# Muscle health in later life: Pushing back on disability

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# **Disability**







Male - 24 yrs Body mass - 76kg Fat mass - 10kg Fat free mass - 57kg



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Male - 66 vrs Body mass - 81kg Fat mass - 57kg Fat free mass - 13kg Average daily steps = 3141 Average daily steps = 12445 PA >3MET per/day = 22mins PA >3MET per/day = 130mins



- UMuscle mass
- 50%  $\Downarrow$  in muscle strength
- 75% ↓ in muscle power

### **Contributing to:**

- $\Downarrow$  aerobic capacity
- $\Downarrow$  metabolic rate
- $\Downarrow$  total blood volume
- ↑ body fat
- $\Downarrow$  bone mineral density
- $\Downarrow$  quality of life

# Leading to:

- ↑ Sedentary behaviour
- Post-surgery compilations
- $\Downarrow$  balance confidence
- 1 incidence of falls
- $\Downarrow$  functional ability
- Frailty/Sarcopenia

## Culminating in => Dependent care needs



McLeod et al Biogerontology. 2016 Jun;17(3):497-510.

# Sarcopenia: In the Australian context

J Cachexia Sarcopenia Muscle DOI 10.1007/s13539-014-0144-z

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Assessing sarcopenic prevalence and risk factors in residential aged care: methodology and feasibility

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Prevalence and risk factors of sarcopenia among adults living in nursing homes



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#### **Community dwelling older adults**

- − ≥ 80 years 31.6% women and 17.4% males (Volpato et al 2013)
- In-patient acute care 25.3% (Smoliner et al 2014)
- In-patient acute care 1 in 4 (Rossi et al 2014)

#### **Residential aged care**

Geriatric nursing hospital - 32.8% (Landi et al 2011)





### Exercise and physical activity





# However, some exercise is better than other in battling disability

Progressive resistance and weight bearing exercise

- Muscle mass & strength
- Bone mineral density
- Sleep profile
- Capacity in ADL's

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- Symptoms of disease
  - physical
  - mental
- Falls risk
- Residual impact of training
   => Reduced dependant care needs
   => Prolonged independence





# **Falls prevention**

#### Table 1. Summary of meta-analysis results: reductions in falls from exercise programs with different components

Component	Reduction in falls in studies with this component		Reduction in falls in studies without this component			Variability explained	
	Reduction %	95% Cl	Studies n	Reduction %	95% Cl	Studies n	(%)
Exercise that aims to provide a moderate or high challenge to balance	22	14–30	43	0	0–14	17	15
Exercise that aims to provide a high challenge to balance	25	15–34	30	6	0–17	30	16
Total exercise dose more than 50 hours	23	13-32	30	7	0-8	30	19
Inclusion of walking training	10	0-22	30	23	11-32	30	8
A high risk study population	10	0–20	39	27	14–37	21	15
CI = confidence interval.							

#### Table 2. Summary of meta-analysis results: reductions in falls from exercise programs with different combinations of components

Component	Reduction in falls in studies with this combination of components		
	Reduction %	95% Cl	Studies n
Balance training, no walking training and a higher exercise dose	38	27-46	8
Balance training, walking training and a higher exercise dose	21	11-30	14
CI = confidence interval.			

80 | Vol. 22(3-4) 2011 NSW Public Health Bulletin

Sherrington C, et al. New South Wales public health bulletin. 2011;22:78-83.

### Recommendations

- 1. Moderate to high balance challenge
- 2. Sufficient dose to have and effect
- 3. Ongoing
- 4. General community and those at greater risk
- 5. Group or home based
- 6. Not walking alone
- 7. Inclusive of strength training
- 8. Beware of (other) risk factors



# Community-dwelling, healthy adults

Journal of Gerontology: MEDICAL SCIENCES 2008, Vol. 63A, No. 1, 83-91

> Strength Versus Muscle Power-Specific Resistance Training in Community-Dwelling Older Adults

Convright 2008 by The Gerontological Society of America

Tim R. Henwood, Stephan Riek, and Dennis R. Taaffe

School of Human Movement Studies, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.















**Program** – 26 weeks of twice weekly Resistance training + balance exercise for adults with aged care needs.















# **Residential aged care: The SUNBEAM Project**

16 RAC facilities 221 participants  $86.04 \pm 6.77$  years,  $26.07 \pm 24.60$  months in care

#### Adverse events:

•Nil serious,

•Minor muscle aches/pains only

#### Adherence:

•High

# Falls

55% less falls at 12 month follow-up
Multiple falls

- 2-4: 27% Con v 16% Ex
- >5: 19% Con v 8% Ex

Incident ratio: 2.91 Con v 1.31 Ex person yrs

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#### Original Study

Progressive Resistance and Balance Training for Falls Prevention in Long-Term Residential Aged Care: A Cluster Randomized Trial of the Sunbeam Program

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# Active@Home

Personal care worker led in-home exercise program



active@home CHSP\* participants benefit from 18-week in-home exercise program RANGE 29 PERSONAL CARE PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE WORKERS measured by the Short Physical Performance trained to deliver the Battery (SPPB) exercise program EXERCISE ADHERENCE C (sessions per week) week 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19% 47% REDUCTION REDUCTION in health service in people classified as frail Post-program utilisation 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 IMPROVEMENT in physical performance · Programs offering cost-effective, supervised in-home exercise for older people are important at a national level. active@home shows promise as a model that could be delivered nationally with wide-reaching benefits. active@home adds value to service delivery by up-skilling personal care workers in wellness and reablement











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# Prehabilitation

- Exercise undertaken by older adults prior to extended hospitalisation:
  - ⇒ Shortened recovery time and hospital stay
  - $\Rightarrow$  Increased quality of life during recovery
  - ⇒ Decreased post-operative complications
  - ⇒ Increased functional ability postdeparture from hospital

(Carli & Zarosky 2005)



Silver J. 2014 Oncology Nurse Advisor



## **Community Wellness & Lifestyle model of care**

#### **Engagement options**



Social options





RSB Guide and Assistance Dog Service



The cinema is a great place to make memories with friends and family, and as the years pass it can be a great place to reminisce.

Please join SCC for our dementia friendly cinema screenings. Doors op at 10.00am with screenings starting at 11.50am. The first screening is FREE.

Wodnesday 6 Jane - Createst Showman (Sing along version) (FREE) Wodnesday 5 September - La La Land (Attend this show for \$5" and the Withe Christman screening in their Wodnesday 5 Geomber - While Christmas (FREE)\*\*

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**Entry referral** 

**Educational options** 



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**Customer Support** 



1<sup>0</sup> Health Assessment



M-D Planning & referrals



Continued wellbeing & Stimulating activities













### Why SCC kept offering services

- Replacing activity, exercise and therapy with sedentary behaviour can lead to accelerated losses in function, strength and balance (>10% per week)
- Increased sedentary behaviour reduces functional reserves and increases the risk of infection and the escalation of new and existing disease markers
- Self-isolation and the removal of social contacts can have significant mental health implications
- Isolation and withdrawal among older adults is directly related to loneliness, depression, anxiety and a reduced quality of life.
- That 4 months of self isolation, as is being advised by some GP's, where people are sedentary for this period would significantly compromised physical, social and cognitive health and wellbeing.





# What CH&W service looked/look like

- Community Health & Wellness Clinics are open
  - On-site One 2 one services continue as per normal,
  - On-site Group exercise sessions changed to:
    - 1 to 2 clients ratio in-doors, and 1-4 clients outdoors
    - Then increased slowly.
  - Off-site Allied health & therapy services were offered at a reduced rate
  - Our on-site social activities continued with no more than 10 including the clinicians.
  - Offered a telehealth options



Did you know that a week of no exercise can reduce your muscle strength and balance by as much as 10%?

Our Community Health & Wellness team wants to help you stay strong and healthy during this period of COVID-19 uncertainty. We have taken every step possible to make sure you are safe to visit our Community Health & Wellness Centres to undertake your group exercise and therapy services, and spend time with other people who are proactive about their health and wellbeing. Your safety is our number one priority, and to protect your safety we've taken the following steps:



#### Infection Control

If clients or staff are unwell in any way and/or have travelled overseas in the past 14 days, they are not permitted to attend our dasses, services or sites.

#### Training



Our staff have undergone mandatory training about how to manage infection control and COVID-19. They are being updated daily about government and organisational policy to prevent the spread of this virus.



Hygiene

Everyone is being instructed to wash their hands or use the provided alcoholbased hand rub regularly when at our centres.

#### Extra Protection



Our staff receive daily temperature checks, are on a strict regime of deaning our exercise machines and equipment with antibacterial wipes frequently through the day, and will run capped class sizes to maintain social distancing.

#### In your home

By employing the same safety provision listed above, our highly trained staff can also provide your Health & Wellness service in your own home too.

#### For more information

call your Community Health	& Wellness Centre
Carmelite	8179 6825
The Pines	8242 2985
The Philip Kennedy Centre	8443 0475



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# What we need to do

- Embrace the new normal and roll with the punches
- Be resilient and focused
- Look for opportunity (fund/CHSP relaxation)
- Work together
- Embrace innovation and new practice
- Accept things may never be the same







