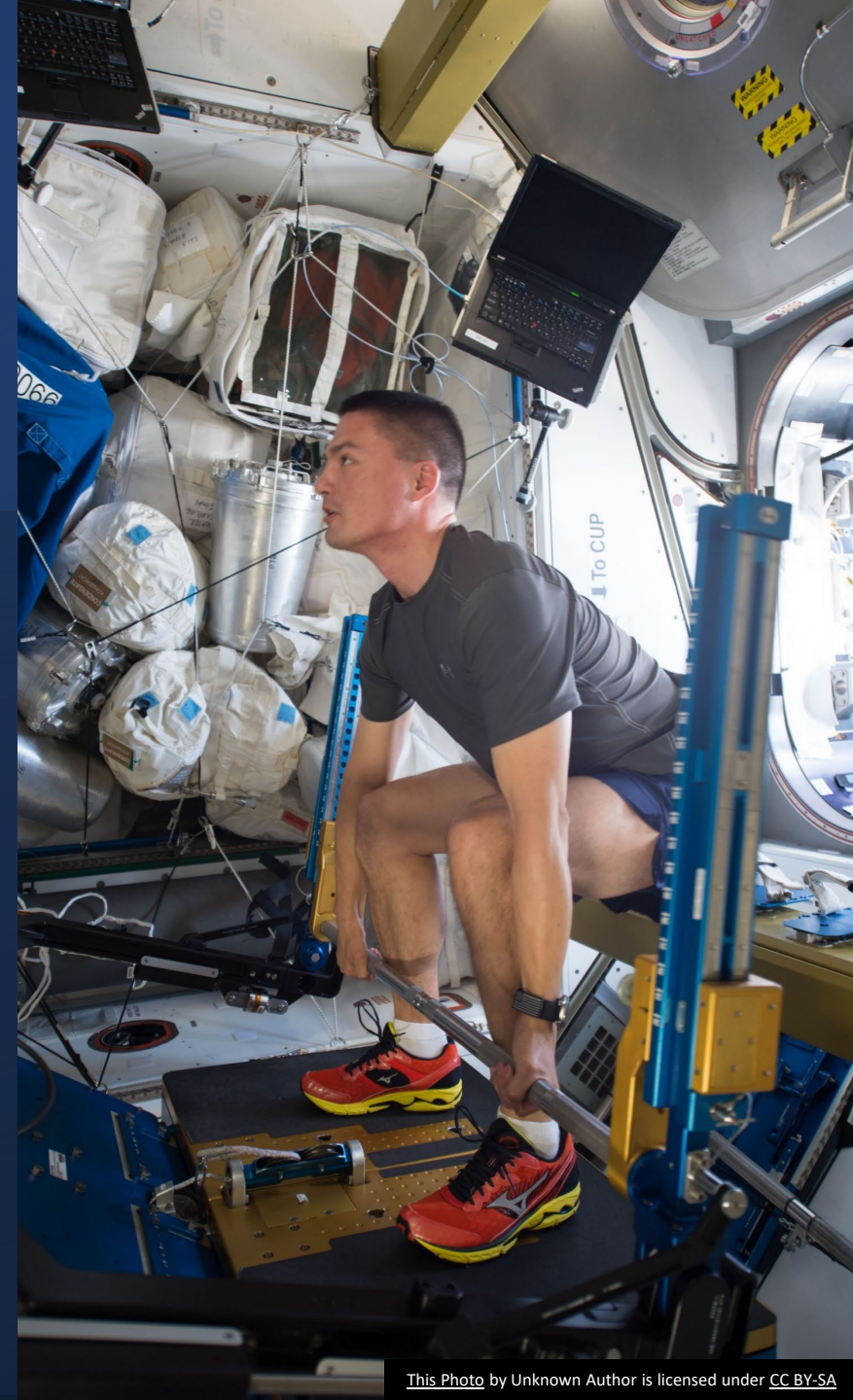


# Post-Flight Reconditioning

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# Agenda



## **Neurovestibular effects and considerations**

Gaze stability training, proprioception, and somatosensory training



## **Orthostatic intolerance considerations**

Assessment and exercise planning



## **Spine effects and considerations**

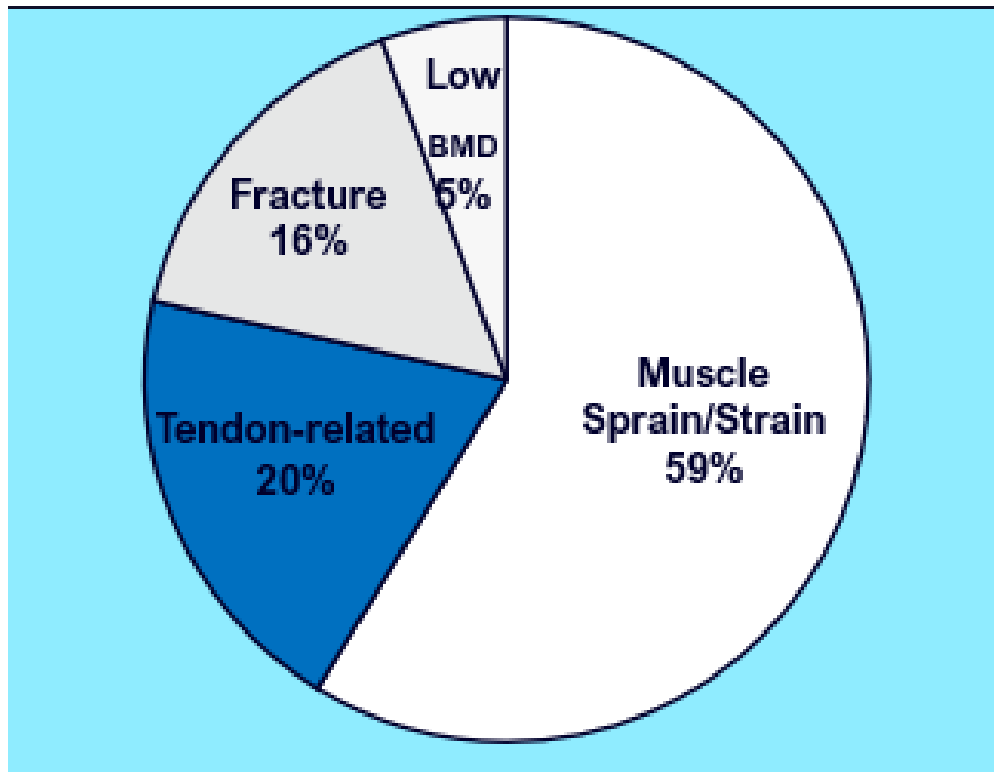
Segmental and muscular change characterization  
Progression of reconditioning



## **Mobility/Flexibility considerations**

Isolated and multi-joint importance  
Mobility through range under load

# MSK Injuries Post-Flight



Postflight injuries most common (92%)

Large proportion of injuries (49.6%) occurred within 1 year of landing

7.3% within 1 month

8.1% between 1-3 months

9.2% between 3-6 months

25% between 6-12 months

Fewer injuries reported in females, but higher prevalence

F: 39 injuries in 20 astronauts

1.95 injuries per female

20% of female injuries occurred in flight

Low BMD diagnoses in 15% of females

M: 244 injuries in 131 astronauts

1.86 injuries per male

4% of injuries occurred in-flight

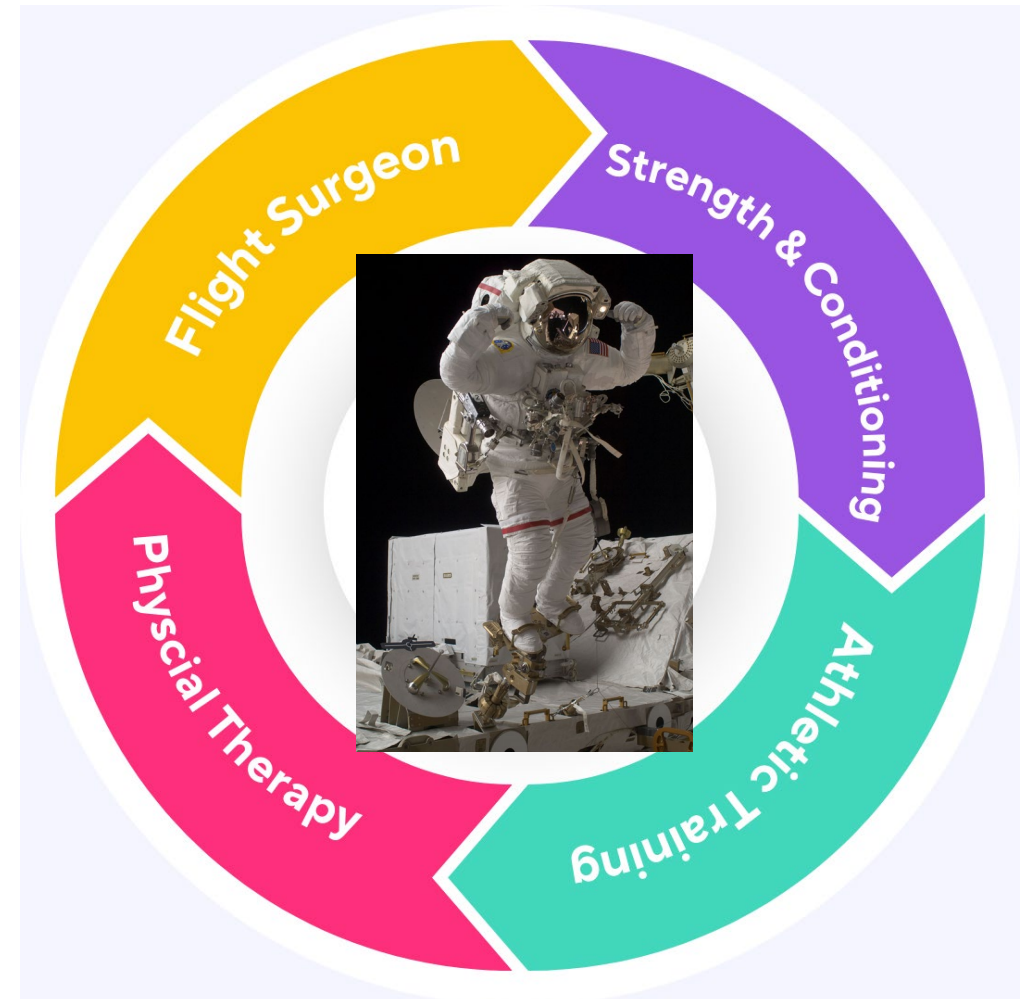
Low BMD diagnosed in 4% male astronauts

# 30,000 Foot View

## ***Team Approach***

***Progressively*** load impairments of the multisystem degradation to ***enhance safe and effective*** re-adaptation and return to ***prior level of function and individualized goals***

Continual ***monitoring*** and ***adjustments*** to programming based on ***individual system priorities and response to stimuli***



# Astronaut Strength, Conditioning and Rehabilitation



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# Post-Flight Reconditioning Considerations/Progressions

Strength, Endurance, Coordination, Mobility, Speed

Neurovestibular Re-Integration

Motion

Motor Control

Orthostatic Intolerance  
Considerations

Proprioception

Strength

Endurance

Coordination

Power

Skilled Activity

Full Activity

1.) Physiologic Effects of Space Flight

2.) Functional Abilities

3.) Crew Members Goals and Training Desires

4.) Other demands (operational, research, etc)


# On-going Assessment

**Red Criteria:**  
 Any NMSK complaints  
 Tandem stance <15 seconds  
 VOR Dizziness  
 Fixated Gaze  
 <10 single leg heel raises  
 Double leg bridge <10-20 seconds  
 Forearm plank <10-20 seconds

**Yellow Criteria:**  
 Absence of NMSK  
 Tandem stance 15-30 seconds  
 Drinking bird: 3/5 good control  
 VOR mild symptoms  
 10-15 single leg heel raises  
 Double leg bridge 20-30 seconds  
 Forearm plank 20-30 seconds

**Green Criteria:**  
 Absence of NMSK  
 Tandem stance >30 seconds  
 Asymptomatic VOR test  
 >15 heel raises  
 Double leg bridge 30 seconds  
 Forearm plank 30 seconds  
 Drinking bird 5/5 good control

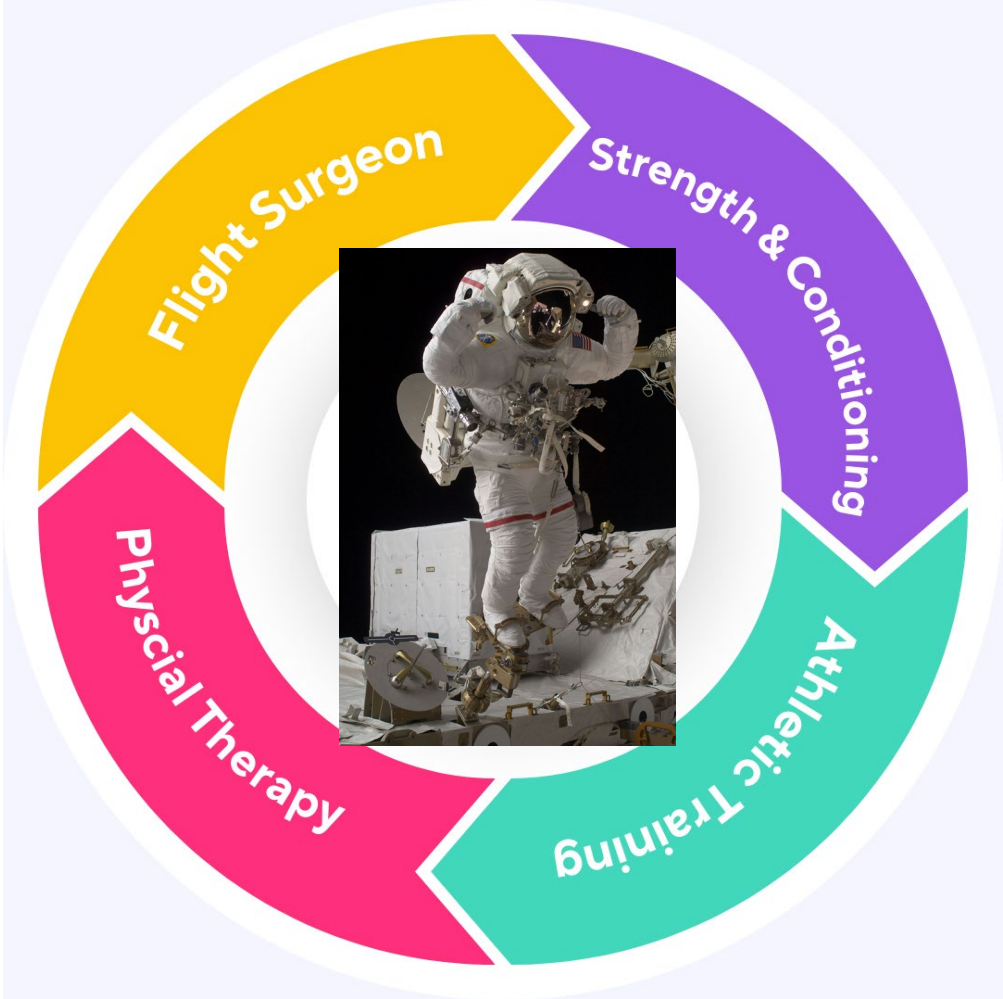
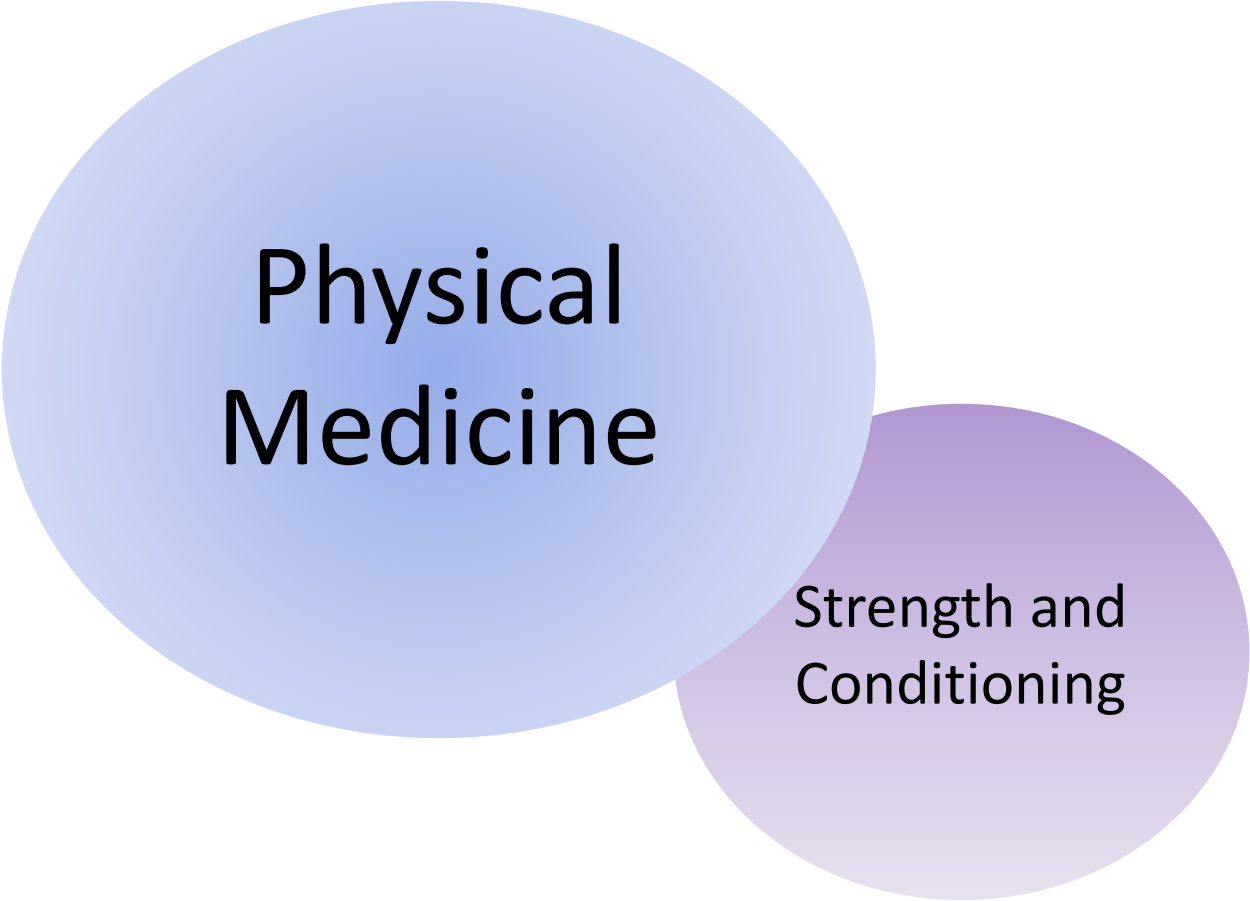
**ASTRONAUT POSTFLIGHT READINESS ASSESSMENT TALLY**



Crewmember Name:

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<b>Mobility Assessment</b>										
<i>Standing</i>									Green	16
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# 30,000 Foot View



# Neurovestibular Evidence

## Central Nervous System adaptations to space flight → reinterpretation of vestibular and somatosensory inputs

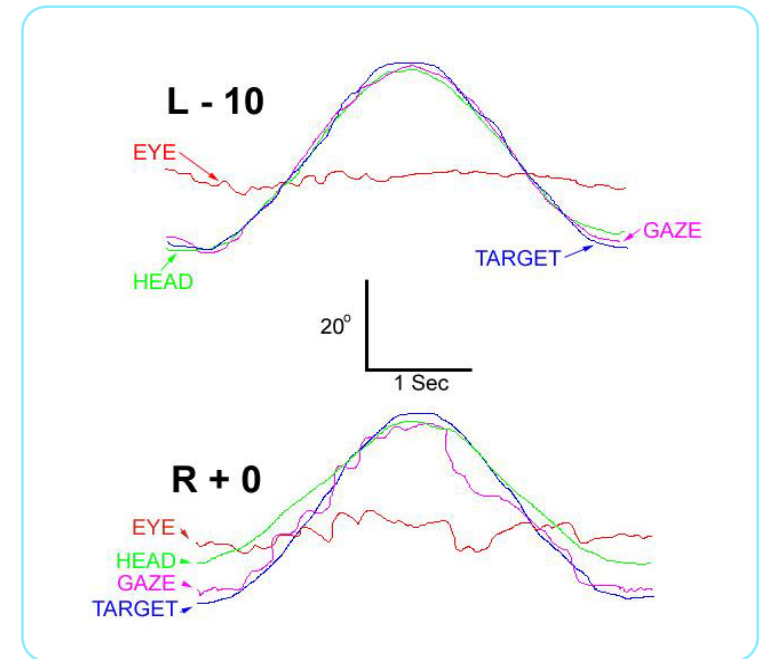
Excessive postural sway, decreased proprioception, and locomotor control

Altered gaze stability

Alterations in muscle activation

Alterations in head-trunk coordination

Impaired cognitive and somatosensory dual processing

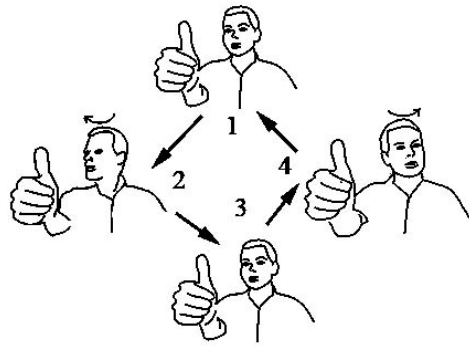


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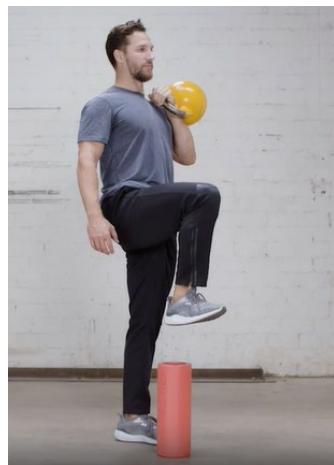


# Neurovestibular Considerations- Phase 1

**Goals: normalize gaze stabilization, integrate vestibular, somatosensory and visual systems for balance, normalize proprioception and somatosensory system**

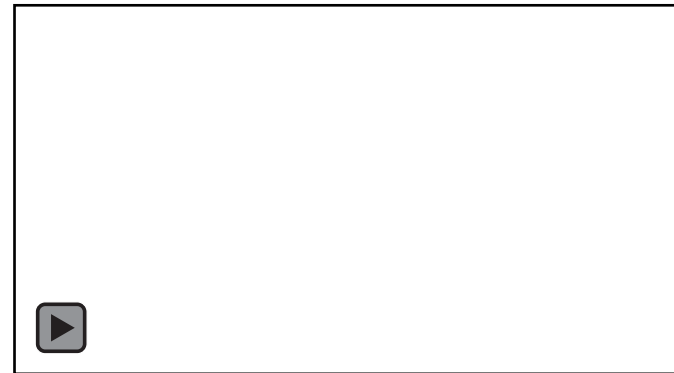


PHASE 1



# Neurovestibular Considerations- Phase 2

**Goals: progress gaze stability exercises to unstable surface, reactive and varying surface training, and gradual addition of dual-tasking**



PHASE 2



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# Neurovestibular Considerations- Phase 3

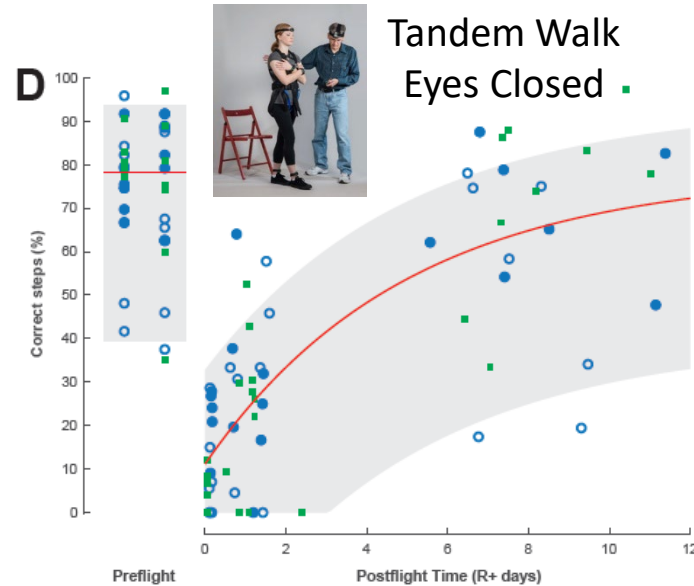
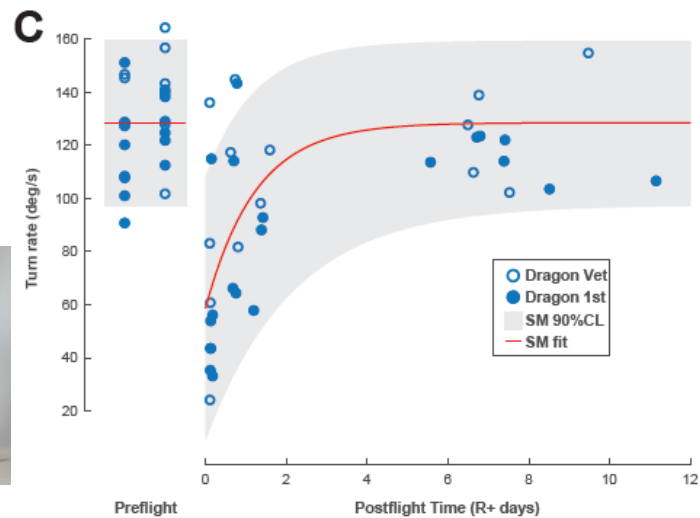
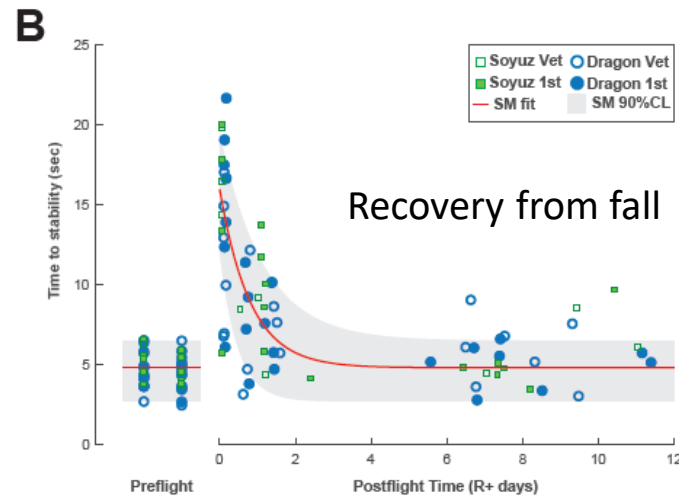
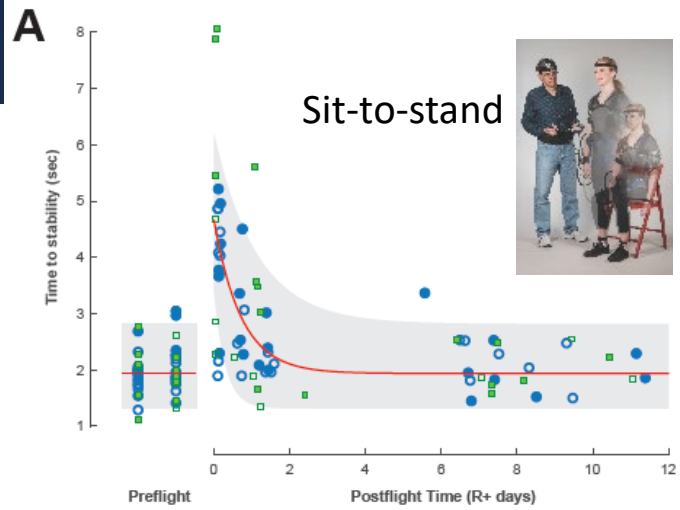
**Goals: progression to dual-task training with varying intensity and surfaces, progression of coordination and agility**



PHASE 3



# State of Knowledge: Balance/Ability to Respond to Environmental Signals (Sensorimotor Risk)



- ❖ Functional task performance was significantly impaired during initial R+0 testing.
- ❖ Some decrements persisted during R+1 testing. The recovery timeline varied with task complexity.

# Orthostatic Intolerance Evidence

Orthostatic intolerance post flight is multifactorial → decreased cardiac filling pressure, decrease stroke volume during orthostatic stress due to decreased plasma volume, adrenergic function, and dysfunction of the sympathetic nervous system

When assessed during quiet standing or utilizing a tilt table, crew members experienced more orthostatic intolerance compared to functional and ambulatory positions (calf pump!)

During quiet positions and transition motions, orthostatic intolerance ranges from R+0- R+14 with great individual variability

# Orthostatic Intolerance Considerations

## Assessment and Exercise Planning Considerations:

Avoidance of assessing and exercising in positions causing valsalva, head down or dependent positions, and minimizing time spent transitioning from supine to stand, prone to stand, etc.

In consultation with Flight Surgeons, consider compression garments for more severe or lingering cases

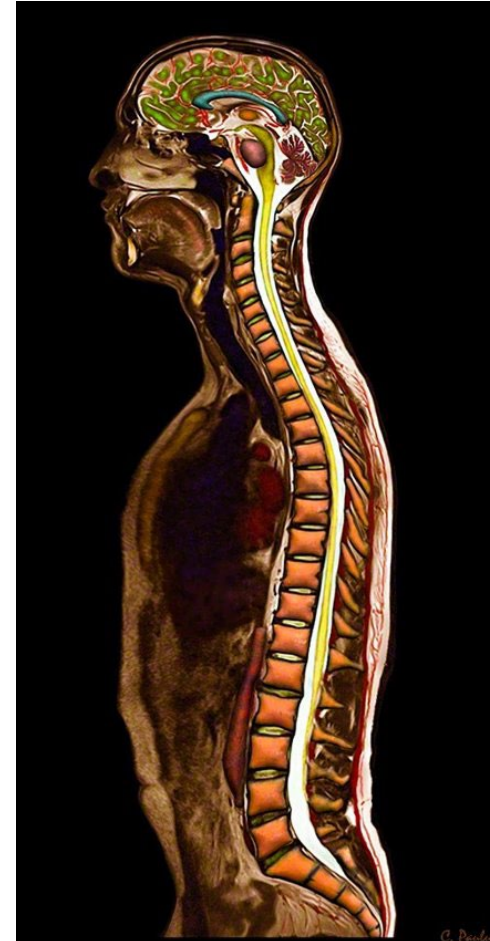


# Spine Evidence

## 2021 NASA Human Research Program:

Biomechanics of the lumbar spine following spaceflight and incidence of post-flight disc herniation

- N=12 subjects (10 males, 2 females)
- Evaluation:
  - **3T MRI** for facet arthropathy, endplate irregularities, HIZ, disc herniation, degeneration, water content and multifidus CSA, mCSA, m%
  - **Spine segment kinematics** max flexion-extension/lateral flexion/translation ROM per segment
  - Time points: pre-flight, R+2-7 (after 6 mos) and R+30-60

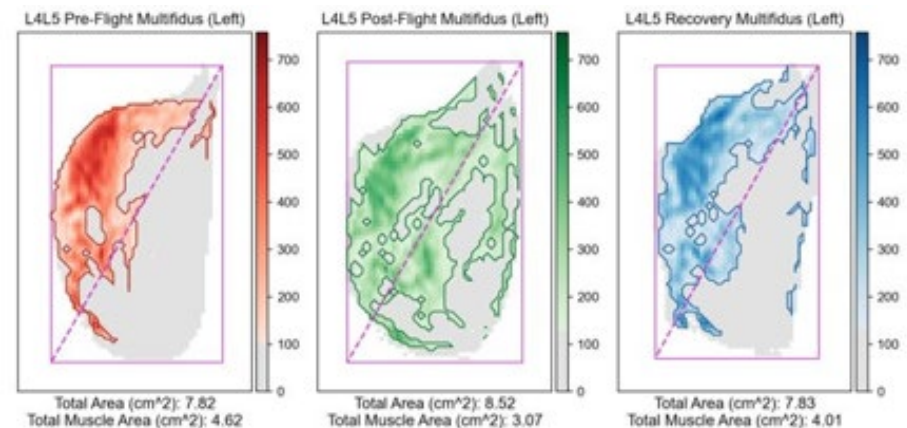


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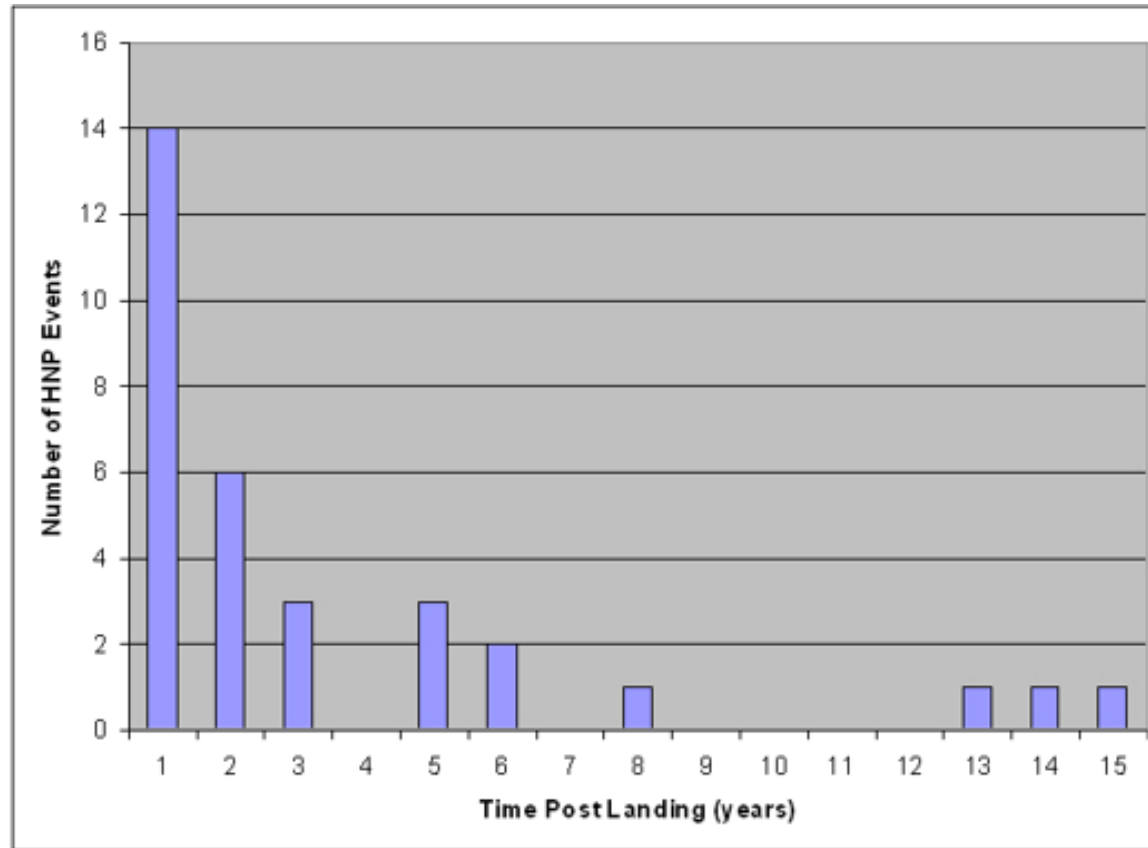
## 2021 NASA Human Research Program: Biomechanics of the lumbar spine following spaceflight and incidence of post-flight disc herniation

- **Results:**

- 50% (6 out of 12) of crew members returned from space with a symptomatic disc protrusion/herniation
- Decreased ROM → upper lumbar spine
  - **Associated with endplate irregularities**
- Lower pre-flight average multifidus % and higher asymmetry
- Decreased average multifidus % and increased asymmetry → lower lumbar spine
- Water content, muscle CSA, other spinal pathology did not associate



# Spine Evidence



Occurrence of symptomatic HNP greatest in first 2 weeks post flight

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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Risk of Herniated Nucleus Pulposus Among U.S. Astronauts

SMITH L. JOHNSTON, MARK R. CAMPBELL, RICK SCHEURING,  
AND ALAN H. FEIVISON

JOHNSTON SL, CAMPBELL MR, SCHEURING R, FEIVISON AH. Risk of herniated nucleus pulposus among U.S. astronauts. *Aviat Space Environ Med* 2010; 81:566-74.

**Introduction:** Astronauts have complained of back pain occurring during spaceflight, presumably due to the elongation of the spine from the lack of gravity. Herniated nucleus pulposus (HNP) is known to occur in aviators exposed to high  $G_z$  and has been diagnosed in several astronauts in the immediate post-spaceflight period. It is unknown whether astronauts exposed to microgravity are at added risk for developing HNP in the post-spaceflight period due to possible in-flight intervertebral disc changes. **Methods:** For a preset study period, incidence rates of HNP were compared between the U.S. astronaut population and a matched control population not involved in spaceflight using the Longitudinal Study of Astronaut Health database. Using a Weibull survival model, time trends of the risk of HNP prior to and after spaceflight were compared within the astronaut group. HNP incidences in other populations that have previously been reported in the literature were also compared with results in this study. **Results:** The incidence of HNP was 4.3 times higher in the U.S. astronaut population ( $N = 321$ ) compared to matched controls ( $N = 983$ ) not involved in spaceflight. For astronauts, there was relatively more HNP in the cervical region of the spine (18 of 44) than for controls (3 of 35); however, there was no clear increase of HNP incidence in those astronauts who were high performance jet aircraft pilots. There was evidence suggesting that the risk is increased immediately after spaceflight. **Conclusions:** Astronauts are at higher risk of incurring HNP, especially immediately following spaceflight. **Keywords:** spaceflight, back pain, back injury, cervical injury, lumbar injury, disc disease, microgravity, weightlessness.

**H**ERNIATED NUCLEUS pulposus (HNP) is usually secondary to degenerative disc disease, although that term is probably a misnomer as hereditary factors also have been found to be important. The peak patient age incidence is between 35 and 55 yr old. Herniation of the nucleus pulposus is due to the failure of the annulus fibrosus to retain nuclear material. This may result from a tear in the annulus or a disruption of the annular attachment to the vertebral body. Herniations in the cervical and lumbar spine that result in symptomatic radicular pain are typically due to extrusion of disc material in a posterolateral direction, causing compression or irritation of a nerve root. The presence of the posterior longitudinal ligament in both the cervical and lumbar regions makes the occurrence of direct central extrusion of disc material into the spinal canal less likely. When this does occur, direct compression of the spinal cord or cauda equina can occur.

The intervertebral disc is formed by the central nucleus pulposus, the outer annulus fibrosus, and the cartilaginous vertebral end plates. Each of the structures consists primarily of collagen, proteoglycans, and water.

Fluid shifts occur readily, with the disc expanding during bed rest and contracting during axial loading. The annulus fibrosus is the site of primary pathologic change due to repetitive stress during axial loading and flexion, which is the etiology for herniation (8). The nucleus pulposus usually herniates at the posteriolateral corner, resulting in pressure on the spinal cord or nerve root, which causes pain or neurological deficits.

Several studies have suggested that aviators exposed to a repetitive high  $G_z$  environment in high performance aircraft or to the vibratory stress of helicopters have a higher incidence of cervical injuries (11,29,37) and HNP (12,26). Although higher rates of HNP are suspected in high  $G_z$  environments, definite statistical proof is still lacking. High  $G_z$  maneuvers place considerable stress on the cervical vertebrae, especially when combined with tilting and turning of the neck (37). An increase in degenerative cervical changes has been found on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of high  $G_z$  fighter pilots (32,33) and one study has shown that 3 out of 10 active fighter pilots demonstrate MRI cervical changes (22). However, MRI abnormalities are seen in asymptomatic patients and are not necessarily indicative of a higher risk of HNP.

Back pain and injury has been known to occur in astronauts during their ground activities (19) and in flight (21,34,35). Generalized back pain during spaceflight has been reported in 53–68% of astronauts responding to a questionnaire, with 28% describing the pain as severe to moderate (38). Back pain is usually most severe at the beginning of flight and gradually subsides as the flight progresses. The etiology of spaceflight back pain has been proposed as a lengthening of the vertebral column due to disc expansion secondary to unloading and loss of the thoracic and lordotic curvatures (16,20). Obviously, back pain is subjective and very difficult to accurately study. Although statistics on HNP are felt to be more objective, reliable, and reproducible, regional var-

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# Spinal Considerations- Phase 1

**Goals: Reduce adaptation pain, enhance intersegmental mobility, restore normal firing patterns of deep core stabilizers, and improve joint position sense**



PHASE 1



# Spinal Considerations- Phase 2

**Goals: progress intersegmental and multi-joint mobility, advance neuromuscular re-education to multi-axial movements, progressively begin loading the spine**



PHASE 2



# Spinal Considerations- Phase 3

**Goals: progression of multi-joint mobility with load, advance strength and power, development of skilled and functional activity... build spinal resiliency!!**



PHASE 3



# Mobility/Flexibility

## Common Mobility Restrictions due to Inflight Positioning:

Impaired spinal mobility across all regions and ranges

Hip: hip flexor resistance over extensor, rotational limitations

Shoulder: shoulder flexion resistance over extensor, rotational limitations

Ankle dorsiflexion over plantar flexion



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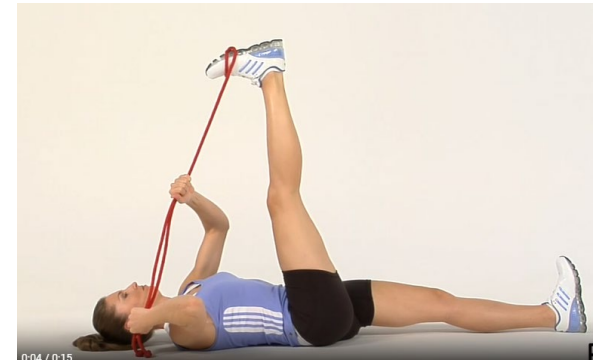
# Mobility/Flexibility

## Approach:

Progression of single joint (isolated) and multi-joint motion through passive, active, and manual therapy techniques where appropriate

Progressing multi-joint motion under load to optimize functional activities

Continual monitoring with daily and weekly evaluations

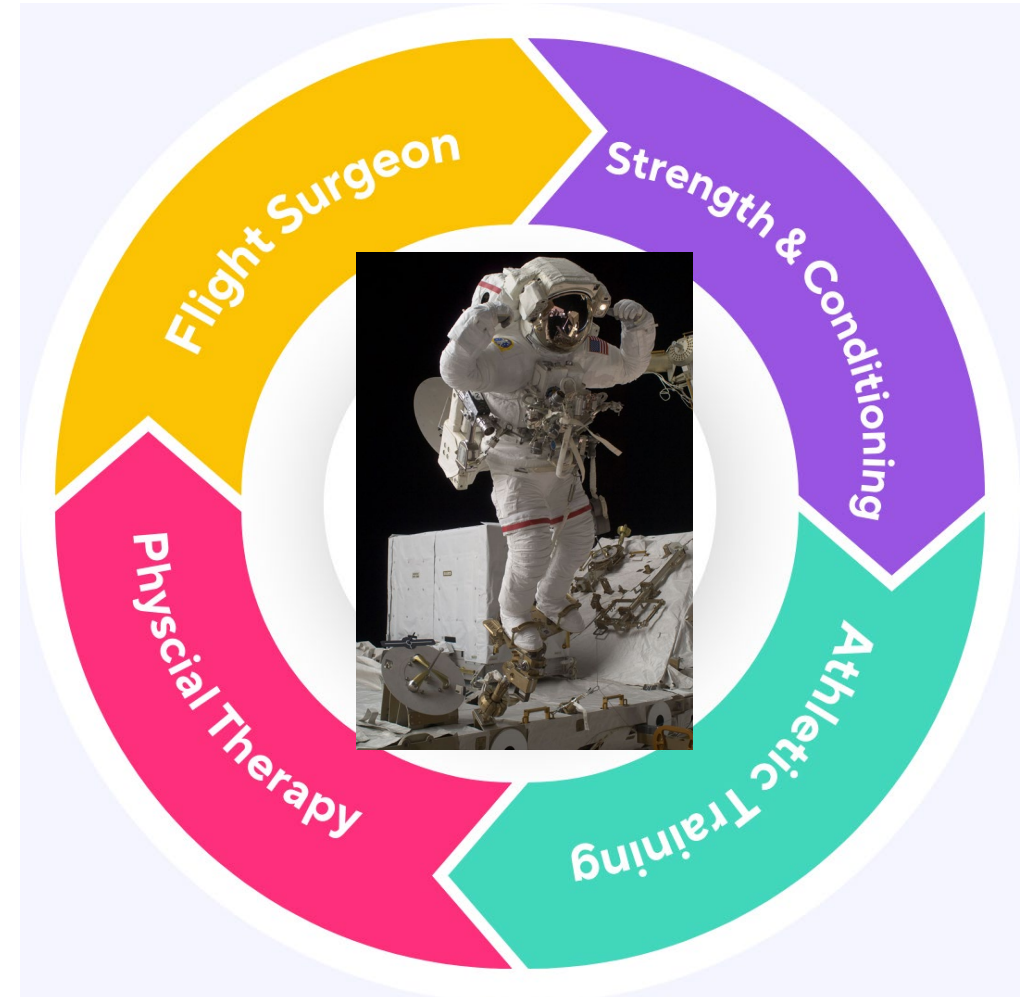


# 30,000 Foot View

Strength and  
Conditioning

Physical Medicine

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# Agenda



## **Overview - First days of Post-flight Reconditioning**

Assessment  
Develop Plan  
Execute Plan



## **Resistance Training Considerations**

Strength Expression  
Power Expression



## **Cardiovascular / Cardiorespiratory Fitness**

Based on Maximum Oxygen uptake  
Endurance



## **Agility - as it applies**

Acceleration  
Deceleration

# Post-Flight Considerations

## Post-flight Reconditioning Framework

- 45 Days
- 2 Hours Per day

## Challenges

- Scheduling Demands
- Life Demands
- Desire to return to a prior level of function and fitness may cause fatigue or risk of injury.
- Fatigue or illness
- Preference - Individual desires may not match an evidence-based approach to appropriate training



# MEDB. (MRID) Functional Fitness Assessment



- **Previous Functional Fitness Assessment**

- Cone Agility: Fastest time through course (3 trials)
- Hand Grip: Highest of 3 trials
- Push Ups: Max 2 minutes
- Sit and Reach: Highest of 3 trials
- Pull Ups: Max completed
- Sliding Crunches (Abdominal): Max 2 minutes
- Single Leg Stork Stand: 15 seconds bilateral
- Leg Press: 1 Rep Max
- Bench Press: 1 Rep Max

R+5-7, R+30

**MED B = Medical Evaluation Document (Group B)**

**MRID = Medical Requirements Integration Document**

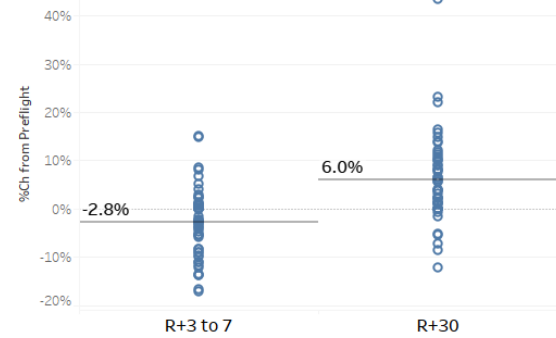
- **Current Functional Fitness Assessment**

- Body Mass
- Hand grip
- Squat Jump
- Countermovement Jump
- Cone Agility
- Isometric Mid-Thigh Pull
- Isometric Bench Press
- Pull ups
- Hand Release Push-ups

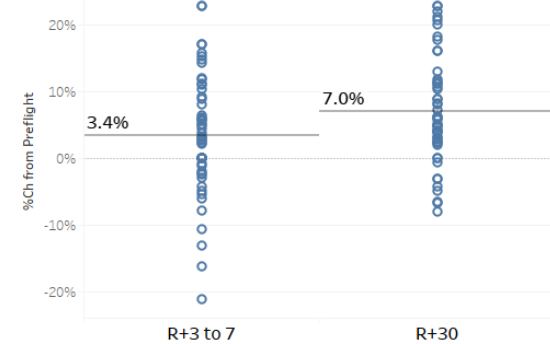
# Meb B. Functional Fitness Assessment

## Changes in Functional Fitness after Long-Duration Spaceflight and 30d of Recovery (%Change from Preflight, n=93)

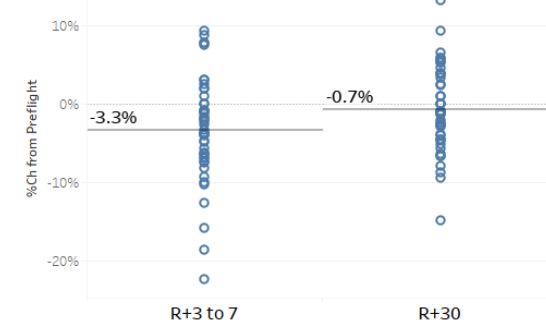
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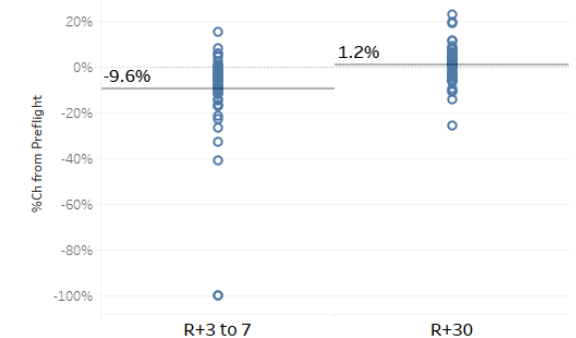
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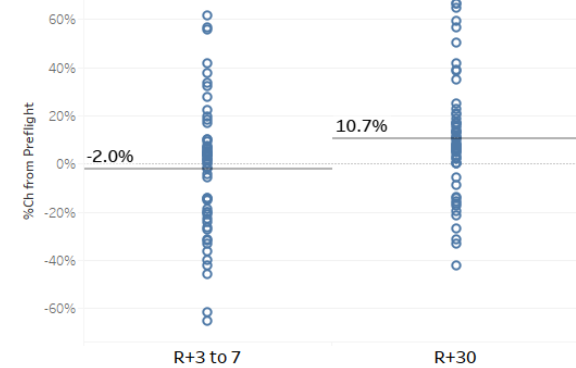
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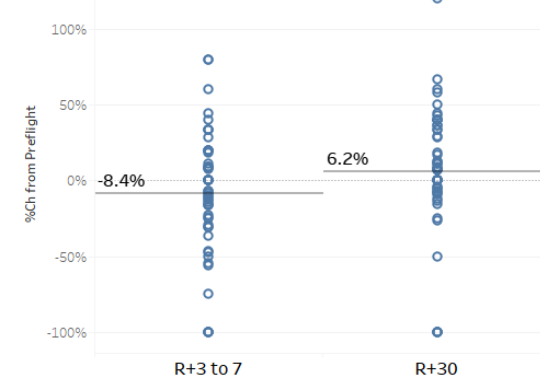
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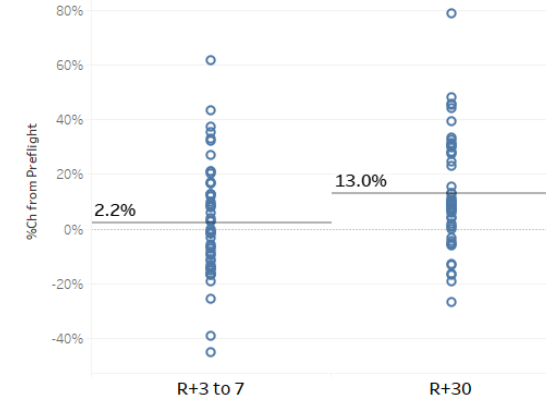
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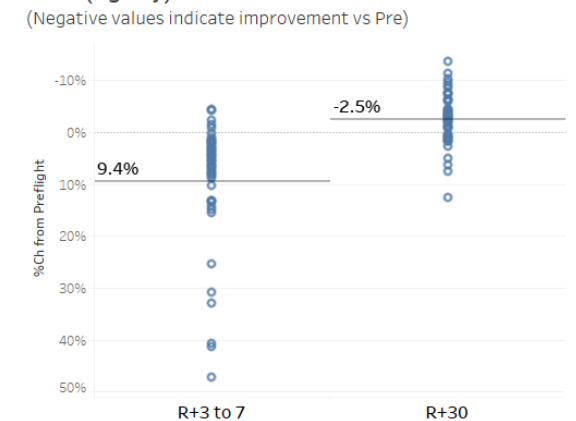
Pull Ups



Sliding Crunches



Cone (Agility) Test



# Monitoring Capabilities: Muscular Strength and Power

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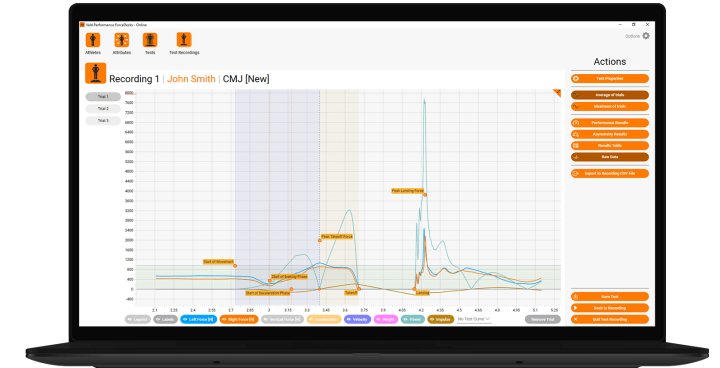
- Peak Force
- Rate of Force development

## Squat Jump

- Jump Height
- Power
- Time to decel

## Countermovement Jump


- Jump height
- Power
- Time to decel

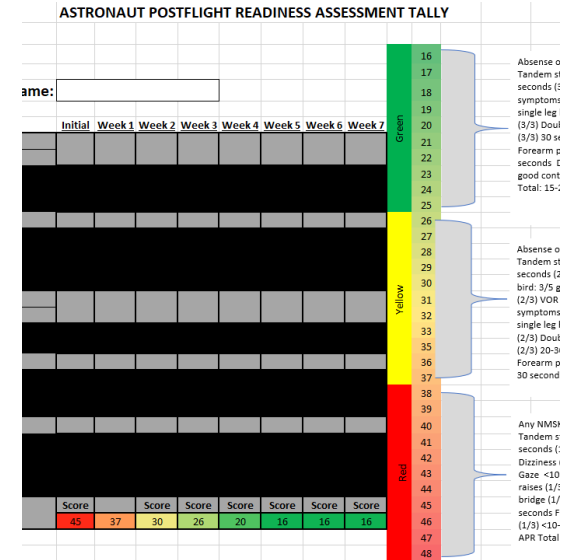


# Post-flight Reconditioning- First Steps

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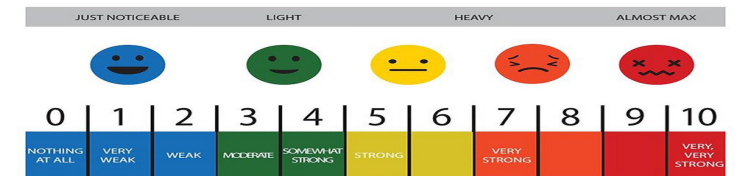
 Develop Plan

 Train



\*Primarily Subjective monitoring

”Scientists and coaches must acknowledge the exceptional ability of the human neurobiological system to integrate abundant amounts of personal and environmental data and convey it through a straightforward score.”



# Post-flight Reconditioning: Developing the Plan



## Needs

Priorities

- Evidence-based approach
- Preference (potential conflict)
- Mostly lies in perceived ability vs true ability



## Known Priorities for every Crew member

Neuromuscular Reeducation ⚠️  
Cardiovascular / Cardiorespiratory Fitness



# Motor Learning and Neuromuscular Reeducation



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## Motor Learning

- Motor learning is defined as 'a change in a person's capability to perform a **skill** that must be inferred from a relatively permanent improvement in performance as a result of practice or experience' (Magill and Anderson, 2007).
- Motor learning involves learning a **skilled task** and practicing with a goal in mind until the skill is executed automatically (**Schmidt & Wrisberg 2007**).

## Neuromuscular reeducation

- Deals with retraining the brain and spinal cord in voluntary and reflex motor activities.
- The primary aim is to restore the proper firing of spinal and peripheral nerves to improve the following: Range of Motion, Strength Expression, Strength Endurance, Power, and Coordination.

## Skills

- A Skill is a learned ability that individuals acquire through training and practice. Skill may be defined as the ability to perform at a high standard effectively and efficiently.

# Running in 3 different environments

## Types of Skills

- **Gross Motor Skills** - Require the usage of our larger muscles located in the torso, legs, and arms to perform tasks (e.g., Running, Jumping).
- **Fine Motor Skills** - Our hands and wrists can execute intricate movements using the smaller muscles. + **tasks that require timing** (e.g., Hitting a baseball, Pitching, Golf swing).

## *For example,*

- Running barefoot needs to be practiced before proper execution.



# Learned Skill / Disruption



## Skill Execution / Expression

Poor Coaching or Practice

Pain or Injury

Spaceflight

Anything that interrupts the  
dialogue within the  
neuromuscular system. More



*\*Typically, these skills  
are only impaired if they  
are hampered by  
discomfort, injury,  
inadequate coaching or  
practice, or spaceflight -  
essentially, anything that  
interferes with  
neuromuscular  
connections.*



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# Neuromuscular Reeducation and Deconditioning Across 3 Pillars



Resistance Training

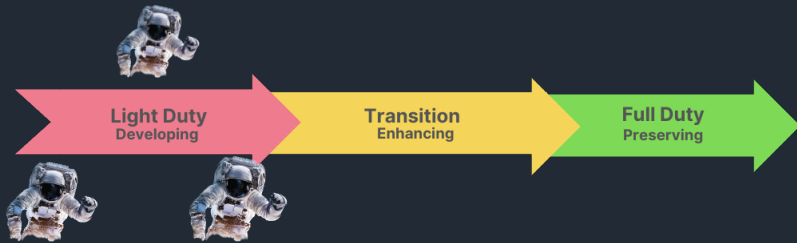


Cardiovascular / Cardiorespiratory



Agility (as it applies)

## Human Performance & Optimization Continuum <sup>1</sup>



### Resistance Training - Phase 1

- Primary Focus: *Neuromuscular reeducation*
  - Isometric Exercise
    - Stabilization
    - Anti-Rotation
  - Low intensity 50% 1RM compound ground-based movements (*benefit of free weights*)

### Restrictions

- Axial Loading
- Velocity-specific exercises that require timing (i.e., weightlifting)

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## Human Performance & Optimization Continuum



### Resistance Training – Phase 2

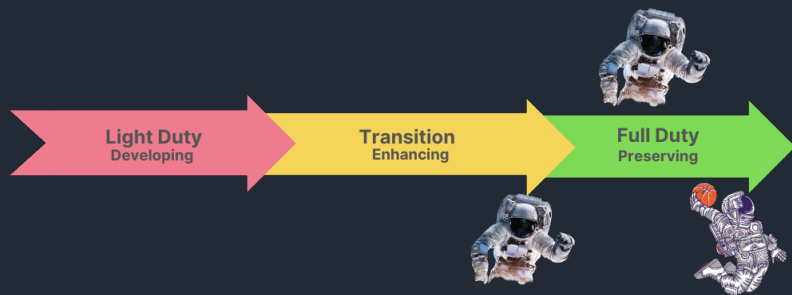
- Phase 2 Primary Focus: Strength Expression, Power Expression
- Basic Ground-based Multi-joint movements
  - Free weights are beneficial
    - Low intensity 50% 1RM compound ground-based movements (*benefit of free weights*)
  - Stability + Force Production
  - Still Learning

### Restrictions

- Axial Loading

3

## Human Performance & Optimization Continuum



### Resistance Training Phase 3

- Power Expression - VBT
  - Lower Force / High Power output
    - Jump Squats
    - Med Ball Throws
    - Traditional VBT

### Restrictions

- Individual, performance-dependent

# Cardiovascular Deconditioning

## Monitoring of Cardiovascular fitness based on VO<sub>2</sub>max

- Maximal oxygen uptake ( $\dot{V}O_{2,max}$ ) is a physiological characteristic bounded by the parametric limits of the Fick equation: (left ventricular (LV) end-diastolic volume--LV end-systolic volume) x heart rate x arterio-venous oxygen difference." (Stroke Volume)
- Stroke Volume - the volume of blood pumped out of the heart's left ventricle during each systolic cardiac contraction.

## Physiological and Biochemical changes

- Left Ventricular hypertrophy
- Decrease Plasma Volume
- Increased Heart Rate



## Cardiovascular Training Phase 1

- Primary Focus: Aerobic Exercise that does not cause issues
- Typical Modalities
  - Recumbent Bike
  - Hydroworks
  - AlterG Treadmill

## Restrictions

- Calf Intensive Exercises
  - Incline Treadmill walking
  - Running at body weight
  - Any exercise that could require unexpected reaction.



## Cardiovascular Exercise Phase 2, 3

- Phase 2 + Phase 3 Primary Focus: Aerobic / Anaerobic exercise that does not cause issues!
  - **Protocol**
    - Aerobic Exercise 60%-70% + about 20% of the allotment at the time spent in the 80% or above range
    - Running On a Treadmill is ideal (control of the environment and volume and intensity)
  - **Modalities**
    - Treadmill
    - Hydorworks
    - AlterG (progress in the percentage of body weight)

## Restrictions

- Calf intensive
  - Incline Treadmill walking
  - Running at body weight
  - Any exercise that could require an unexpected reaction



*“ Recognizing the muscular endurance that naturally develops from living in a 1 G environment is crucial.” Corey Twine*

## Agility as it applies

- Closed Skills - require an athlete to perform a pre-programmed pattern of movement(s) using cones or other implements.
  - (Successful demonstration of skill)
- Open Skills – Reactive, Decision making
- Phase 2 + **Phase 3** Primary Focus: Aerobic / Anaerobic exercise that does not cause issues!
  - AlterG (progress in the percentage of body weight)

## Restrictions

- Speed
- Skill
- Load





## Post Flight Reconditioning Calendar/Goals

<b>Crew Member:</b>							
<b>Mission:</b>							
<b>Crew Member Goals:</b>	Short Term (first week):						
	Short Term (by mid-point):						
	Long Term (by end of 45 days):						
<b>Week 1: (R+1-R+7)</b>	Conditioning/Agility	Resistance	Conditioning/Agility	Resistance	Active Recovery	Resistance	Conditioning/Agility
<b>Week 2: (R+8-R+14)</b>	Resistance	Conditioning/Agility	Active Recovery	Resistance	Conditioning/Agility	Resistance	Full Rest
<b>Week 3: (R+15-R+21)</b>	Resistance	Conditioning/Agility	Assessment Resistance	Conditioning/Agility	Resistance	Active Recovery	Full Rest
<b>Week 4: (R+22-R+28)</b>	Resistance	Conditioning/Agility	Assessment Resistance	Conditioning/Agility	Resistance	Active Recovery	Full Rest
<b>Week 5: (R+29- R+35)</b>	Resistance	Conditioning/Agility	Assessment Resistance	Conditioning/Agility	Resistance	Active Recovery	Full Rest
<b>Week 6: (R+36-R+42)</b>	<del>Resistance</del>	<del>Conditioning/Agility</del>	<del>Resistance</del>	<del>Conditioning/Agility</del>	Resistance	<del>Active Recovery</del>	<del>Full Rest</del>
<b>Week 7: (R+43-R+45)</b>	<del>Resistance</del>	<del>Conditioning/Agility</del>	<del>Resistance</del>	<del>Conditioning/Agility</del>	Resistance	<del>Active Recovery</del>	<del>Full Rest</del>
ASCR Group Led							
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Crew Member Led							

# Sample Post-Flight Reconditioning Template



Due to individual crewmembers' specific needs and or preference

# Sample Post-Flight Reconditioning Weekly Template



- **Vestibular**
- **Mobility**
  - Shoulder
  - Hip
  - Spine
- **Neuromuscular Re-education**
- **Progressive Vestibular / Balance**
- **Specific Warm-up**
- **Main Resistance Training Exercise**
  - Push
  - Pull
  - Primary Leg
- **Cool down / Recovery**

- **Vestibular**
- **Mobility**
  - Shoulder
  - Hip
  - Spine
- **Neuromuscular Re-education**
- **Progressive Vestibular / Balance**
- **Dynamic Warm-up**
  - A-skips
- **Main Agility Training Exercise**
- **Conditioning**
  - Bike, or
  - Running
- **Cool down / Recovery**

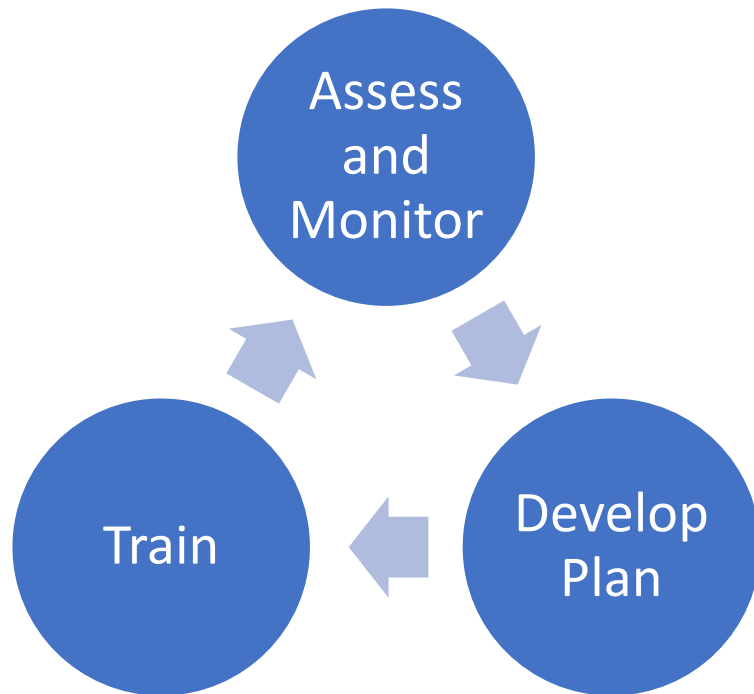
- **Vestibular**
- **Mobility**
  - Shoulder
  - Hip
  - Spine
- **Neuromuscular Re-education**
- **Progressive Vestibular / Balance**
- **Specific Warm-up**
- **Light Cardio 20-25min**
- **Cool down / Recovery**

ASTRONAUT POSTFLIGHT READINESS ASSESSMENT TALLY

Crewmember Name:

	Initial	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7		
<b>Mobility Assessment</b>										
Standing									Green	16
										17
										18
										19
										20
Prone									Yellow	21
										22
										23
										24
										25
<b>Motor Control Assessment</b>										
Lower Quarter									Yellow	26
										27
										28
										29
										30
Core									Red	31
										32
										33
										34
										35
<b>Progressive Vestibular Assessment</b>										
									Red	36
										37
										38
										39
										40
Score	45	37	30	26	20	16	16	16		41
										42
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										46
										47
										48

# Post-Flight Lessons Learned



## Summary / Lessons Learned

Daily fatigue assessment and total volume understanding (only so much in the tank)

Pointed and clear guidance on activity outside of the post-flight reconditioning timeframe

Quality over quantity

Consider web-based platforms to train crew if on travel

Previous injury and prior functional status considerations

Creativity is a must during the entire 45 days...have fun!

# Questions?

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