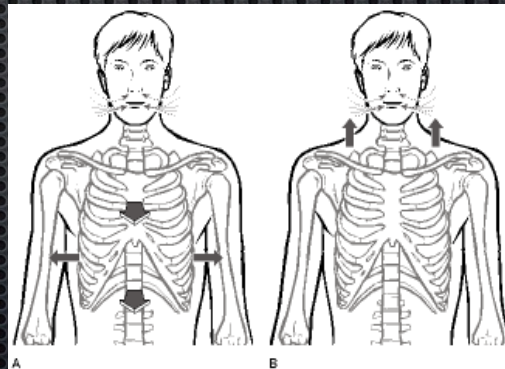
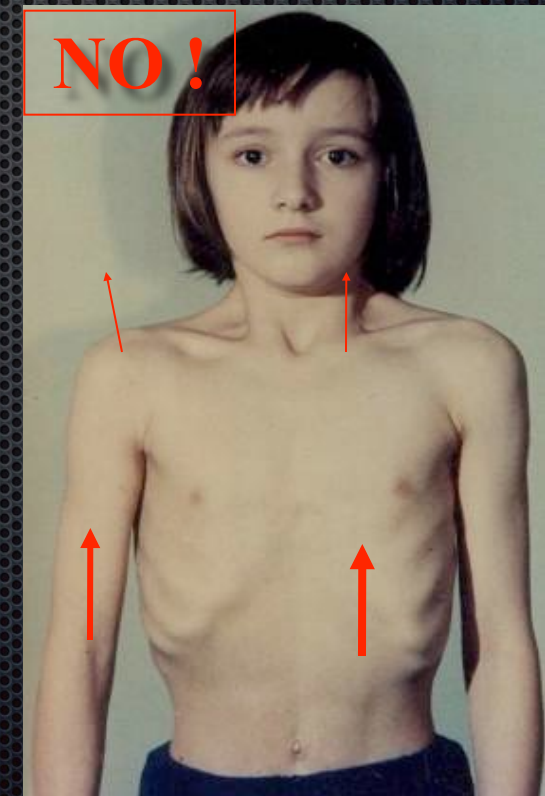
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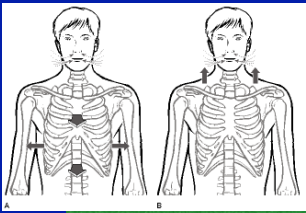
Most common faulty movement  
pattern

Vertical chest breathing  
predominates over horizontal

Scalene overactivity





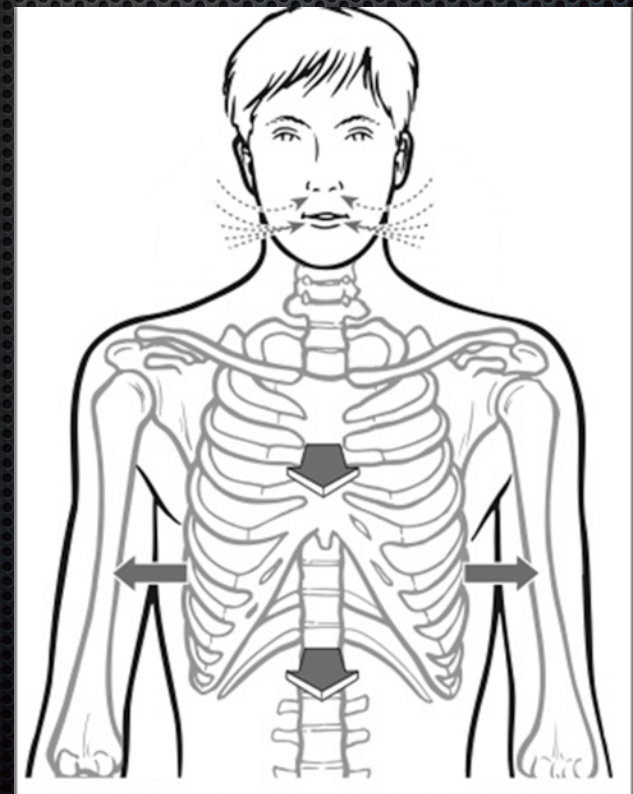
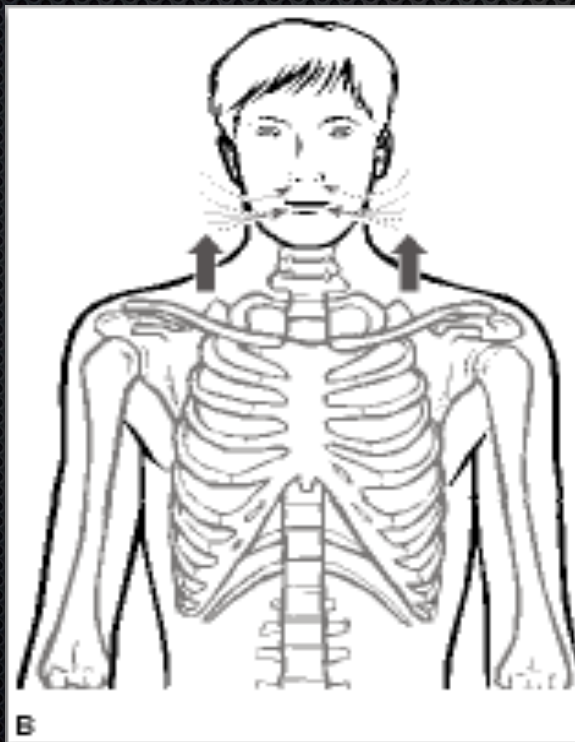


## Assessment: Breathing/Core

- Most common faulty movement pattern
- Dysfunctional breathing usually occurs with **vertical** chest breathing predominating over lower abdominal and lower rib cage **horizontal** breathing
- Scalene & upper traps overactivity & poor abdominal function result from faulty breathing



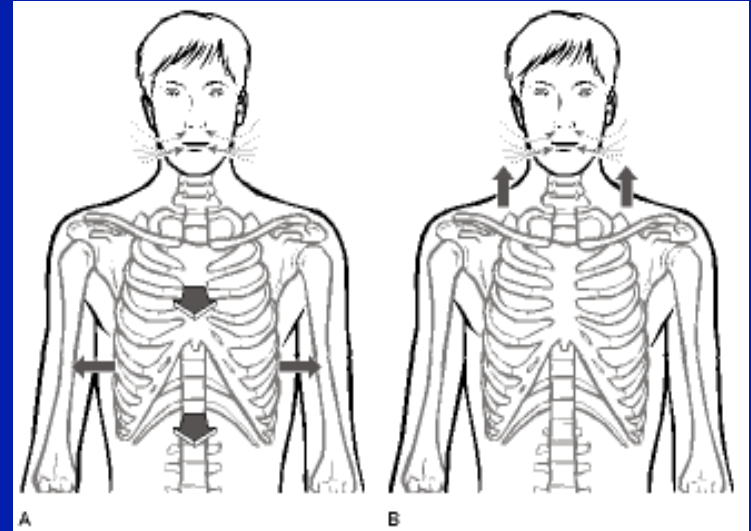
- ✧ “Before any real benefit can be derived from physical exercise, one must first learn how to breathe properly...Our very life depends on it” Joseph Pilates



# Breathing Test - Upright

## Standing or Sitting Inhalation Test

- During a breath in do the shoulders rise up?
- Ideally breathing occurs horizontally not vertically

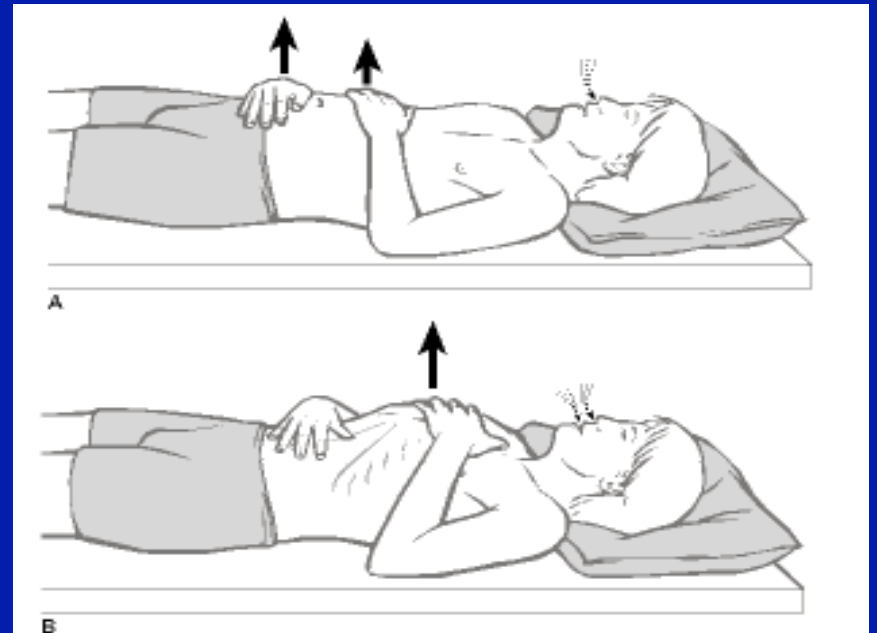




# Breathing Observation - Supine

## DURING INHALATION:

- Observe if chest breathing predominates over abdominal breathing (**minor dysfunction**)
- Observe during inhalation if the abdomen moves in, rather than out (*paradoxical respiration* – **major dysfunction**)



YOGA

# Scoring

- 0 - Pain
- 1 - Can't perform movement
  - Paradoxical respiration
    - Supine inhalation belly goes in/exhalation out
  - Ribs cephalad in upright/vert test
  - Supine - chest breathing predominates over belly breathing
- 2 - Performs movement w/ compensation
  - Lower rib cage does not widen laterally
- 3 - Movement performed w/out compensation



# A) Periodized Isometric Core Stabilization Program

Lee & McGill

## **EFFECT OF LONG-TERM ISOMETRIC TRAINING ON CORE/TORSO STIFFNESS**

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*Spine Biomechanics Laboratory, Department of Kinesiology, Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada*

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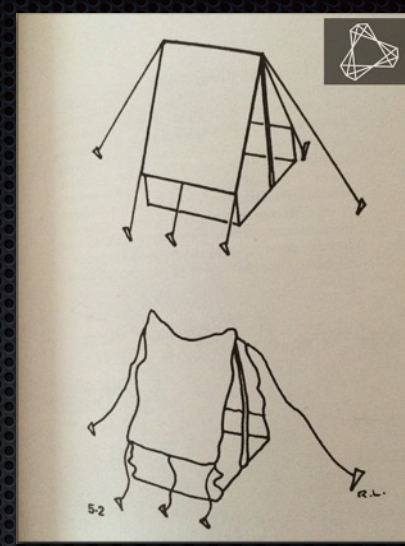
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# Pr Stuart McGill

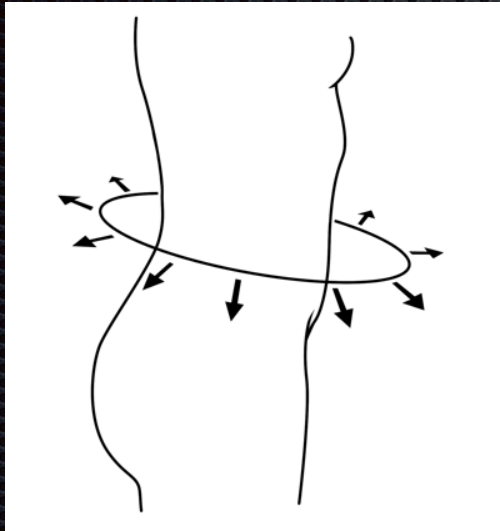
WHY?



"Enhanced core stiffness allows the spine to bear greater loads and express greater distal limb athleticism."



# Agonist-Antagonist Dysfunction



Muscle response pattern to sudden trunk loading in LBP individuals

Delayed activation

Over-activation

Delayed relaxation

*Radebold A, Cholewick J, Panjabi M, Patel T. Spine  
2000;25:947-954.*





**OLYMPIC LIFTERS  
RELAX THEIR MUSCLES  
ABOUT 5X FASTER  
THAN PEOPLE ON THE  
STREET. THE "GIFT OF  
THE OLYMPIC LIFT"  
REQUIRES RELAXATION.**

**DR. STUART MCGILL**

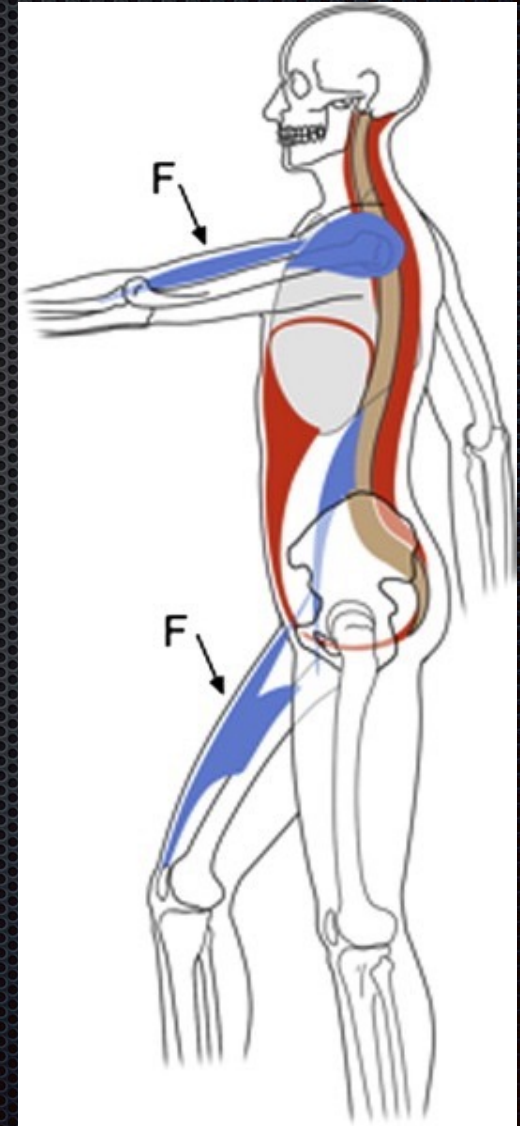






## Core Stiffness

- ❖ enhances load bearing ability,
- ❖ arrests painful vertebral micromovements,
- ❖ and enhances ballistic distal limb movement





- ✦ **"Athletic performance** depends on being able to **generate power through your arms and legs**. That power is only possible if your **torso and hips provide a solid, stable platform.**" – Stuart McGill





# Foundation/Stability



## Pr Stuart McGill

A great coach assesses their athletes for injury history, body type, current athleticisms, and training goals, then creates a program while training best technique. A poor coach beats a client up and makes them sore.



## A Note from Dr. Mel Siff, 2008

"To me, the sign of a really excellent routine is one which places great demands on the athlete, yet produces progressive long-term improvement without soreness, injury or the athlete ever feeling thoroughly depleted. "Any fool can create a program that is so demanding that it would virtually kill the toughest marine or hardest of elite athletes, but not any fool can create a tough program that produces progress without unnecessary pain."

**Langara**  
THE COLLEGE OF HIGHER LEARNING



# Minimize Downside Risk



“the purpose of the program is to reduce injuries and improve performance. We are not trying to create power lifters, O lifters, bodybuilders or strongmen. We are trying to create athletes. Strength training is simply a means to an end.”

Boyle



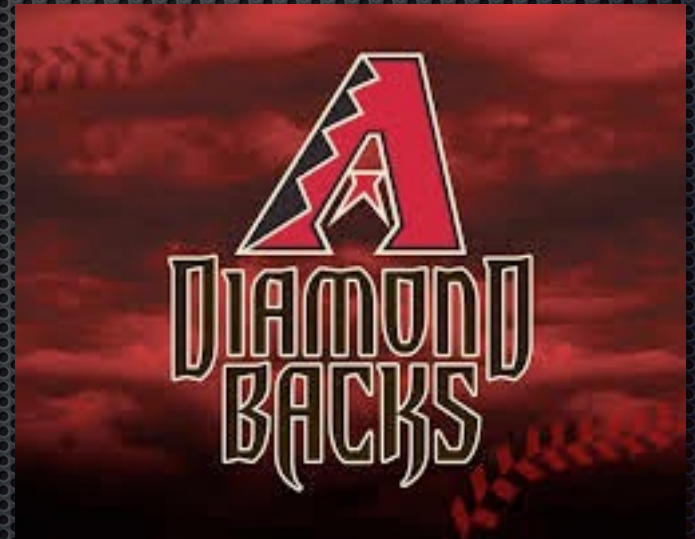
**A trainer should be paranoid about injury**





# “Durability is more important than ability”

- ✦ Arizona  
Diamondbacks  
MLB Training Staff





# WHY

"Exceeding tissue tolerance by loading the athlete too frequently or too greatly increases the odds of tissue injury.

This is where the beauty of the isometric core exercises come into play."





# The Injury Prevention Pyramid

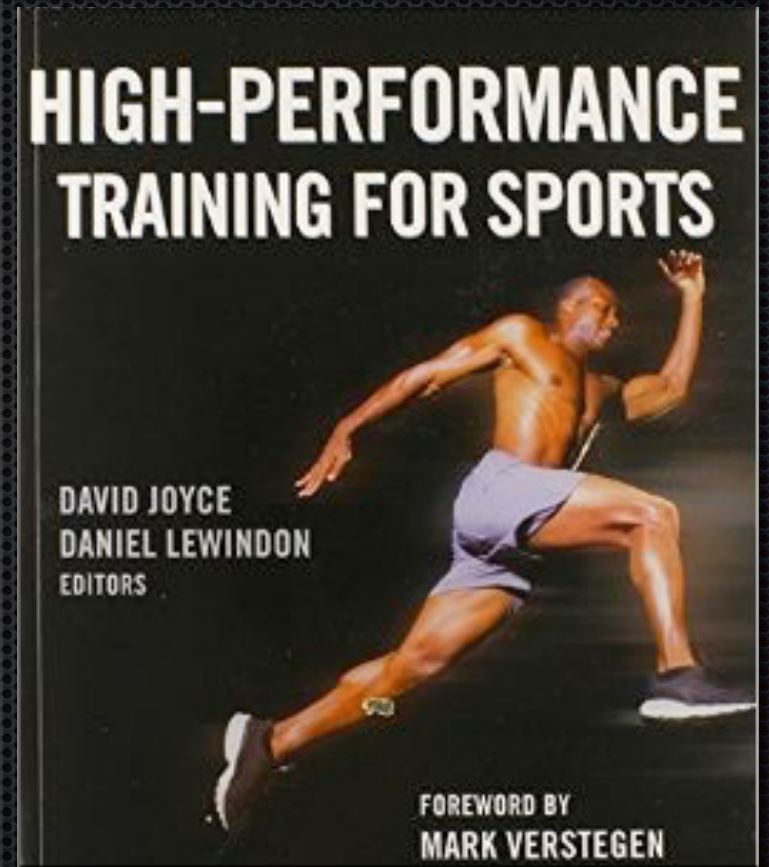
The Sports Physio @adammeakins





# Joyce D

- ✱ "In many instances we find the program is king....the athlete is ...expected to be shoehorned into the program, there is little **individualization.**"





# WHAT

- ❖ Designed to train the core about all 3 planes of motion - **sagittal**, **frontal** and **transverse**;
- ❖ Each exercise selected was based on criteria to challenge a specific plane

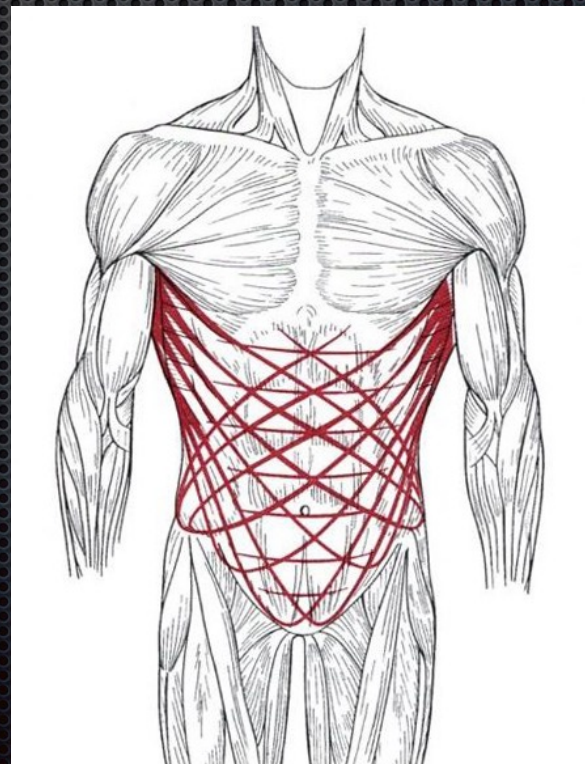
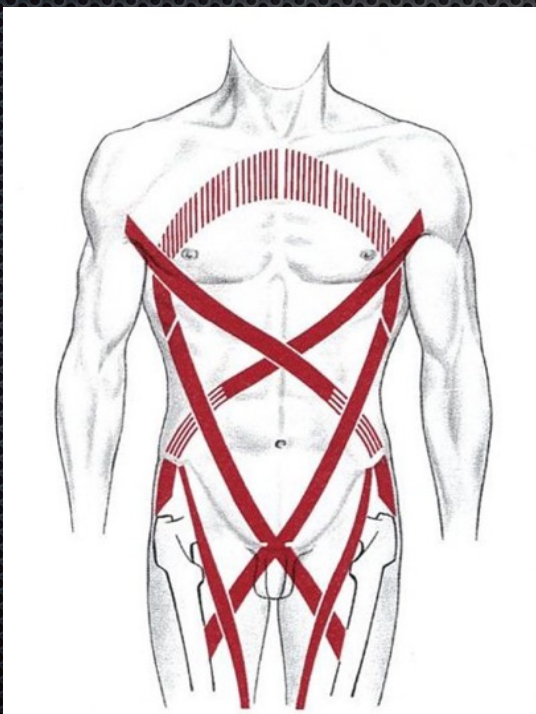






# PNF

## Core (proximal) Stability for Distal Mobility









# PERIODIZED REHAB



The progressions are organized in a progressive block manner:

**Weeks 1-2 - Static w/ bodyweight**

**Weeks 3-4 - Quasi-static w/ external load**

**Weeks 5-6 - Proximal stiffness-distal mobility relationship**



# Isometric Core Stability

- Level 1 - Static w/ bodyweight
  - Isometric Holds - Front Plank (2), Side Bridge, Bird Dog
  - Progressing to - Torsional Buttress, Side Plank, Front Plank (1)
- Level 2 - Quasi-static w/ external load
  - - Pallof Press, Pulley 30 degree abduction, Kettlebell Suitcase hold
- Level 3 - Proximal Stiffness with Distal motion/athleticism
  - Stir the Pot, Inverted Row (TRX), KettleBell Carry, 1/2 Kneeling Chop
  - Also - Dead Bug, Plank Saws (2/1), Plank Roll, 1 Arm Bench/Row, Glute Bridge (2/1), Staggered Arm Push-Up



# Isometric Core Exercise Progressions

## PROXIMAL STABILITY WITH DISTAL MOBILITY

### STATIC W/ BODYWEIGHT

- ✦ BIRD DOG
- ✦ on forearms
- ✦ FRONT PLANK (2 to 1)
- ✦ SIDE BRIDGE
- ✦ TORSIONAL BUTTRESS

### STATIC W/ EXT LOAD

- ✦ KETTLE BELL STATIC HOLD
- ✦ 30 DEGREE STATIC HOLD WITH PULLEY
- ✦ PALLOF PRESS (anti-rotation)
- ✦ Lateral Step (Band walk - Frontal)
- ✦ Overhead (Anterior)

- ✦ STIR THE POT
- ✦ 1/2 KNEELING CHOP
- ✦ TRX ROW
- ✦ KB CARRY
- ✦ WALL BUG
- ✦ PLANK ROLL
- ✦ Plank Saw (2/1)
- ✦ 1 ARM BENCH/ROW
- ✦ GLUTE BRIDGE (2 to 1)



# The Functional Training Range

- ✦ Hardest thing you do well
  - ✦ at the edge of your capability
- ✦ Nested to your “weak link”
- ✦ *“Painless range that is appropriate for the task at hand”* Dennis Morgan, PT, DC



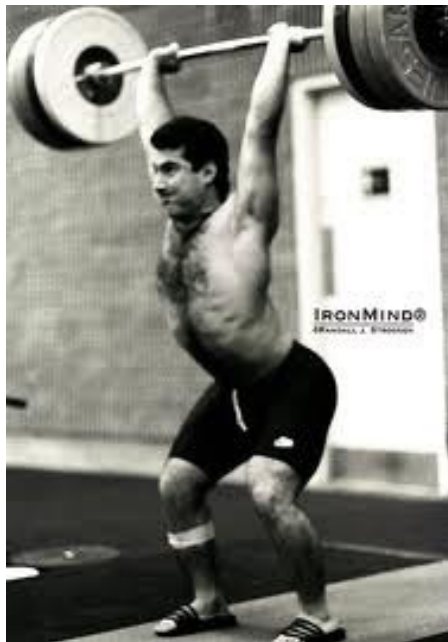


## **Janda's Approach**

**Pr. Janda taught me “every  
exercise is a test”**



# Every Exercise is a Test





# Block 1: Bodyweight Completely Static

## Weeks 1-2

No external load, just  
using bodyweight to  
train stability in each  
plane



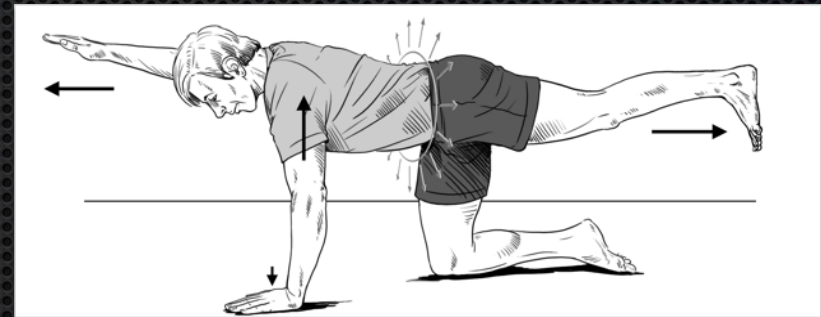


# Block 1: Week 1

Bird Dog

Side Bridge

Front Plank - 2 Legs

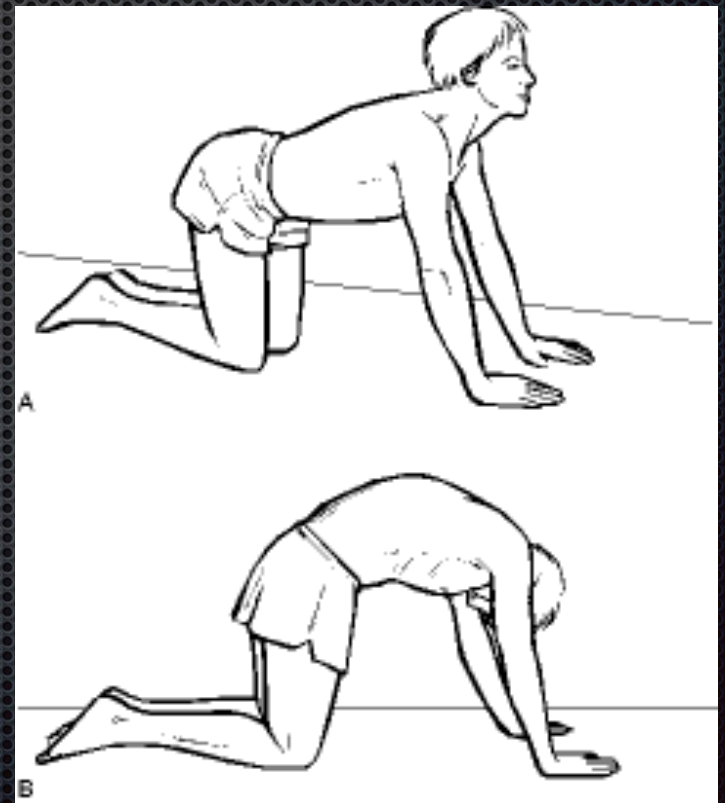




## WARM-UP

### Cat - Camel - p621

- ✦ Perform in painless or pain centralizing ROM
- ✦ Gentle, limbering movement, NOT a stretch
- ✦ 8-10 reps
- ✦ 2-4X/day





# FRONT PLANK







# Frontal Side Bridge Technique -p 624

- Shrugged Shoulder
- Lumbar Convexity



- Packed Shoulder
- Lumbar Centrated

## Ready-Aim-Fire

Anti-Lateral  
Flexion



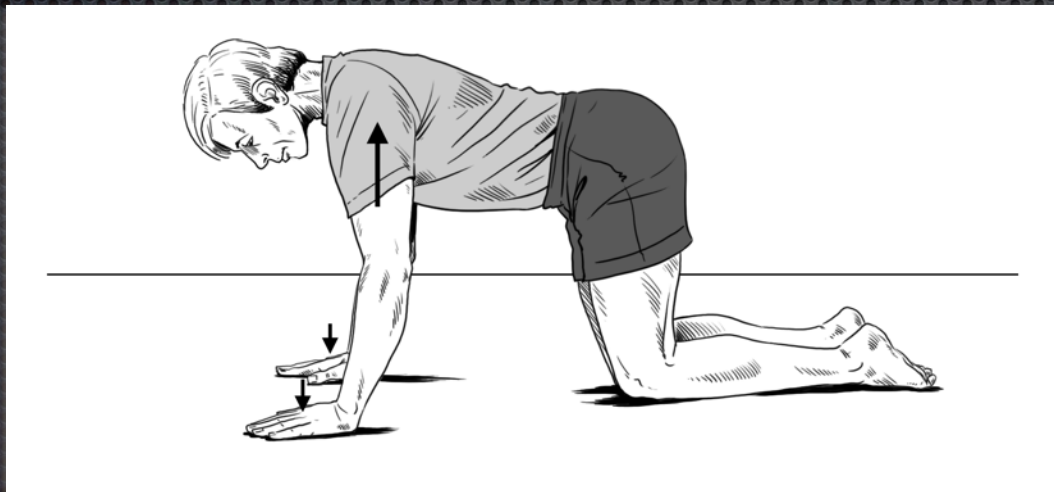
- Hips Centrated



## Bird-Dog - p623



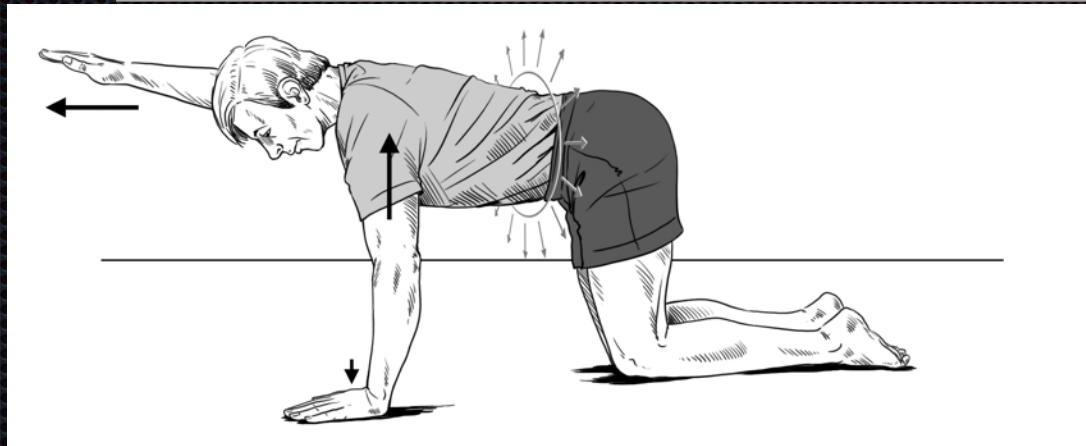
- Start on All 4's
- hands under shoulders
- knees under hips
- push off floor until head glides up





## Quad Arm Reach

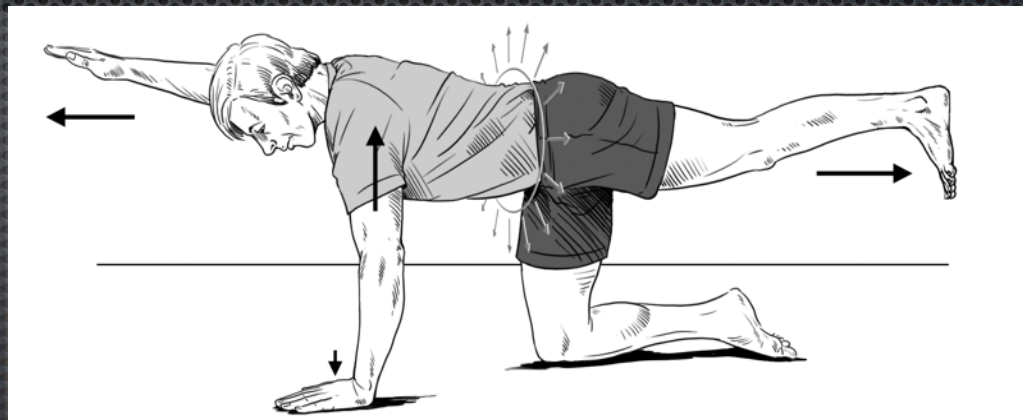
- brace your spine
- & reach forward w/ your hand
- Be sure that your shoulder blade(s) don't stick out





# Transverse

- reach behind you w/ your foot
- then progress to opposite arm/leg





# Common Errors



Sagittal

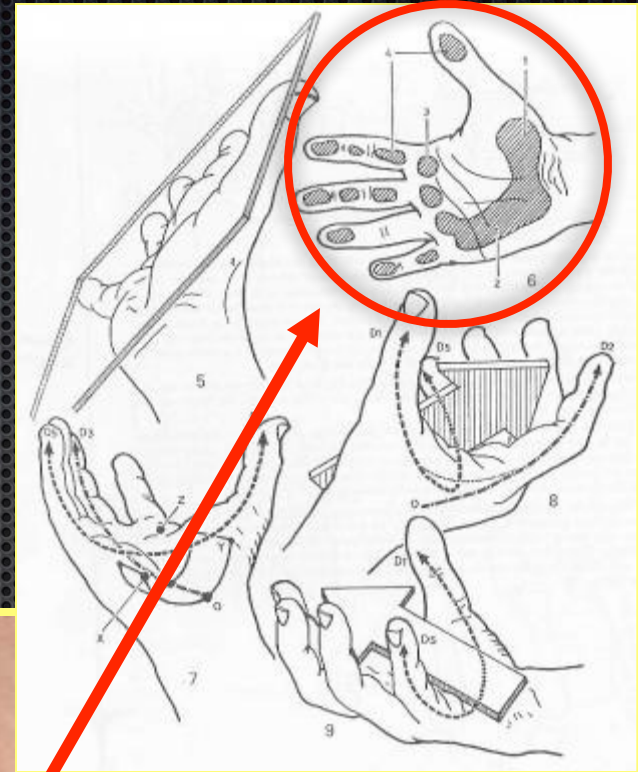


Transverse





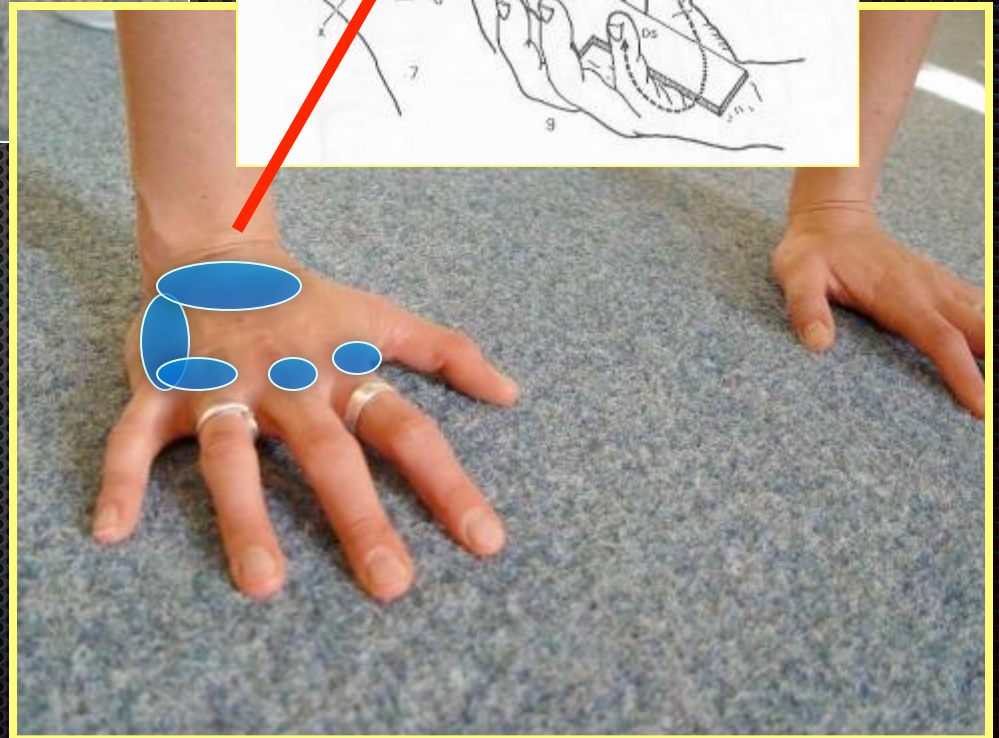




**NO** ☹️



**YES** 😊





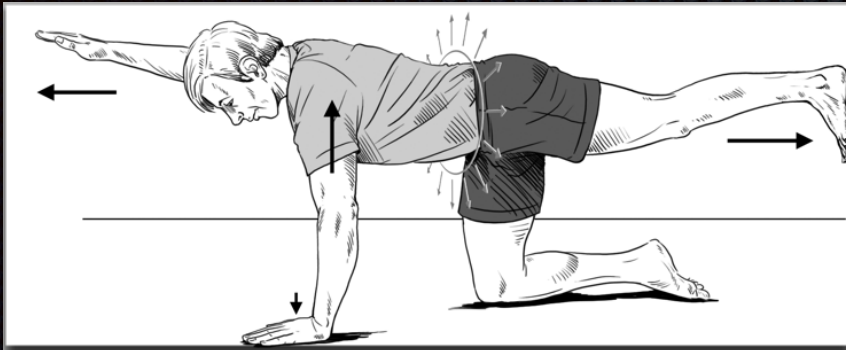




# Boyle's Regression







# Block 1:

## Week 2

Bird Dog

Side Plank

Front Plank - Single  
Leg

Torsional Buttress





# Sagittal Plane Capacity: FRONT PLANK

1





# Side Plank

## Progression - Week 2

- Indications
  - Subacute MSP
  - In particular
    - LBP





Transverse

Anti-Rotation

# Torsional Buttress





# Standing Anti-Rotation Lean

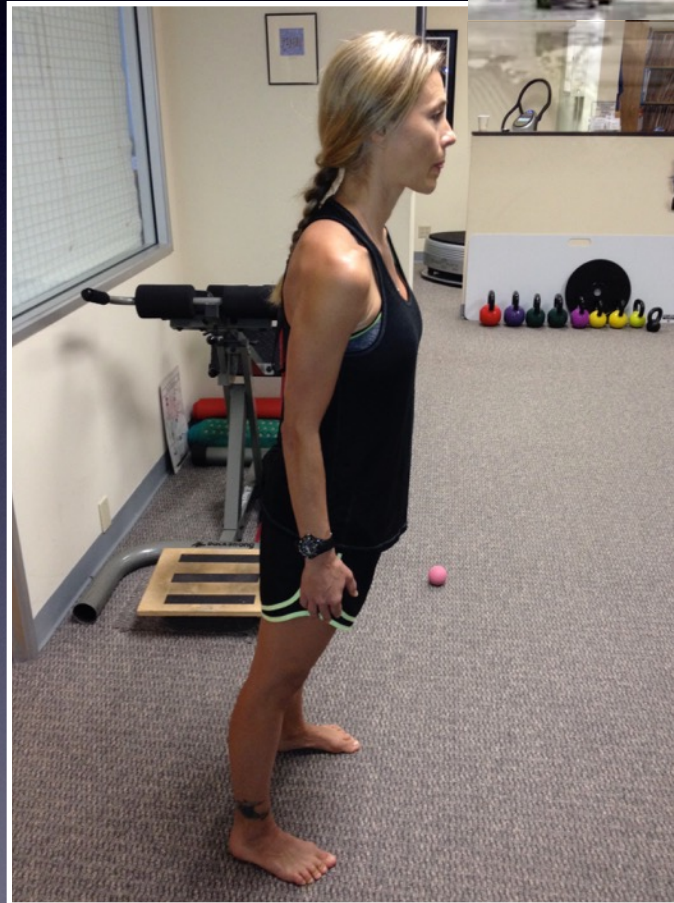
“Fall Forward”













## **1 THE FOLD**

Prop the pizza on the upturned fingertips of both hands, at chin height, perpendicular to the body. Gently squeeze the outer edges of the crust until they meet in the middle. Crease the slice longways and direct the sharp end toward the mouth.





## 2 THE BEND

As the pizza approaches, lean forward at an angle of approximately 35 degrees, enabling the mozzarella grease to drip harmlessly onto the ground, thereby avoiding irremovable stains on the shirt or pants. Insert slice into mouth.





### **3 THE NIP**

Still leaning,  
bite down and  
pull away,  
creating a  
string of cheese



between mouth and pizza. Do NOT  
attempt to stretch the string to its  
breaking point. Instead, nibble to the  
edge of the slice and nip with the  
incisors. Swallow and repeat.



# Anti-Rotation Lean - Arms





# STATIC W/ BODYWEIGHT

## Progressions

- ✦ BIRD DOG
  - ✦ on forearms (regression)
- ✦ FRONT PLANK 2 feet
  - ✦ 1 leg progression
- ✦ SIDE BRIDGE
  - ✦ SIDE PLANK (progression)
- ✦ TORSIONAL BUTTRESS
- ✦ STANDING ANTI-ROTATION



# Block 2: External Load

## Quasi-Static

### Weeks 3-4

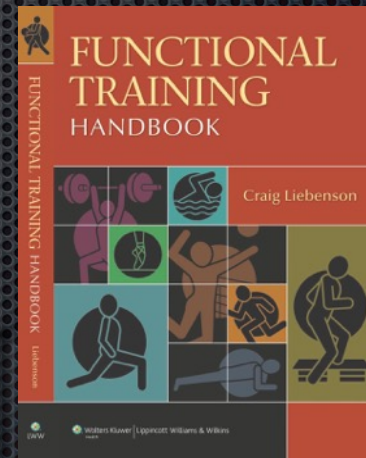
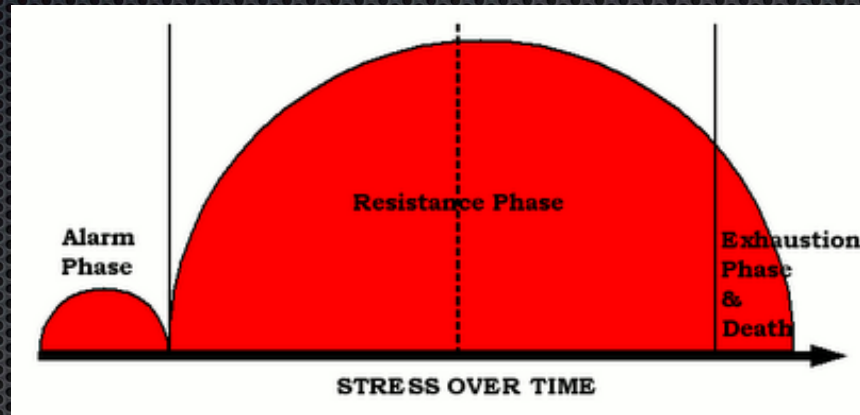
Use of external load  
and manipulating  
moment arms to train  
stability in each plane

- ✿ use bracing abilities  
learned in Block 1 &  
apply it to a slightly  
more challenging drill





# How to Progress







**STRIVE FOR  
PROGRESS**

**NOT PERFECTION**

Convert 1's into 2's



**One of the lessons I learned in all those years practicing karate is that progress only comes in small incremental portions. Nobody becomes great overnight.**

**- Georges St-Pierre**



"The laws of human motion with injury resiliency begin first with proximal stiffness which enhances distal athleticism, and secondly, generate power at hips, not the spine. "



Stuart McGill, PhD



# Karel Lewit

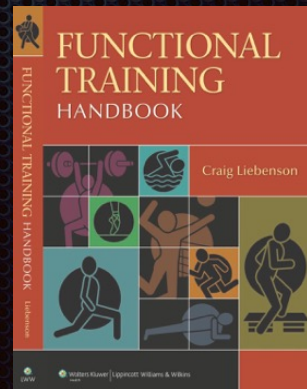
- “Don't try to teach perfect movement patterns, rather correct the key fault that is causing the trouble.”

Not 2's into 3's





# Where Does Go Hard or Go Home Apply?





# Needs Analysis

Do you have  
Enough  
Capacity?

You must have more  
capacity than the task  
demands...otherwise  
injury will occur.





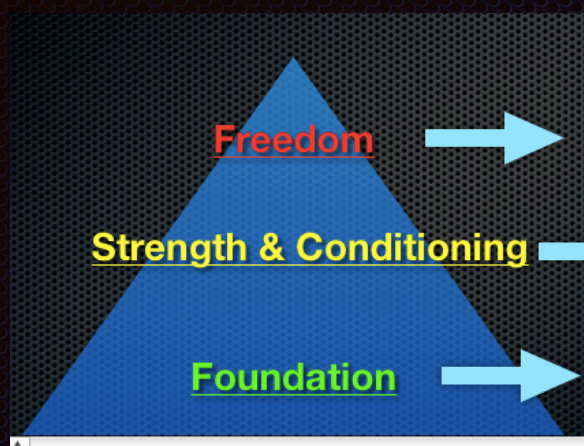
# Needs Analysis

Do you have  
Enough  
Capacity?

**Demand > Cap = Injury**

**Cap > Demand = Durability**





# Strength

“Go Hard or Go Home”

- ✦ The hardest thing you can do well
- ✦ The limit of your capability



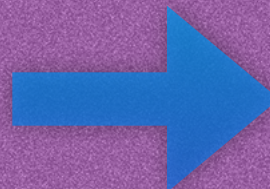


Your comfort zone is a cage

IF IT DOESN'T CHALLENGE YOU,  
IT DOESN'T CHANGE YOU



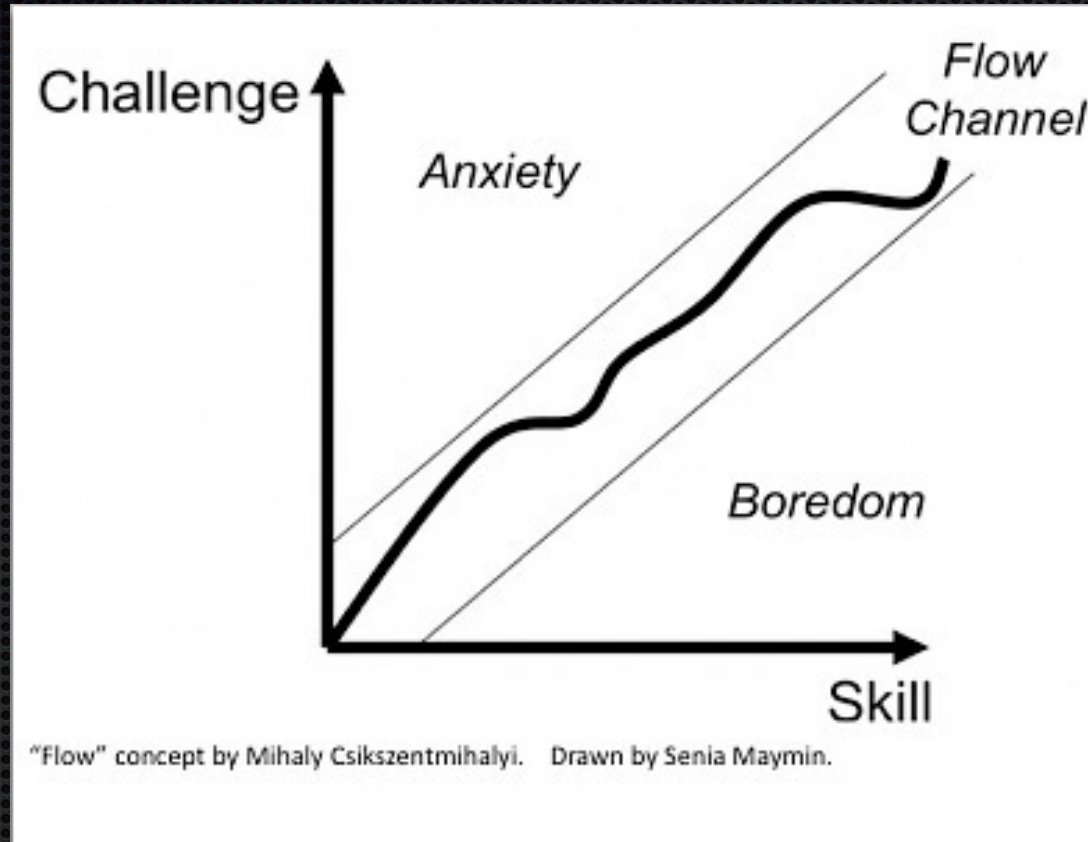
Overload or Novelty



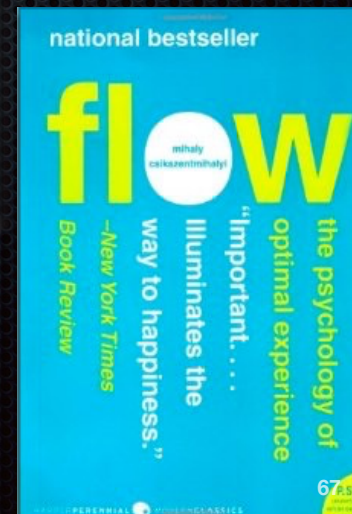
Adaptation



# Stress leads to Adaptation & Skill Transfer



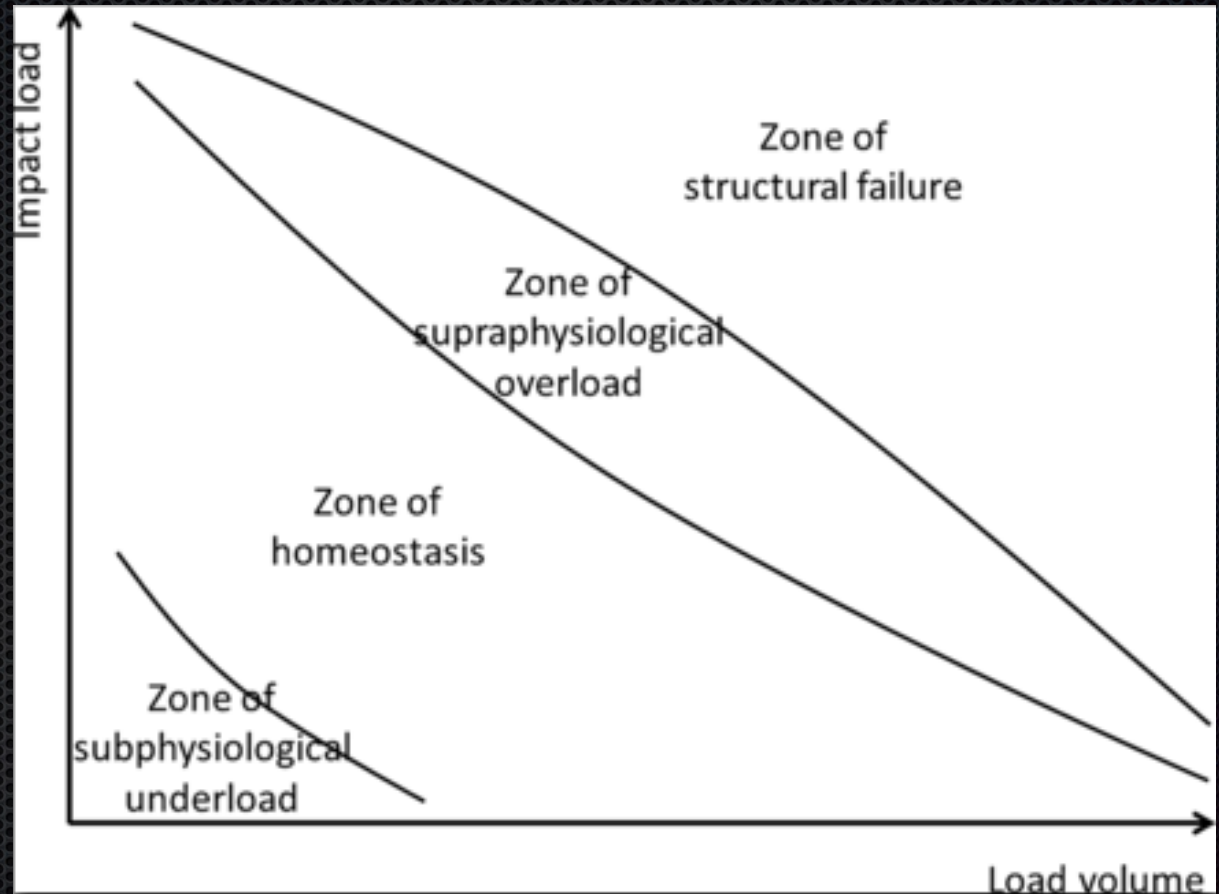
FIND YOUR EDGE!





# Relationship between structural adaptation and load (Dye 2005)

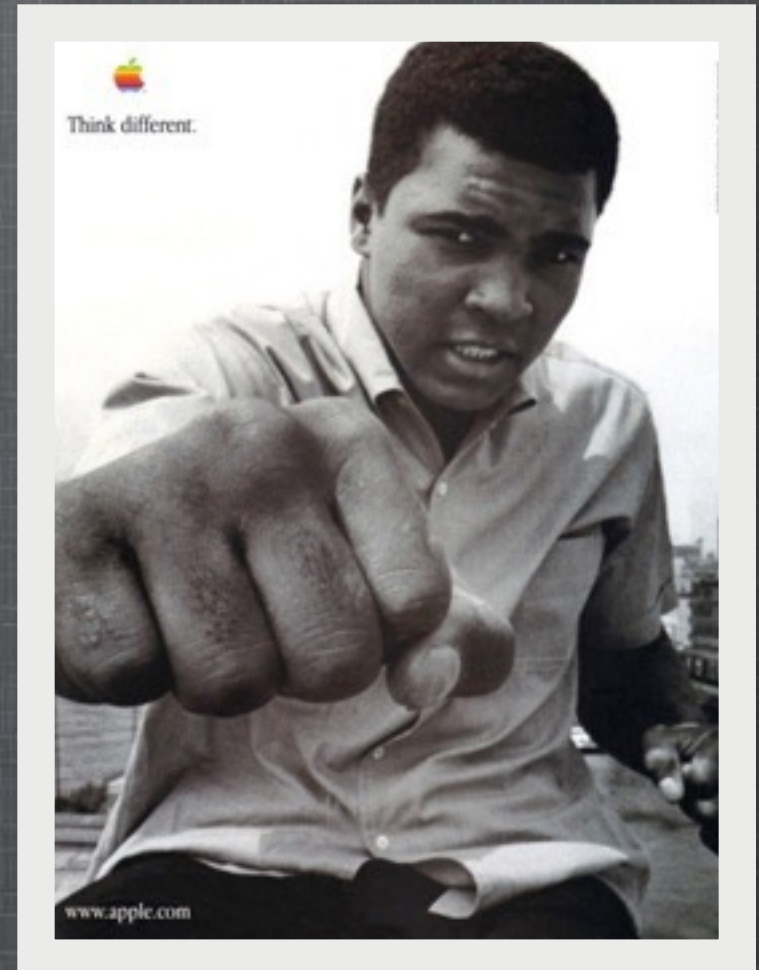
**IMPACT LOAD:**  
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jump height or  
other measures of  
joint load



**LOAD VOLUME:** training volume (frequency, duration, intensity), match frequency, etc.



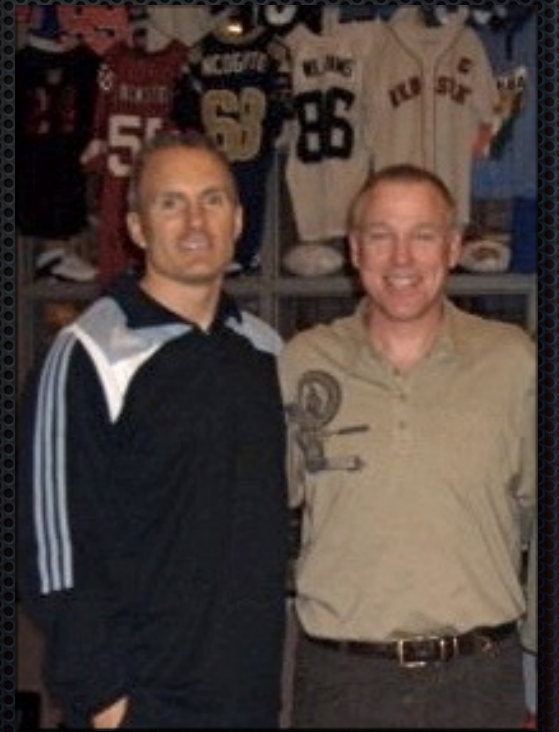
# STABILITY FOR POWER





“You can be strong without being powerful (because you can’t get that strength into motion quickly), but you can’t be powerful without having underlying strength of muscles and muscle groups.”  
*Verstegen and Williams*

EXOS





# Squat for Speed

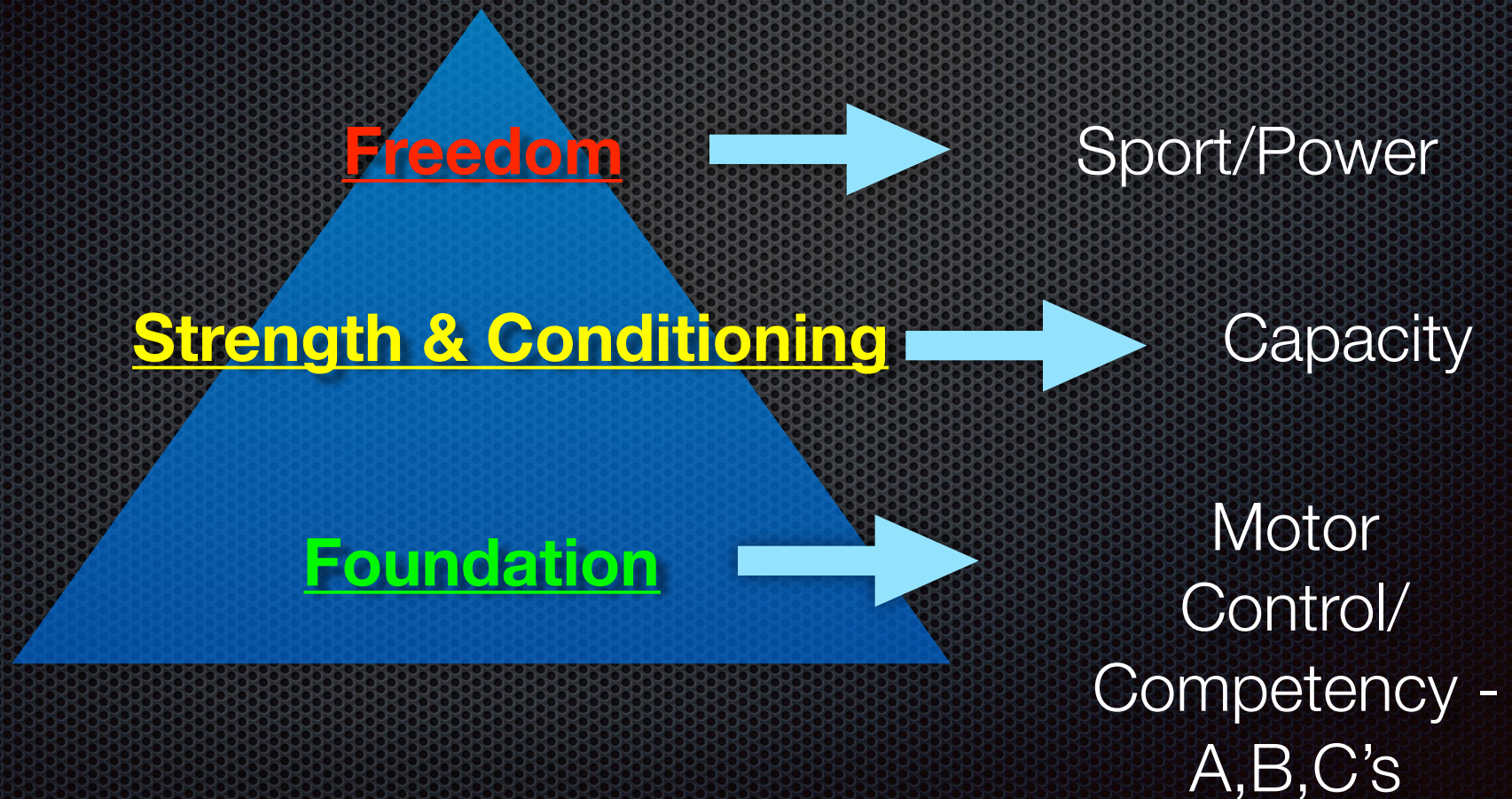
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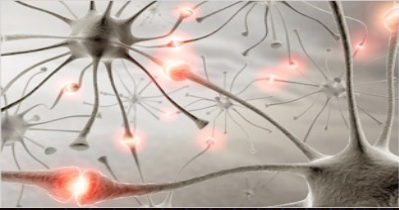
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# Training Pyramid







# Triple Flexion for Triple Extension



Competency before Capacity



# Block 2: Weeks 3/4

Pallof Press

Suitcase Hold

Pulley 30 deg. Hold





# Anti-Rotation - Pallof Press

Transverse

- Standing
- Tall Kneeling
- 1/2 Kneeling
- Supine 3.5 month
- Can reach overhead to increase challenge
- Can add band to knees to increase hip stability



Anti-Rotation



Transverse

## Tall Kneeling Pallof Press





# Transverse



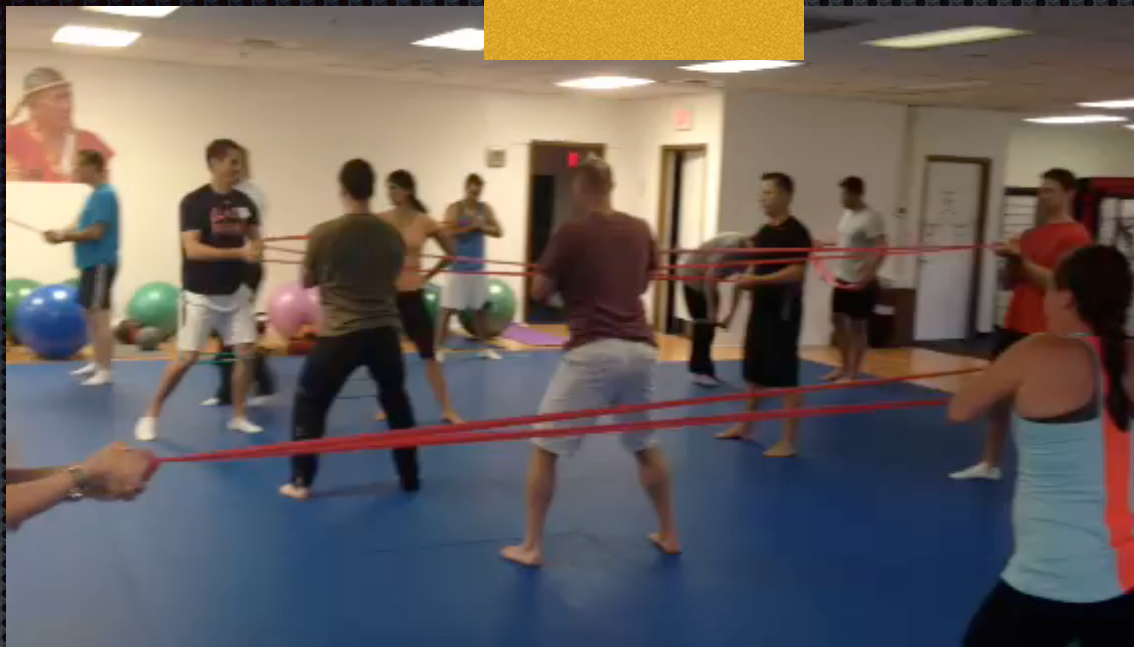


# Multi-Planar Pallof Press



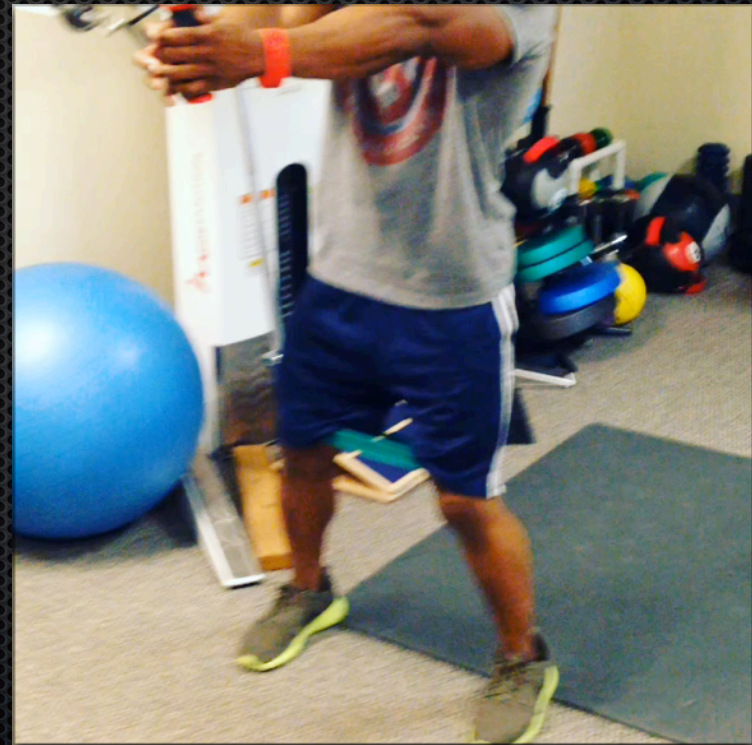
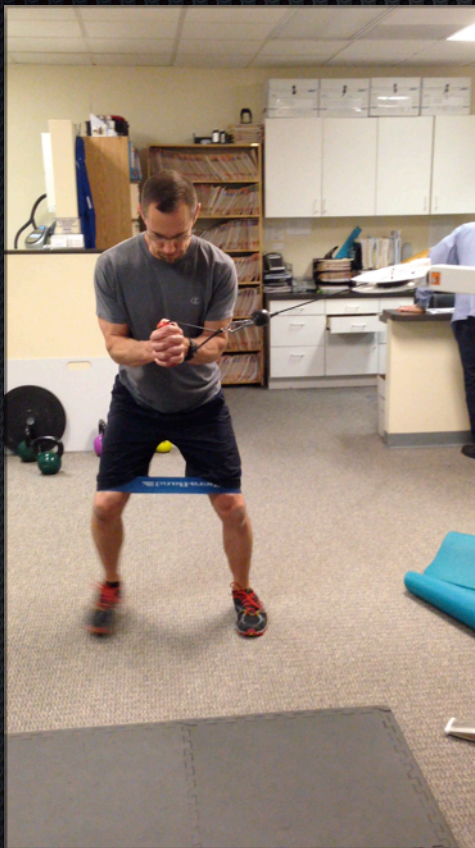


# Transverse





# Multi-Planar Pallof Press





# Transverse





Anti-Lateral  
Flexion

Frontal

# Pulley 30 Degree Hold

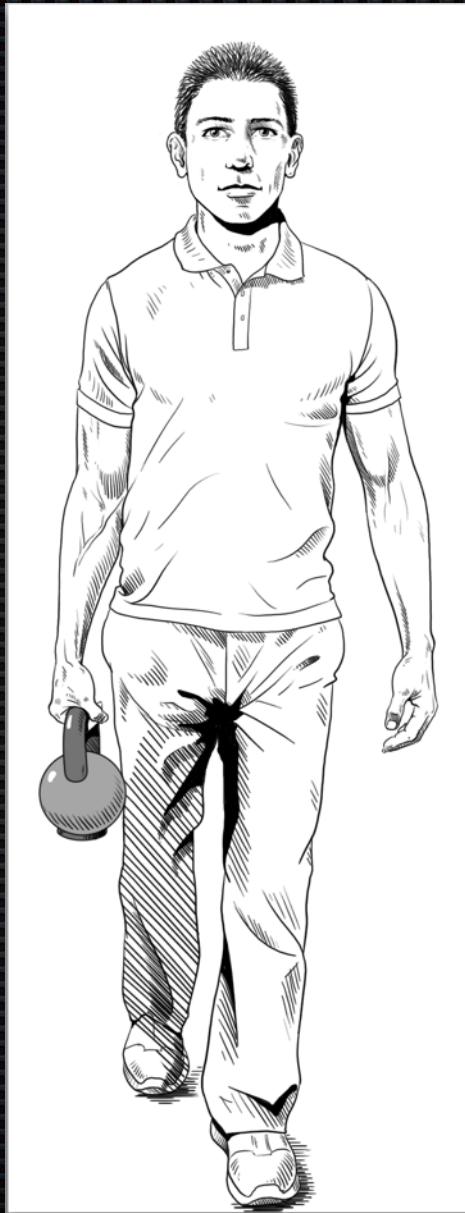




# Static KB Hold

Note: This needs to be done with a weight heavy enough to feel the contralateral core

Anti-Lateral  
Flexion





# Static with External Load

- ✦ KETTLE BELL STATIC HOLD (contralateral) (frontal plane)
- ✦ 30 DEGREE STATIC HOLD WITH PULLEY (ipsilateral) (frontal plane)
- ✦ PALLOF PRESS (anti-rotation)
  - ✦ Lateral Step (Band walk - Frontal)
  - ✦ Overhead (Sagittal)
  - ✦ 1/2 Kneeling (Frontal)
  - ✦ 90/90 (Sagittal)



# Block 3:

## Weeks 5/6

Stir the Pot

Inverted Row

KB Suitcase Carry

1/2 Kneeling Chop





# Stir the Pot

- ✦ If you can perform forward plank with stability, progress to this exercise
- ✦ Tighten your core to stiffen your trunk
- ✦ Move the ball side to side & in circles by small movements from your shoulders





Transverse

## Stir the Pot



1. Rest on ball
2. Set feet & lock knees
3. Press up
4. Roll ball out & back
5. Stir the Pot



## Transverse

### Stir the Pot



1. Rest on ball



2. Set feet & lock knees



3. Press up



4. Roll ball out & back  
5. Stir the Pot



## Transverse

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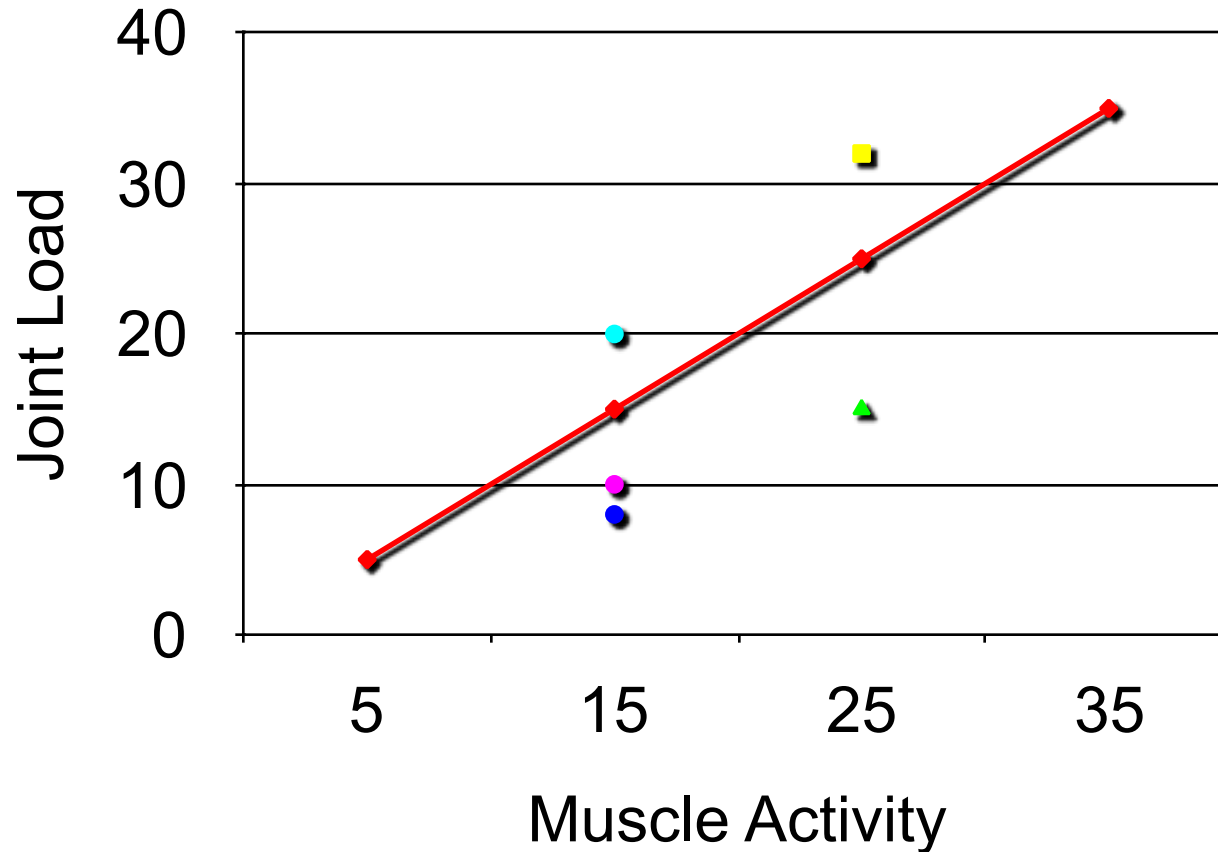






- ◆ Injury Risk
- High - Sit-up on Ball
- ▲ Low - Stir the Pot
- High - Sit-up
- Low - Curl-up
- Low - Bird Dog

## Injury Risk





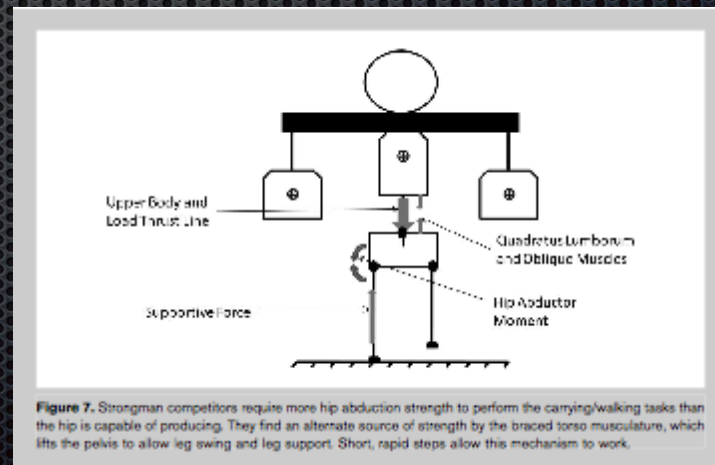
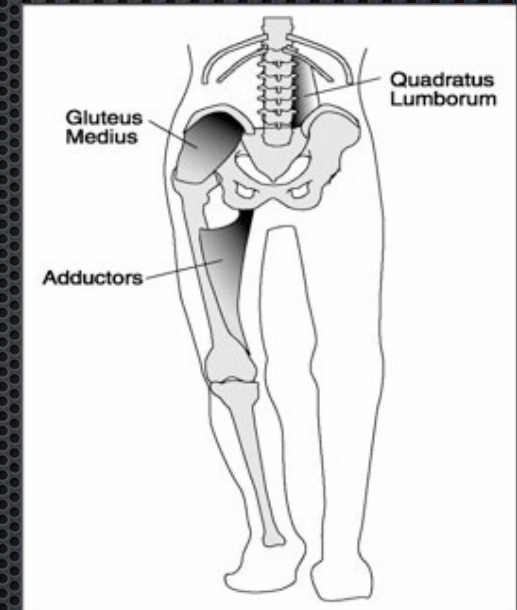
# TRX Inverted Row





# Kettle Bell Carry

- **Goal:** Activate the core, specifically the obliques & flank muscles (quadratus lumborum)









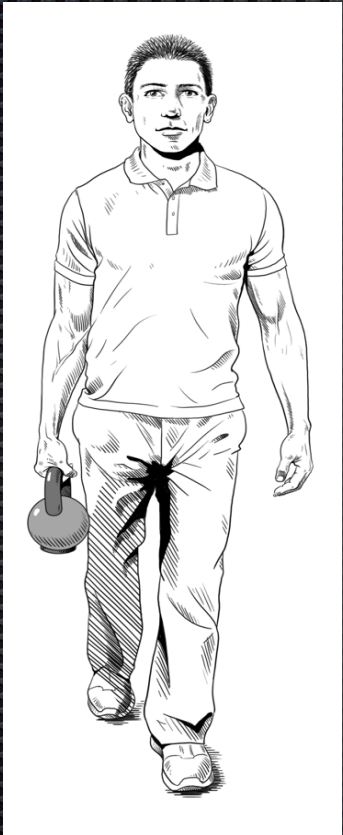
# Default KB Carry (rack bottoms up)





Progression

Regression





Anti-Rotation

Transverse

# Cable Chop





Anti-Rotation

Transverse

# Cable Chop





# Dying Bugs – p627

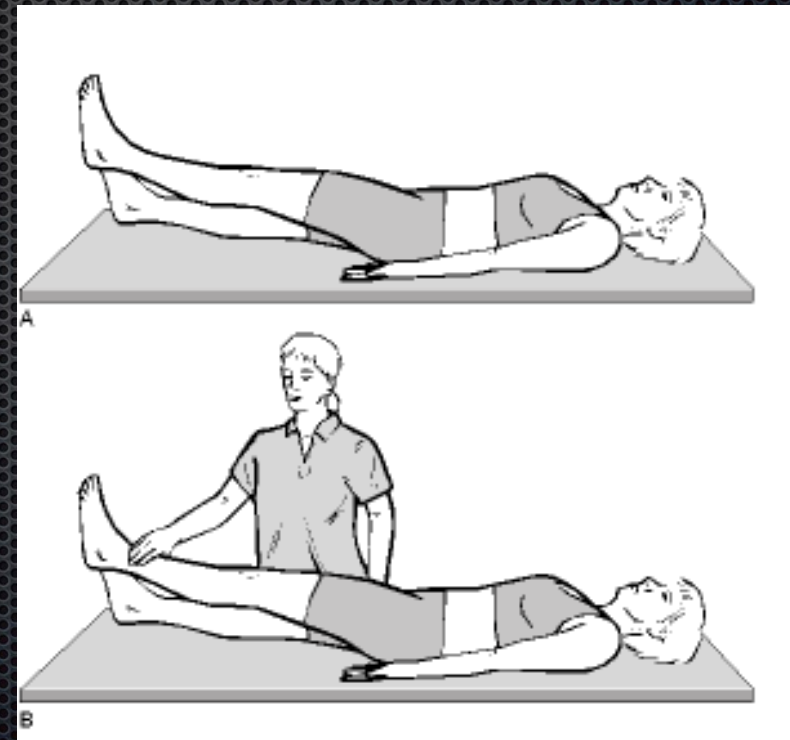




# Vleeming's Active SLR “The Core Screen”

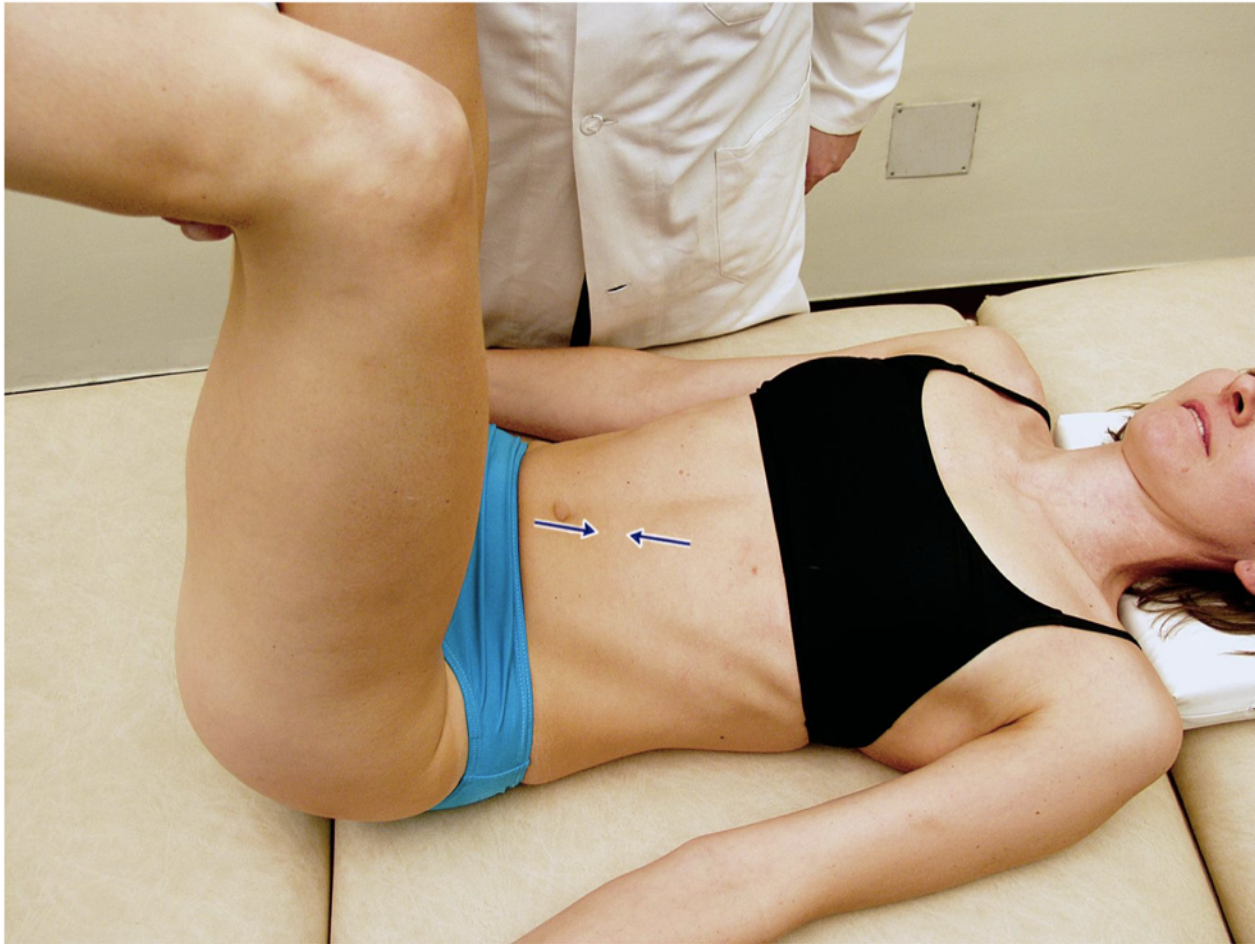
## Test

- ✦ Supine have patient perform SLR 20 cm up & note if there is:
  - ✦ Pain
  - ✦ Significant trunk rotation
- ✦ If the test is negative add resistance/  $\sqrt{\text{strength}} \_ / 5$





# Kolar's Intra-abdominal Pressure Test (p555)





# Dying-Bug Technique – p627

- ✦ Brace the core
- ✦ Keep ribs stabilized inferiorly in an exhalation position
- ✦ Raise legs up to 90/90 position
- ✦ Raise arms up to serratus punch (protracted) position
- ✦ Move at opposite hip & shoulder joints only while keeping core stable & breathing normally







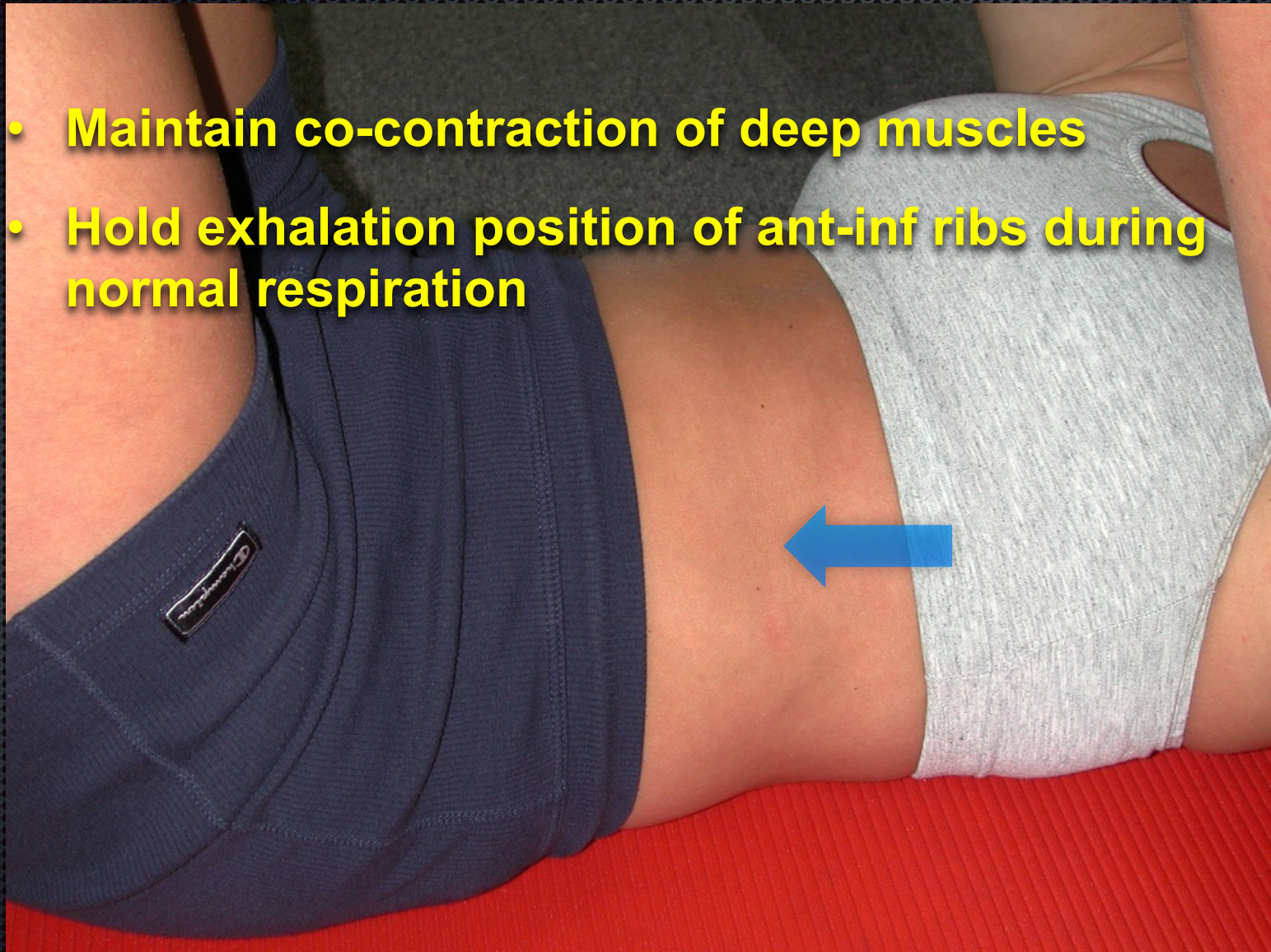
# Training L/S hyperextension w/ poor anterior rib stability (Lower crossed syndrome)





# L/S stability w/ good lower rib stability

- **Maintain co-contraction of deep muscles**
- **Hold exhalation position of ant-inf ribs during normal respiration**

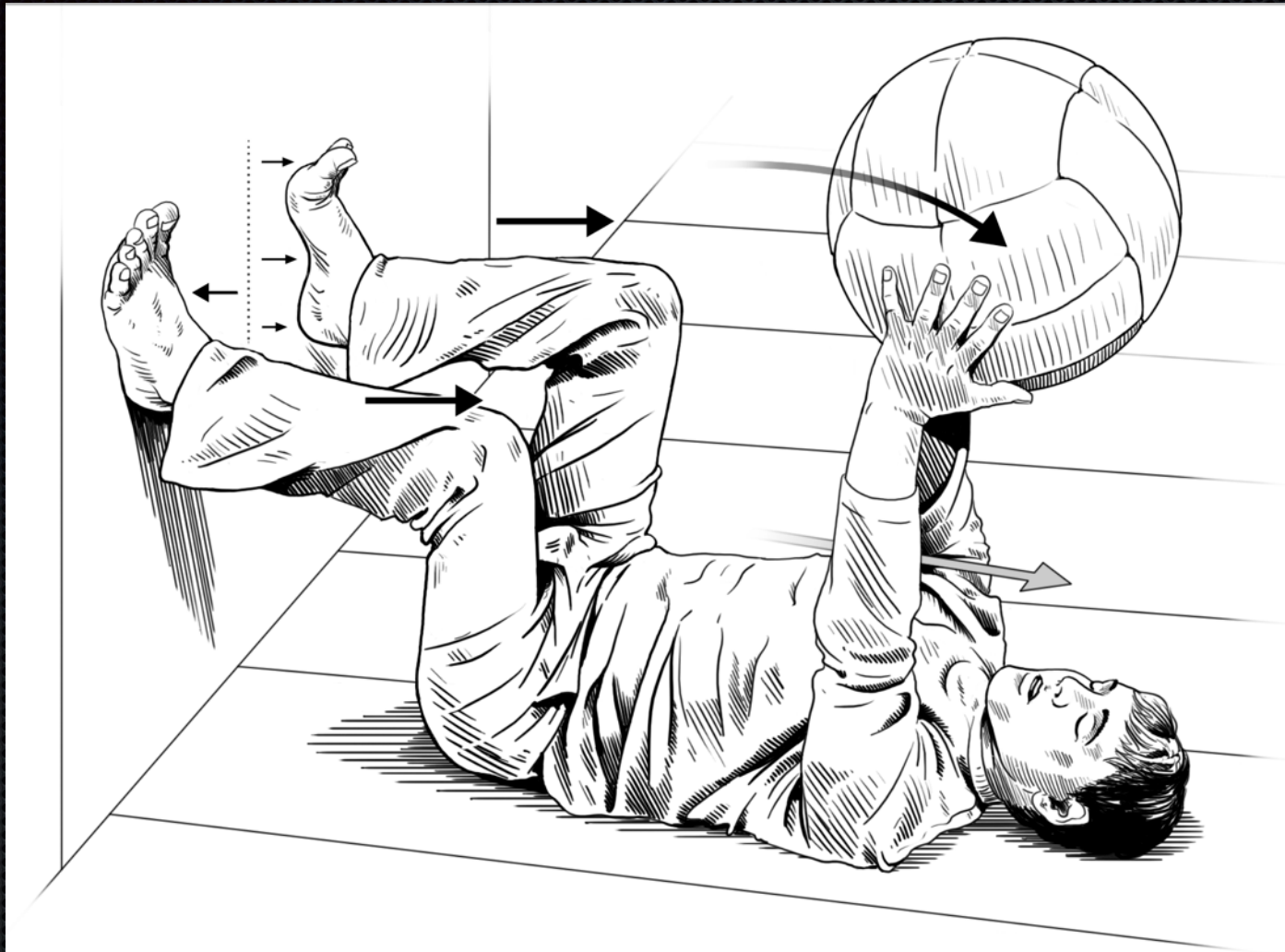




# Wall Bug (Kolar)



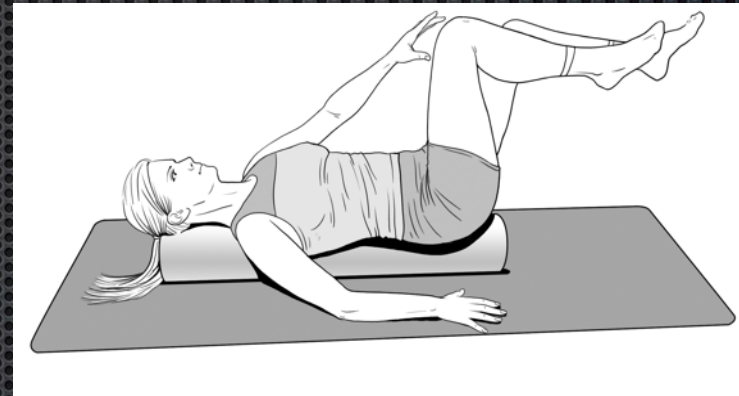
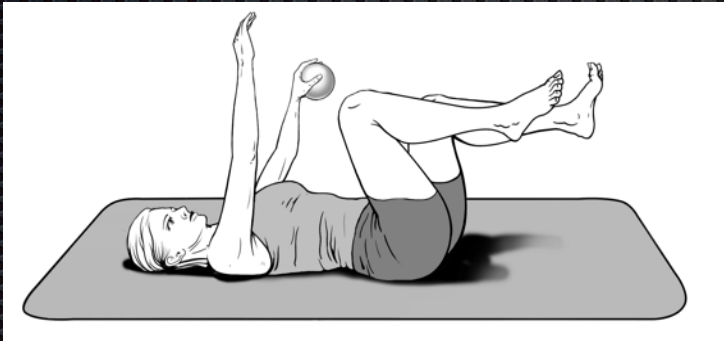




Lift 1 foot at a time while tilting  
Med Ball

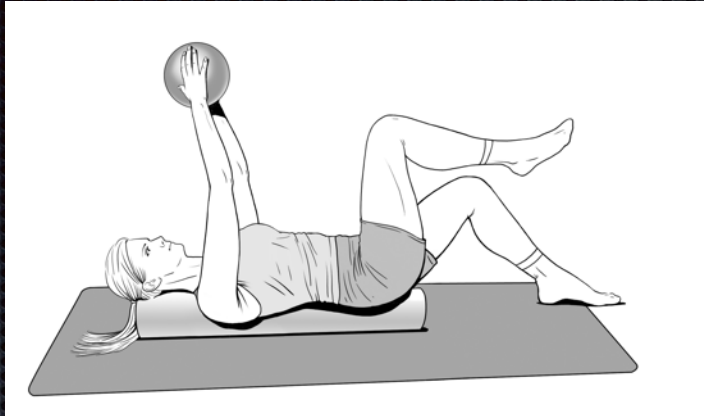


# Variations w/ hand wts or foam roll

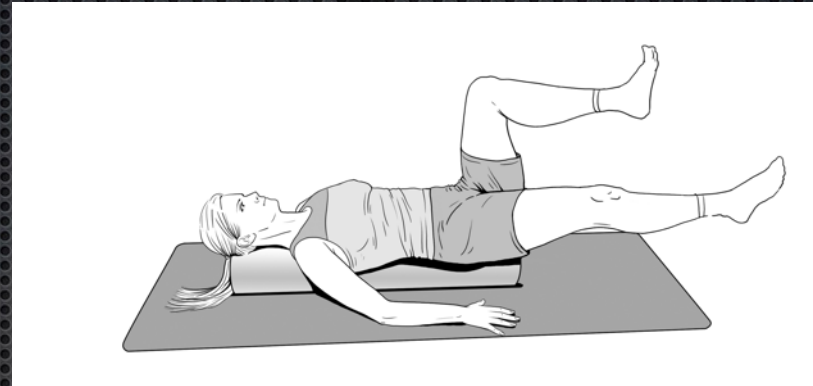




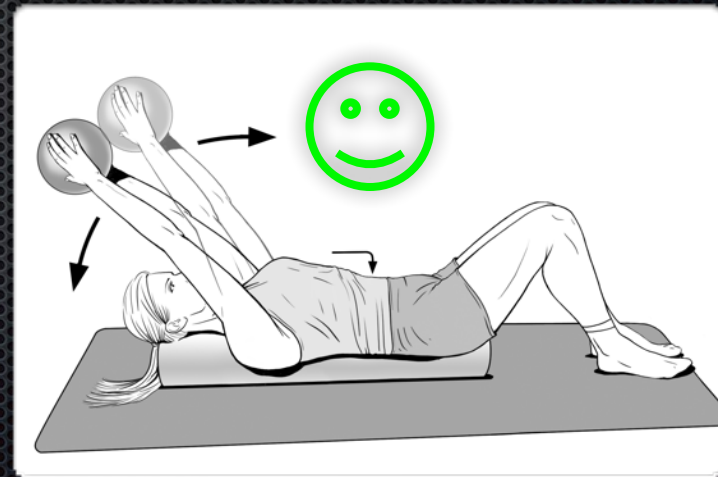
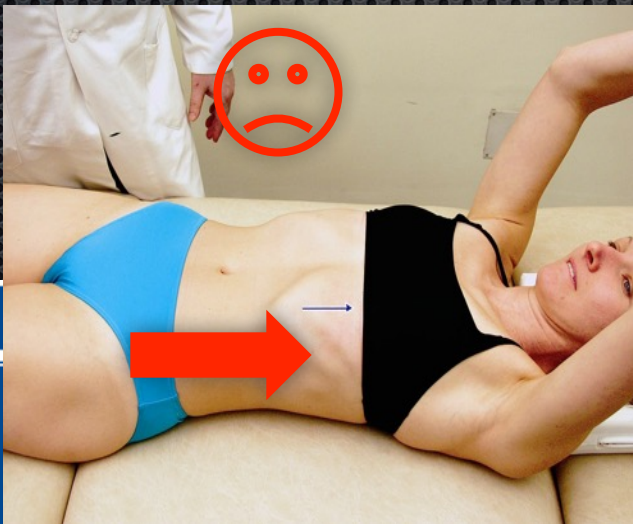
# Foam Challenges



Marching



Bicycle Kicks

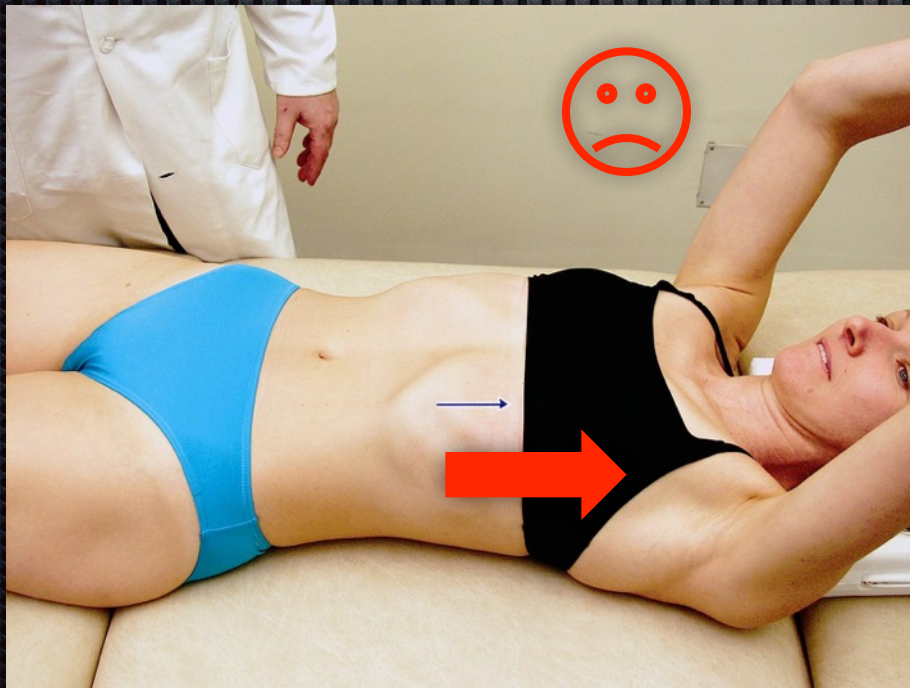




# Kolar Arm Lifting Test - p557,558

## Initial position

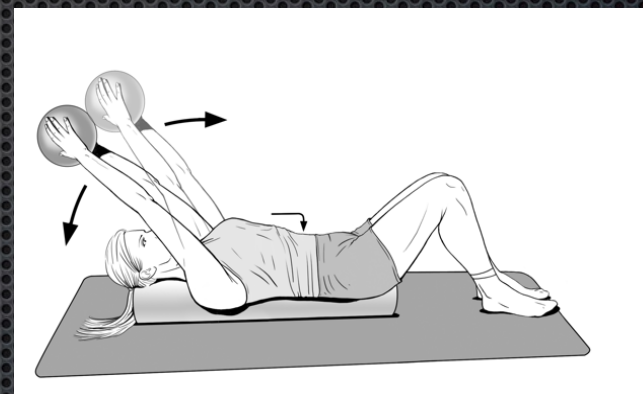
- ❑ Patient supine, or standing errects
- ❑ He/she lifts both arms slowly





# Overhead Arm Reach

- Overhead Reach



Could you use the Wall Bug?

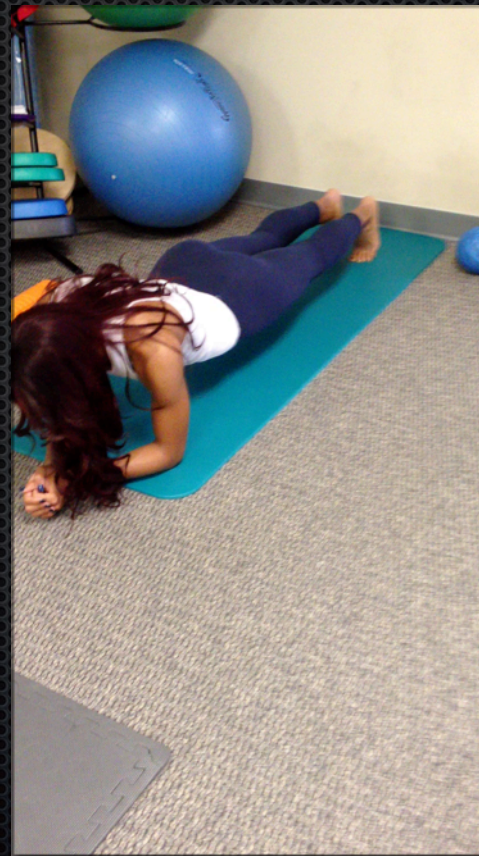
What breathing pattern would you expect w/ dysfunction here?







# Sagittal Plane Capacity: FRONT PLANKS WITH SAW (2/1)





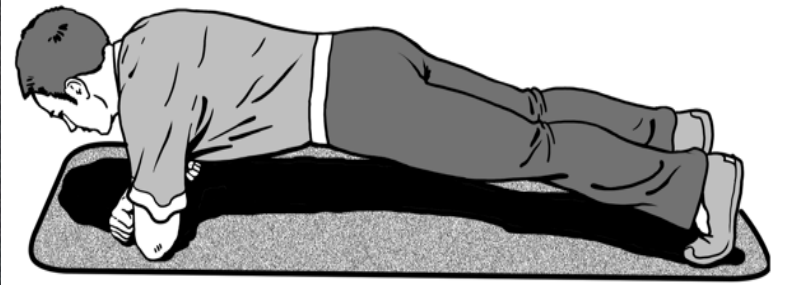
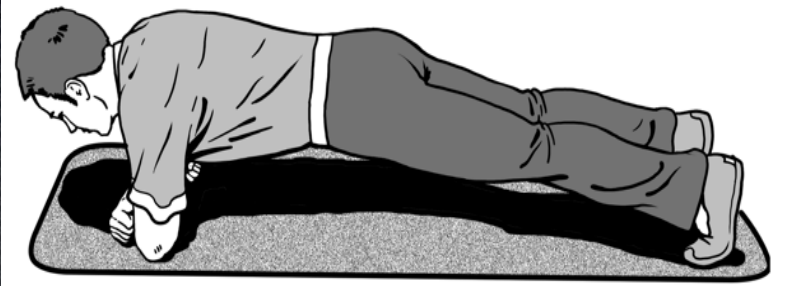
Anti-Rotation

Transverse

# Plank Rolls

Start in Front Plank

- a) Release arm
- b) Roll Torso





## Transverse





Transverse

Anti-Rotation



# I ARM BENCH PRESS



# I ARM ROW

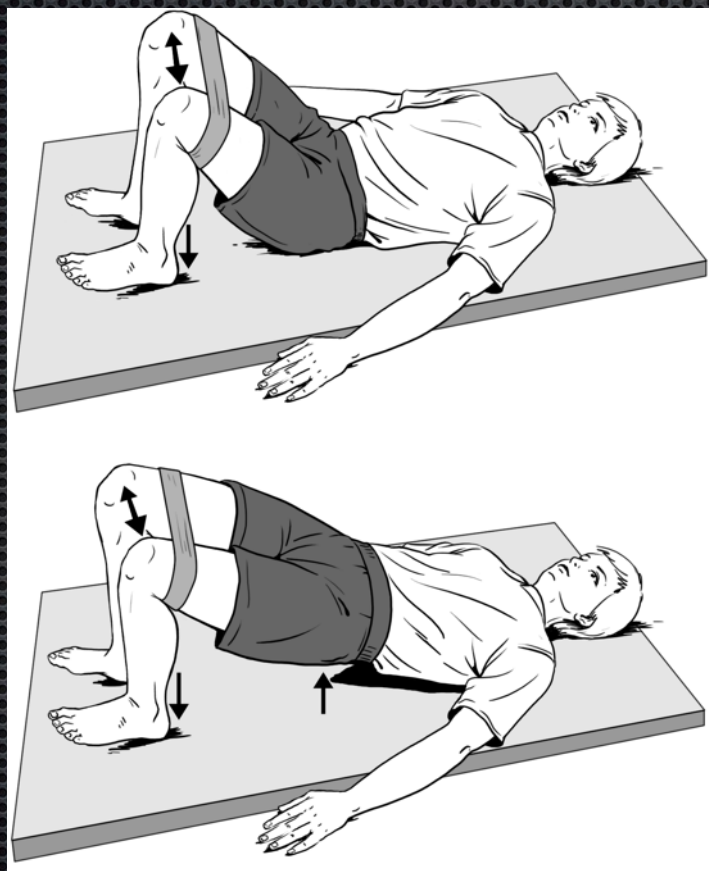
- Knee and hand supporting on bench
- Big chest and arched low back
- Bring weight up to the side keeping the elbow close to body
- Avoid shrugging shoulder
- Keep chin tucked in





# Bridges

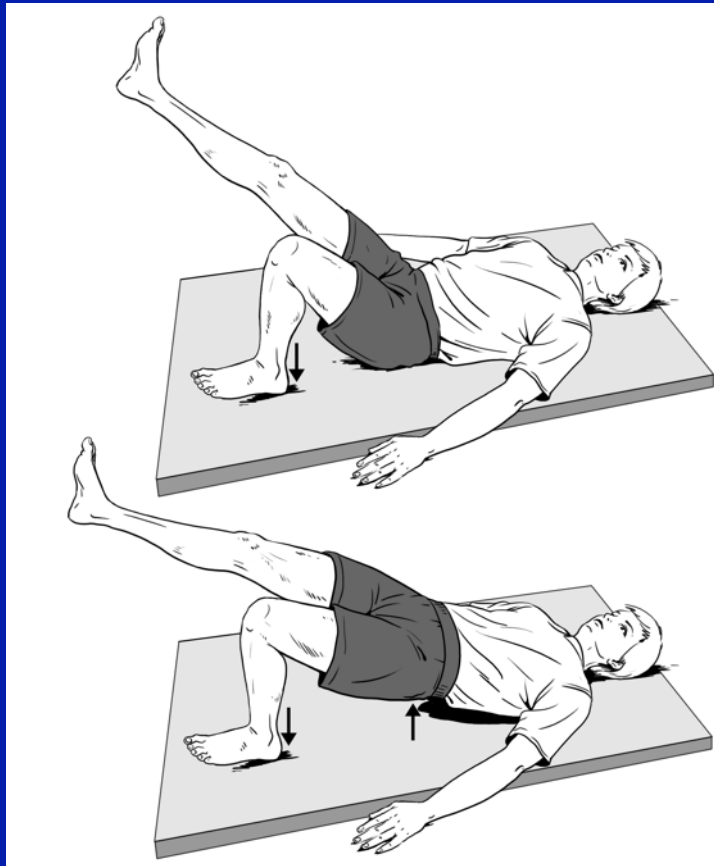
What does  
the band  
do?





# 1 Leg Bridge – p631

- Bridge Up
- Alternate Kicks & Hold
- Then, perform 1 leg bridge up/down



Transverse









# Scoring

- 0 - Pain
- 1 - Can't perform movement
  - Any pelvic twist or drop
- 2 - Performs movement w/ compensation
  - can't raise hips to neutral position
  - thighs don't stay parallel
- 3 - Movement performed w/out compensation

Mag 7



# Bird Dog & Anti-Rotation Dysfunction





# FMS ALSR Corrective





Anti-Rotation

Transverse

# Cable Lift - Tall & 1/2 kneeling



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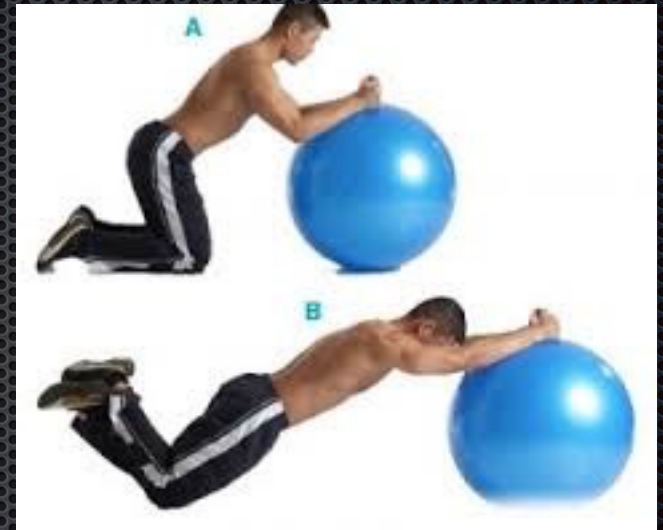




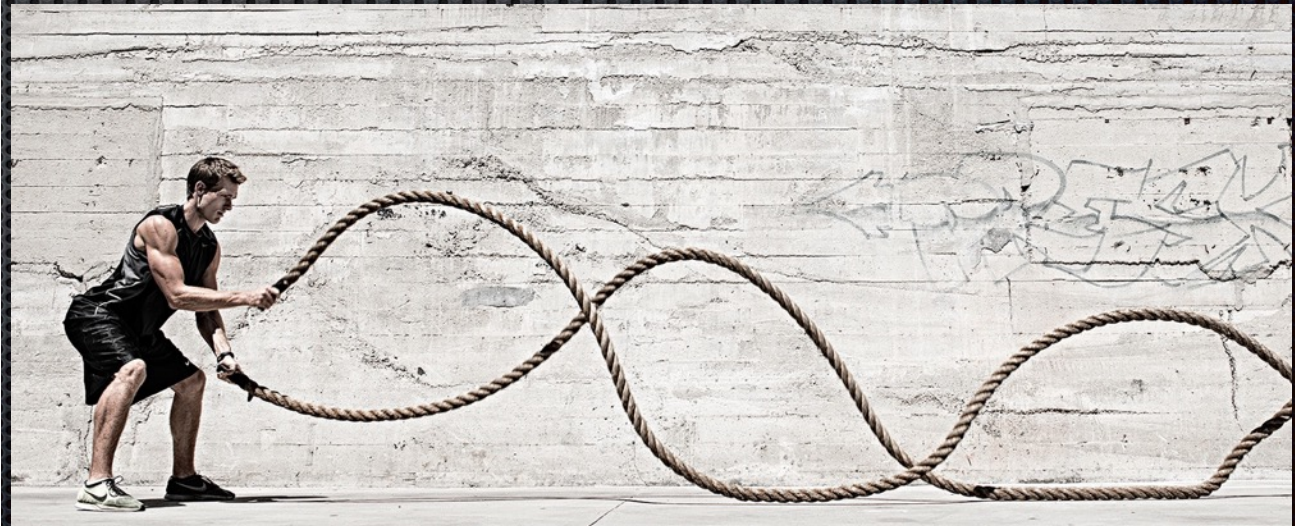


## Turkish Get-Up

## Stability Ball Roll Out



## Battling Ropes







# Land Mine OH Press & Reverse Lunges









# PROXIMAL STABILITY WITH DISTAL MOBILITY

## TRANSVERSE

- ✦ STIR THE POT
- ✦ PLANK ROLL
- ✦ 1 ARM BENCH/ROW
- ✦ GLUTE BRIDGE (2 (sagittal) to 1)

## FRONTAL

- ✦ 1/2 KNEELING CHOP
- ✦ KB CARRY

## SAGITTAL

- ✦ TRX ROW
- ✦ WALL BUG
- ✦ Plank Saw (2/1)



# **PERIODIZED CORE APPENDIX**

## **1. Isotonic Abdominal Training**

## **2. Anti-Flexion Core Stabilization Program**



# **1. Isotonic Abdominal Training**



# Curl-ups – p630





# Curl-up Technique

- ✦ Brace the core
- ✦ Raise trunk up from middle back without flexing lumbar spine
- ✦ Raise & lower trunk as a plank
- ✦ Maintain normal respiration



## **2. Anti-Flexion Core Stabilization Program**



## ***Strength Circuit as an Evaluation Tool***

| <b>Exercise / Position</b>                   | <b>Dysfunction</b>   | <b>Solution</b>                                      |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Hang/Good Morning &amp; Bent Over Row</b> | <b>Lose Thoracic spine (T) posture or Kyphotic posture = restricted T spine motion</b> | <b>Strengthen T Spine prone &amp; disassociation</b> |



**Start with Abds & Glute Contracted**



**Abds & Glute stay Contracted to Maintain Posterior Pelvic Tilt**



Sagittal

# Jerzy & Anelia Gregorek

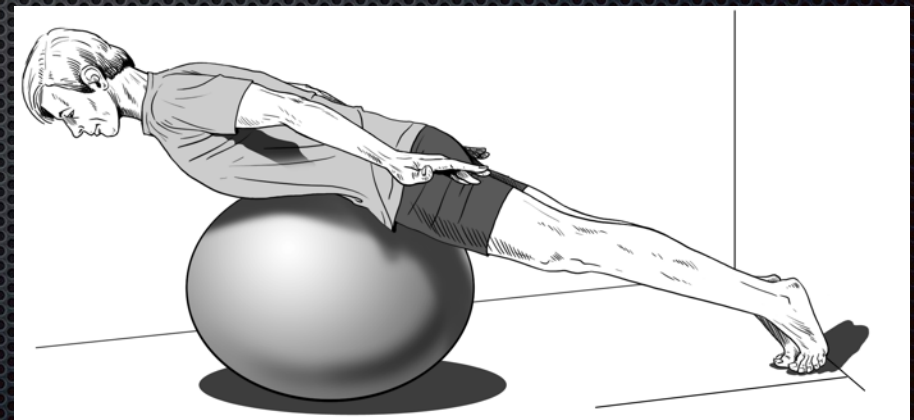
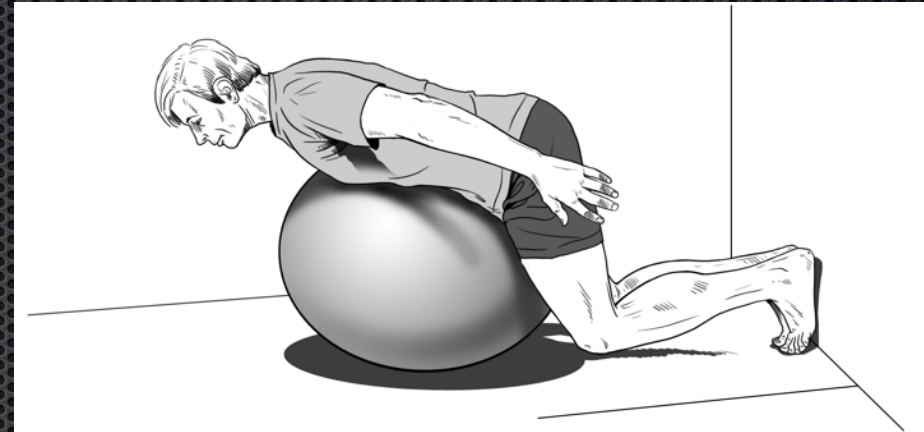
## Variations on Prone





# Superman - p635

- ✦ Push off the wall
- ✦ Balance on the ball & your toes
- ✦ Palms down
- ✦ Chin in





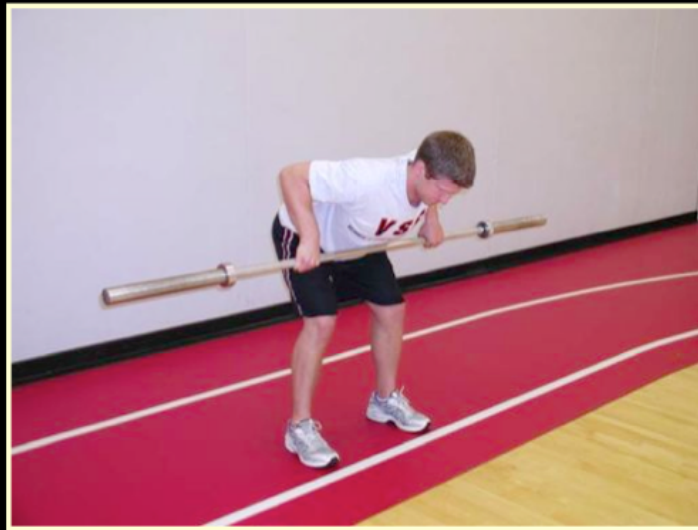
# Anti-Flexion Dead Lift





# Anti-Flexion

## Bent Over Row





# Good Morning





# Anti-Flexion (McGill/Vermeil)

**Good Morning (Eccentric control of flexion)**





Sagittal

# Press in Snatch





Sagittal

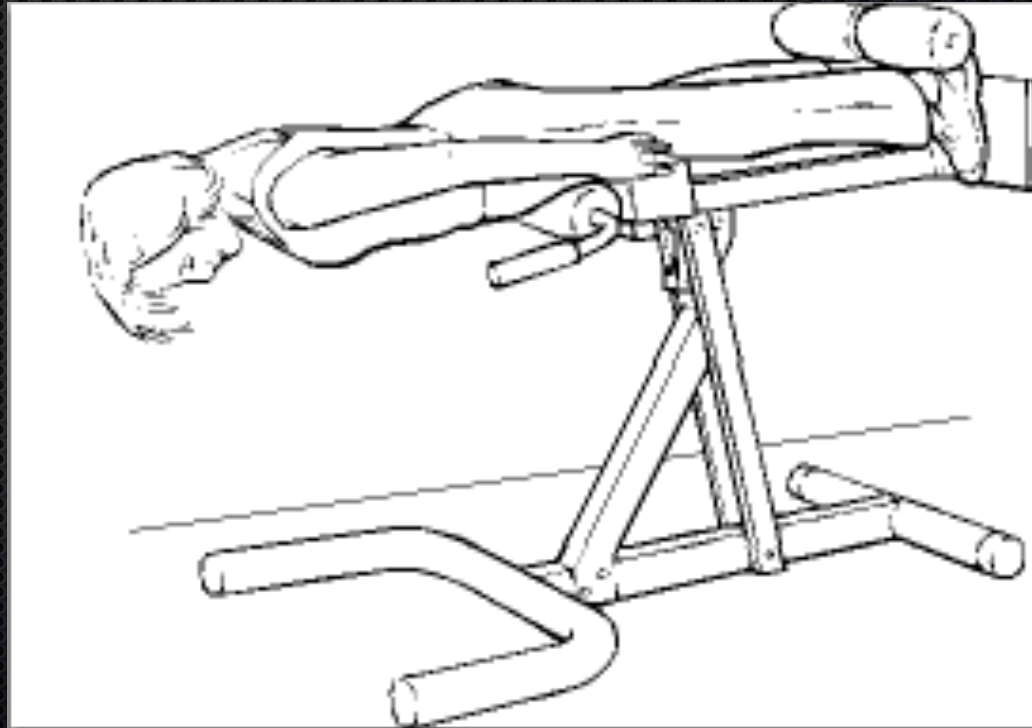
# Press in Snatch





# Back Extensor Training – p635

- Trunk extensors are normally in a 1.3:1 ratio with Trunk flexors
- In LBP subjects the ratio is 1:1





# Isometric Core Exercise Progressions

## SAGITTAL

- BIRD DOG on forearms
- FRONT PLANK (2 to 1)
- PALLOF PRESS - Overhead (Anterior)
- TRX ROW
- WALL BUG (LEWIT)
- Plank Saw (2/1)
- QUAD RNT
- PELVIC FLOOR

## FRONTAL

- SIDE BRIDGE
- SIDE PLANK
- KETTLE BELL STATIC HOLD
- 30 DEGREE STATIC HOLD WITH PULLEY
- PALLOF PRESS - INLINE 1/2 KNEELING
- Lateral Step (Band walk - Frontal)
- KB CARRY

## TRANSVERSE

- BIRD DOG
- STABILITY BUTTRESS
- FORWARD LEAN
- PALLOF PRESS
- STIR THE POT
- 1/2 KNEELING CHOP
- PLANK ROLL
- BARREL ROLL
- 1 ARM BENCH/ROW
- GLUTE BRIDGE (1)



## B) Treatment Based Classification - P799

- ✦ Directional Preference - McKenzie (Flexion-Intolerant Back Problem)
- ✦ Manipulation
- ✦ Stabilization
- ✦ **Disc Problem**
- ✦ **Acute, Non-Radicular**
- ✦ **Recurrent/Chronic**



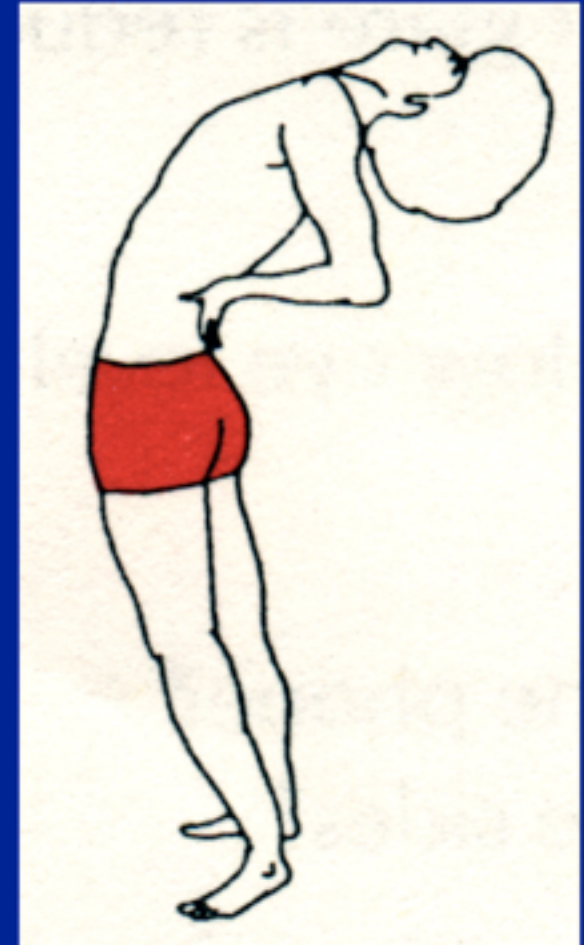
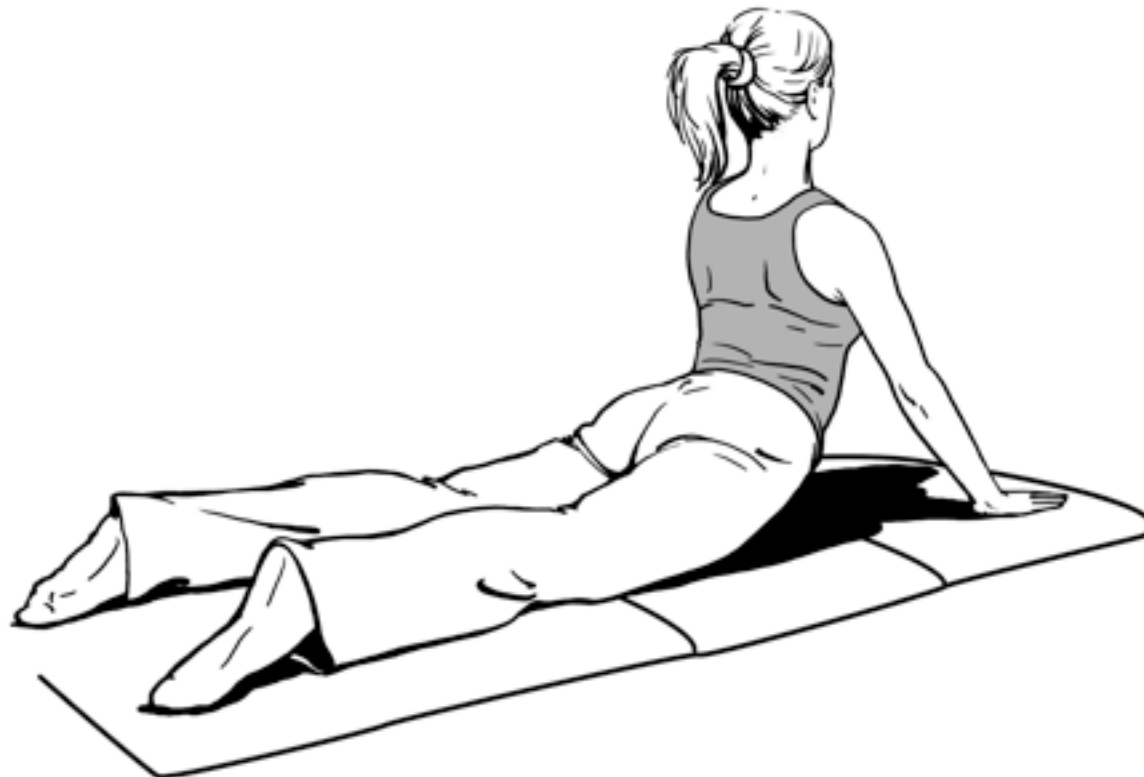
# 1. Directional Preference Classification

- Centralization w/ motion testing (i.e. flexion or extension)
- Peripheralization in opposite direction as centralization
- Strong preference for sitting or walking
- *Fritz, Brennan*





## McKenzie Extension - Ch 15









# 1. Range of Motion - ROM

- Hyper or hypomobile
- Find movements or positions which reproduce, increase, or peripheralize pt's characteristic symptoms
- Example L-spine





# Scoring

- 0 - pain
- 1 - can't perform movement - >50% loss of ROM
- 2 - performs movement w/ compensation
  - <50% loss of ROM
  - Hypermobility
  - Segmental dysfunction (ie. Side-bending w/out convexity)
- 3 - movement performed w/out compensation



# Functional Problem Solving

- DISC PATIENTS, CHRONIC BACK PAIN, ETC
- Patient Classification
  - Directional Preference
  - Stabilization
  - Mobilization



## 2. Manipulation Classification

- **Recent onset** of pain <16 days
- No pain distal to the knee
- Low fear avoidance beliefs score
- Segmental **hypomobility**
- Proper classification improves the probability of improvement from 45% to 95%.

Flynn T, Fritz, J, et al. A Spine 2002.



# 84% chance of improving by the 4<sup>th</sup> manipulation session if -

- Decreased pain immediately after visit one
- Decreased pain reported at visit two
- Decreased disability reported at visit two
- Common reaction (local pain or fatigue lasting 24 hours) or no reaction to first treatment
- All of the criteria had to be present.

## **NOTE:**

Axen

**Disability/Trigger Reduction must be the goal  
Clinical Audit post-tx must show painful movements  
reduced immediately**



# Only a 30% chance of being recovered by the 4th visit if -

- No immediate improvement immediately after visit one
- No decreased pain at visit two
- No decreased disability reported at visit two
- An uncommon reaction (local pain or fatigue lasting more than 24 hours; new radiating pain, other reactions) to the first treatment
- All of the criteria had to be present.

Axen

**NOTE:**

**CMT is always a trial, not a prescription of long-term care**



# 3. Stabilization Classification

- Avg. SLR > 91°
- Positive prone instability test
- Aberrant motions present (e.g. instability catch, reversal of L/P rhythm)
- **≥ 3 past episodes**



ratio) 4.0

- The LR represents the change in odds favoring success given a positive diagnostic test result.

[Hicks GE, Fritz JM, Delitto A, McGill SM.](#) Arch Phys Med Rehabil. 2005.  
Brennan. Spine, 2006

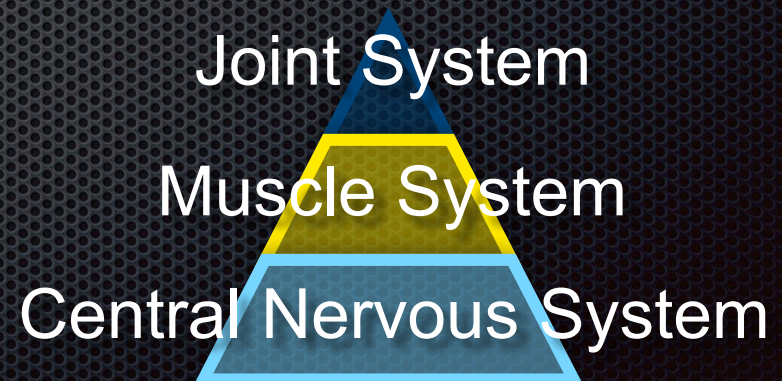
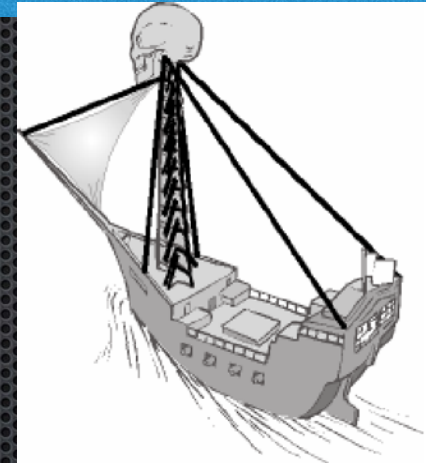




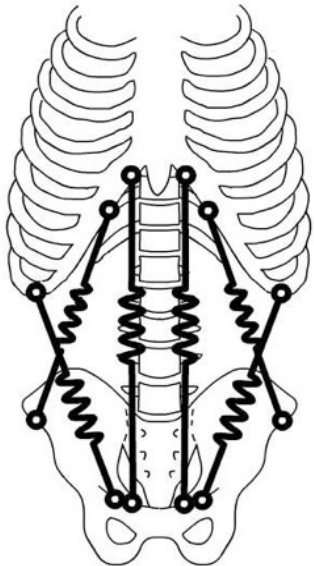
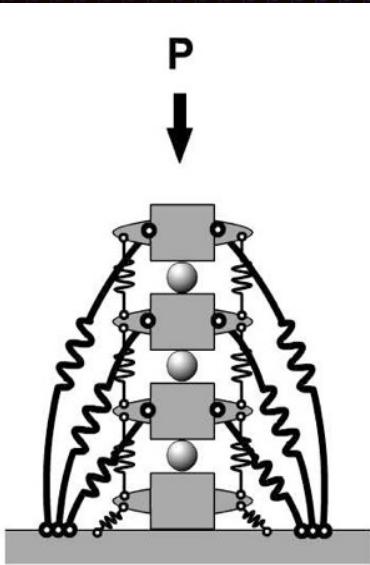
# C) Stabilization Principles

“evidence from tissue-specific injury generally supports the notion of a neutral spine (neutral lordosis) when performing loading tasks to minimize the risk of low back injury.”

*McGill SM. In Resource manual for **Guidelines for Exercise Testing and Prescription**. 3rd Edition, Williams and Wilkins, 1998.*







# How does the body resist injury?

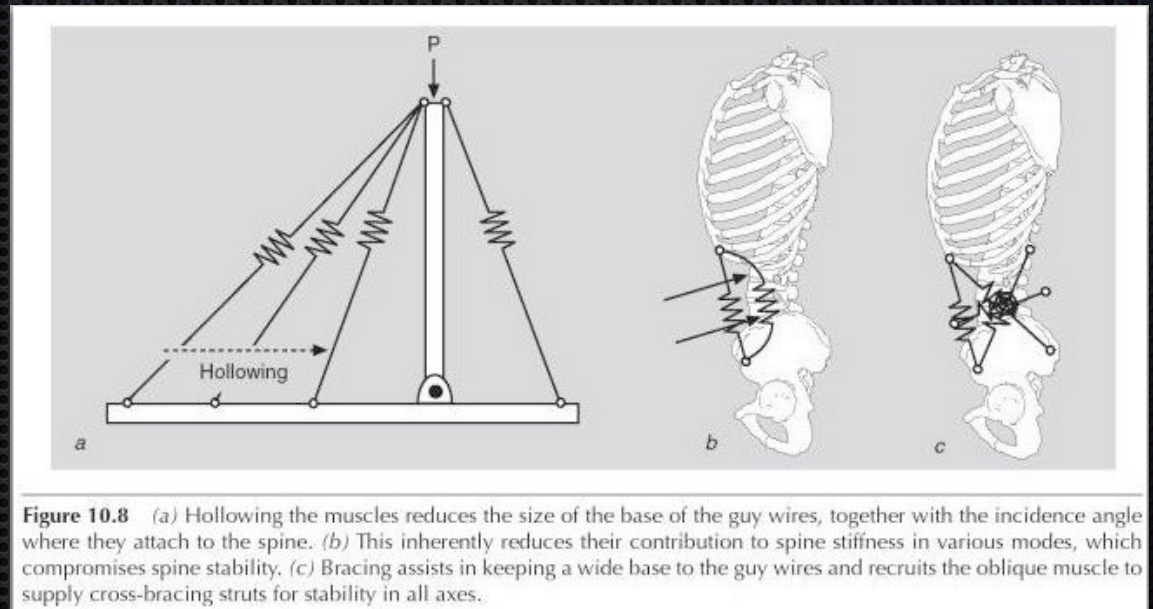
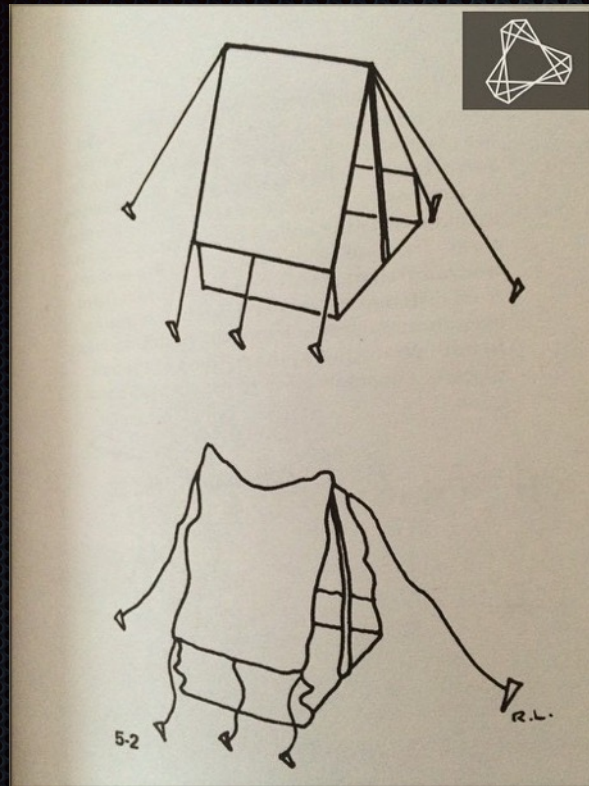
Antagonist muscle co-activation is necessary for aiding ligaments in maintaining joint stability during loaded tasks

Co-contractions increase spinal stability by 36% - 64%

- **W/out co-contraction the spinal column is unstable in upright postures!**

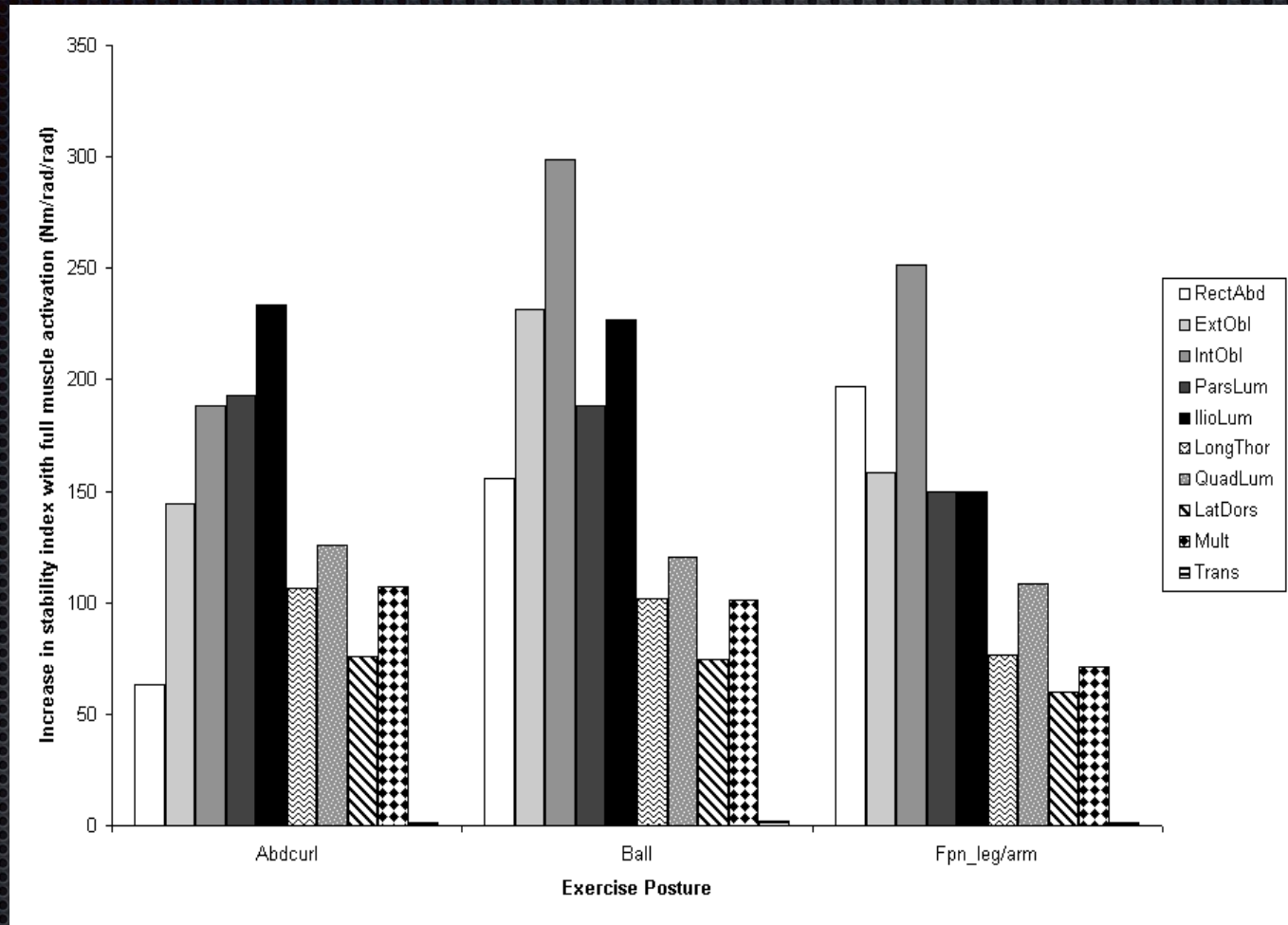


# The Hollowing Myth





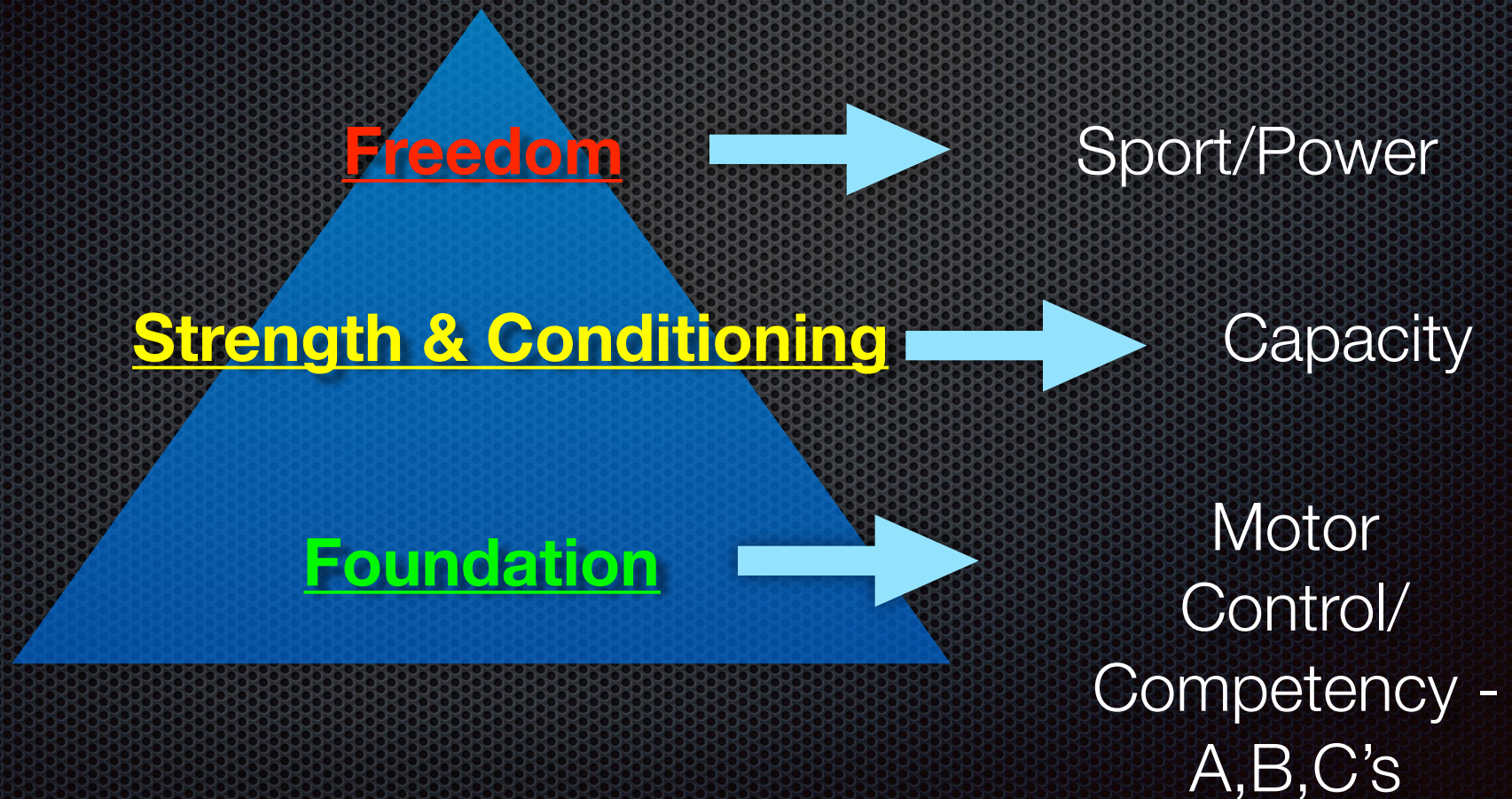
# The Orchestra



Kavicic N, Grenier S, McGill SM. Spine 2004, 29:1254-65.



# Training Pyramid





# D) Multi (Tri)-Planar Function



✦ Sagittal



Frontal



Transverse



- ✦ Training should be **multi-planar**. Athletes stop/start, change directions, twist, etc. Therefore **sagittal, frontal & transverse planes** should all be assessed & trained.

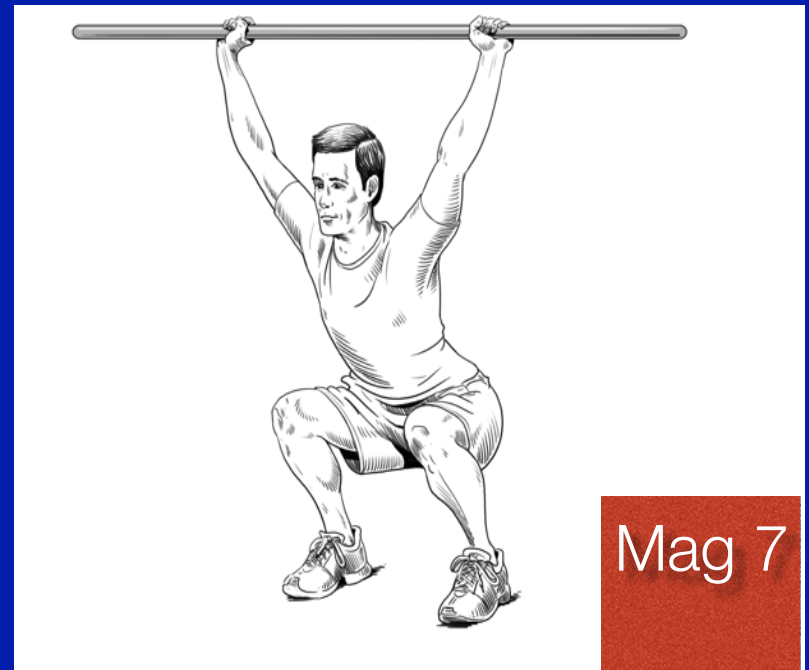




# 1. Sagittal Plane



Mag 7



Mag 7





# What is the Goal of Human Development?



## A WALK THROUGH HUMAN EVOLUTION

The newest fossils have brought scientists tantalizingly close to the time when humans first walked upright—splitting off from the chimpanzees. Their best guess now is that it happened at least 6 million years ago [Click here to read the cover story >>](#)

### LAST COMMON ANCESTOR

It should have a mosaic of features reminiscent of both apes and humans—but that's true of several species already found, so identification might be tough

Orrorin tugenensis  
("Millennium Man";  
possible human ancestor)

Ardepithecus  
ramidus kadabba

A. afarensis  
(includes Lucy)

A. africanus

H. habilis

H. sapiens  
MODERN  
HUMANS

H. erectus

H. neanderthalensis

A. robustus

A. Boisei

Chimpanzees

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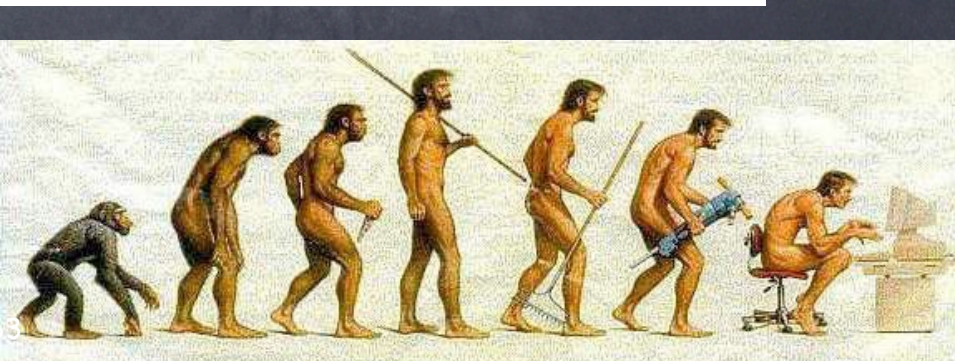
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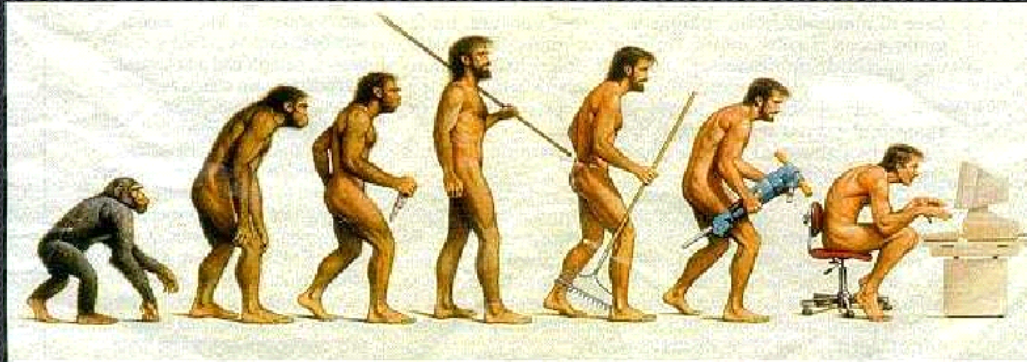
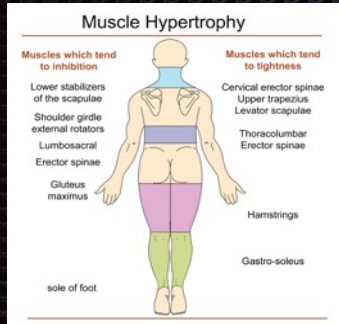
Timeline by Joe Lertola

In Millions of Years (All dates are approximate)





# Sagittal Plane Function



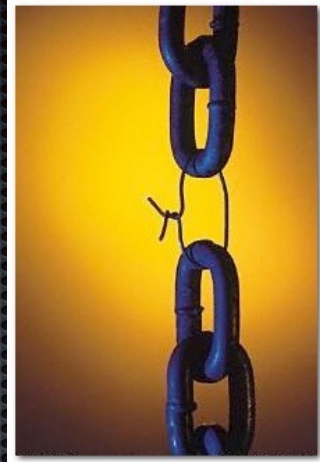
**Somewhere, something went terribly wrong**



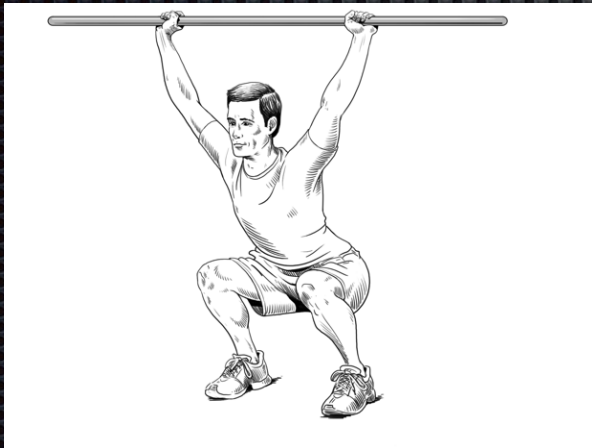




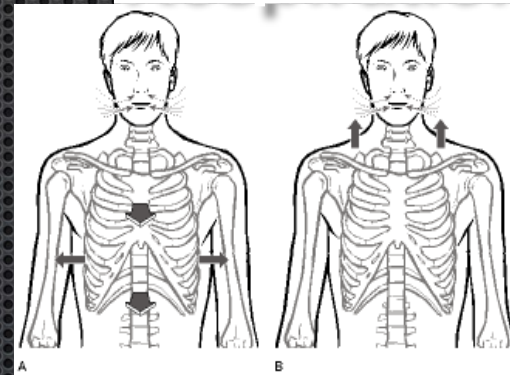
# Fundamental “Weak Links”



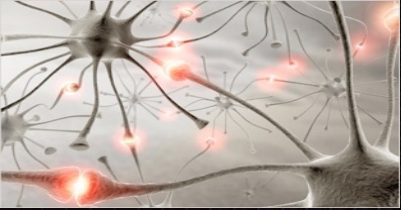
## Overhead Squat



## Core/ Respiration







# Triple Flexion for Triple Extension



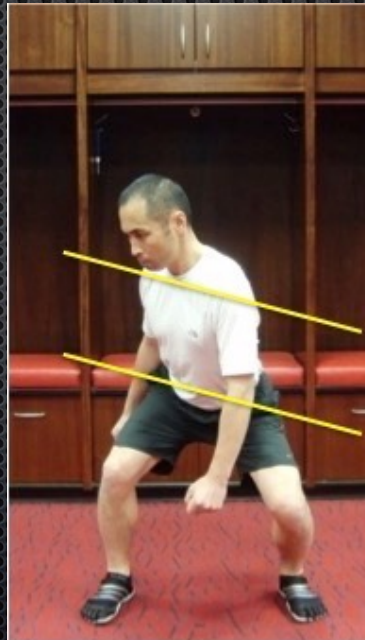
Competency before Capacity



# 2. FRONTAL PLANE



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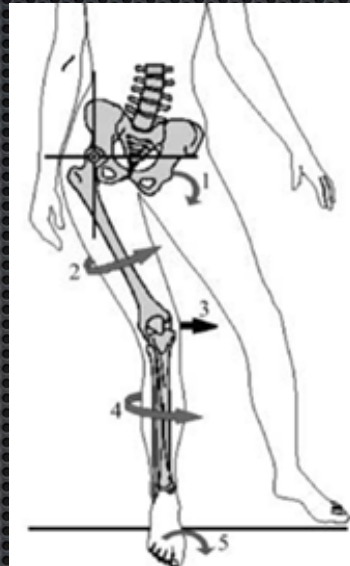
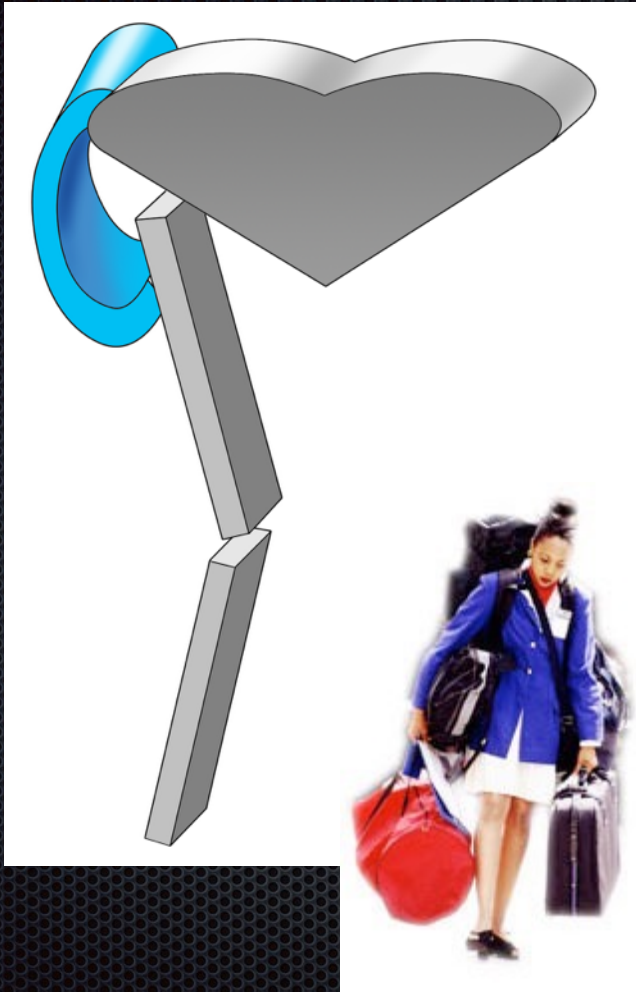


## Hip Extension

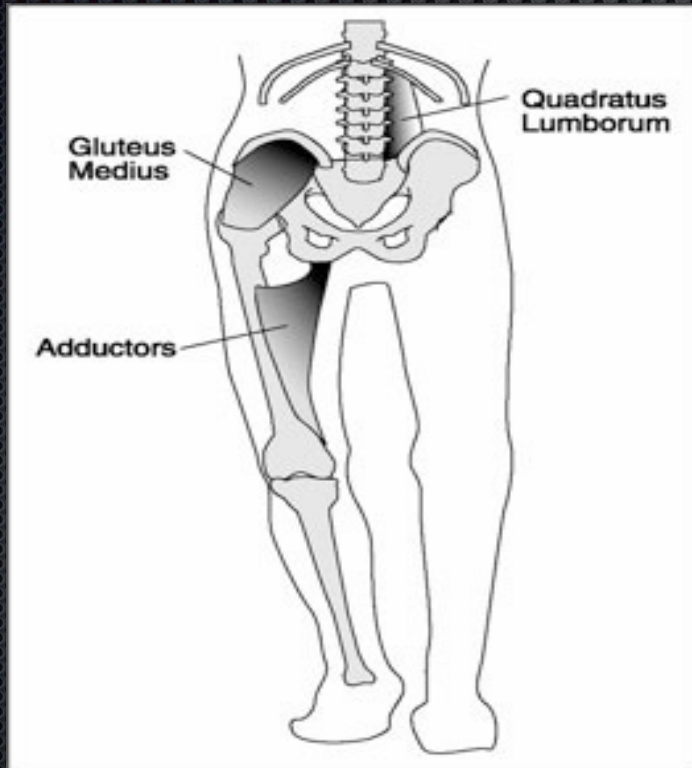




# Frontal Plane -P822-823





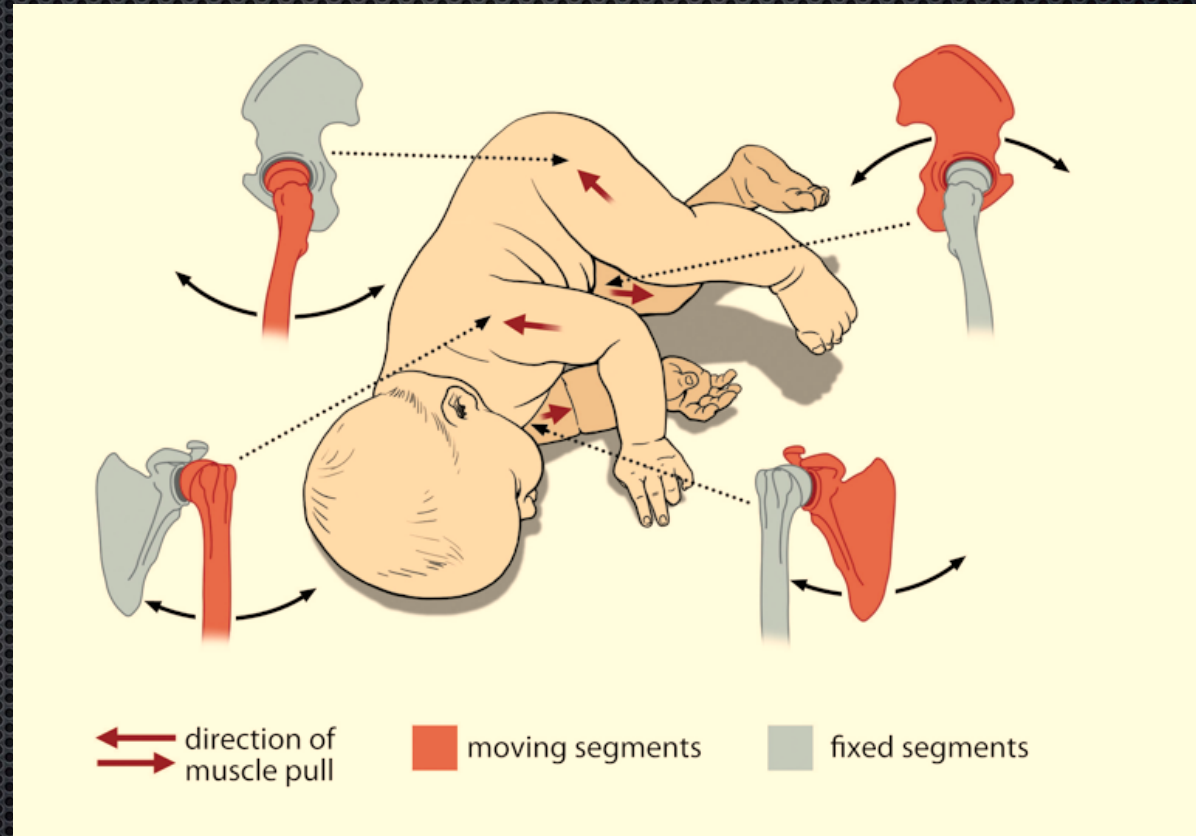






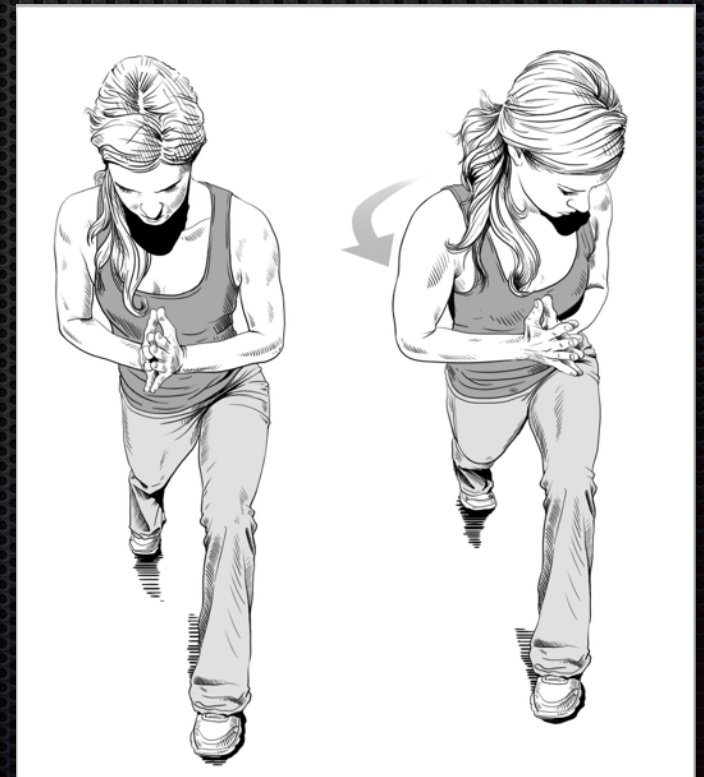
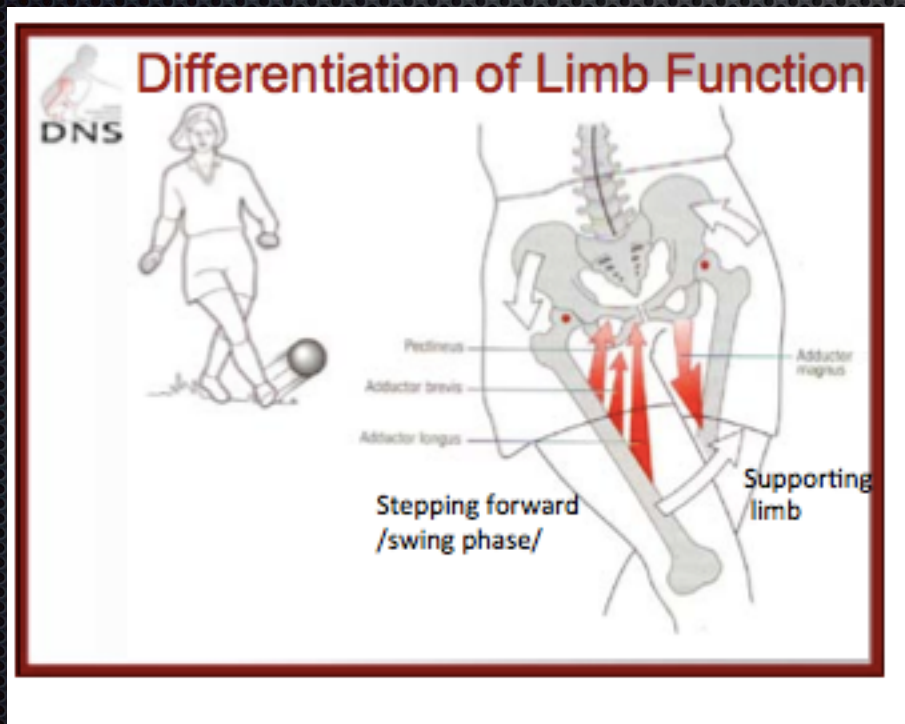


# 3. Transverse Plane





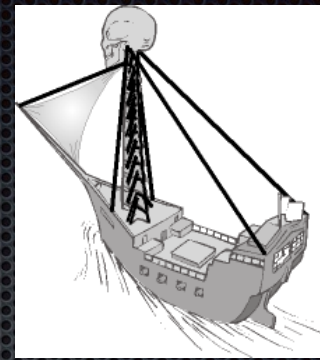
# Tai Chi - Kua (Kolar) Functional Rolling







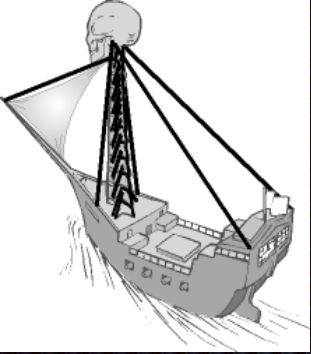
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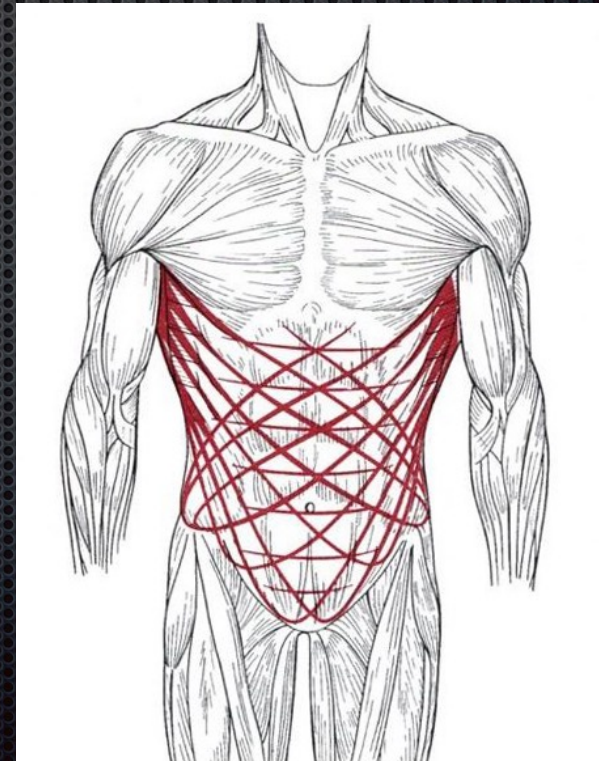
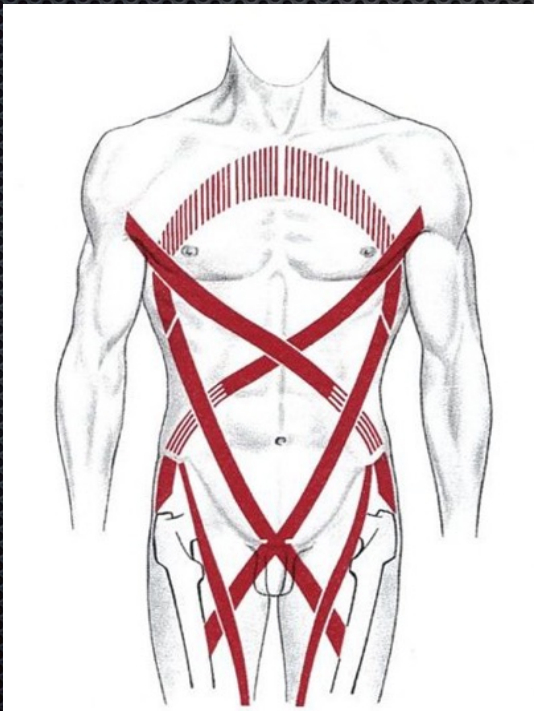
# Jan Zelezny/ Barbora Spotakova







# Punctum Fixum for Punctum Mobilum





# Thomas Myers Spiral Line





- ✦ If we attempt to train an exercise & it's a 1 then we look for ecologically valid moves that are nested to it that we think will re-set the weak link. For example –
- ✦ Anti rotation problem in 1 leg bridge >> Pallof press
- ✦ Poor 1LDL >>stretch posterior hip capsule
- ✦ Decreased T4 extension mobility >> squats
- ✦ Poor squats >> DL



"Given the enhancement of limb athleticism, this study gives some foundation to the practice of including isometric core exercises into athletes' training regimens and **pregame warm-up**. In fact, isometric core exercise programs are part of successful **injury prevention programs**."

## Prevention/Warm-Up

