

Strength Training & Fascia Student Manual

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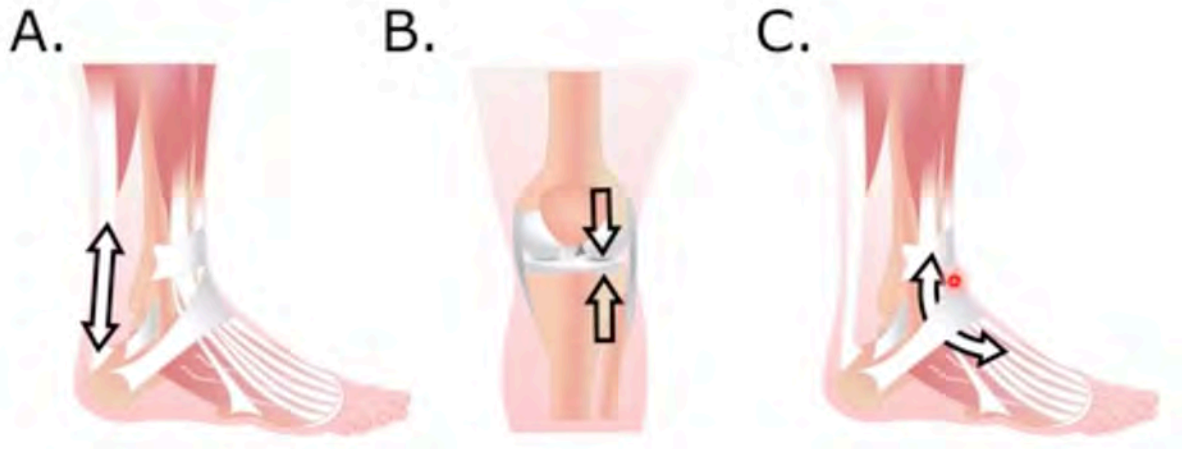
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Load Adaptation

Genetically speaking, all the connective tissue cells within a tendon, cartilage and retinaculum, start out as the same cell type, but it's the mechanical load placed upon them that triggers their differentiation into different cell types, shapes and functionality.

Loading Connective Tissues (macro)



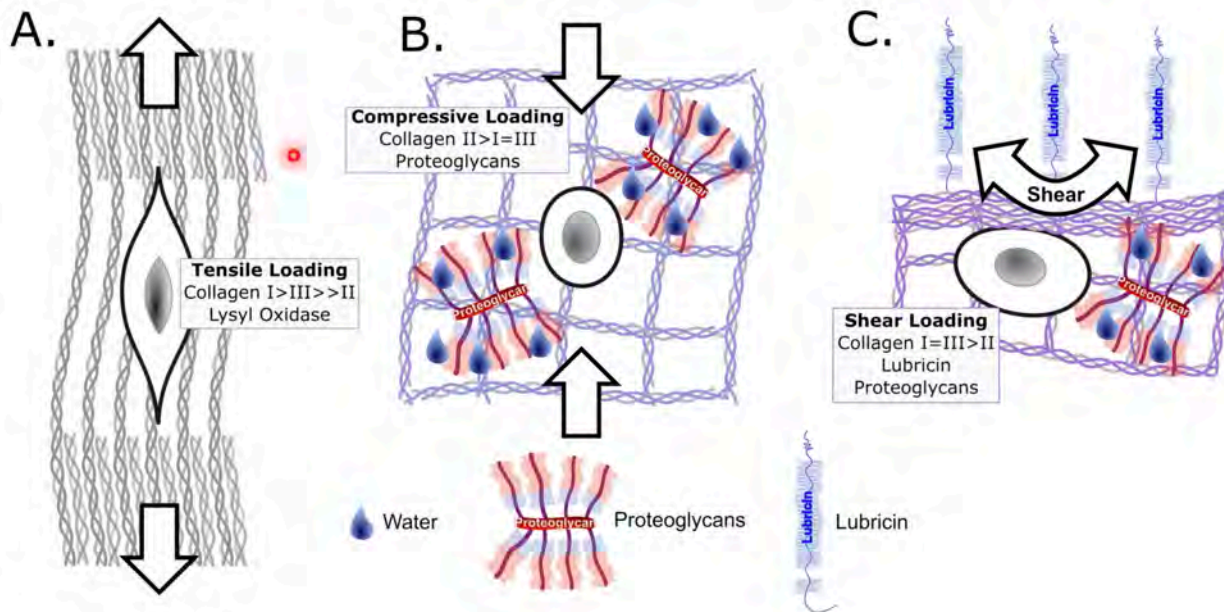
[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading Connective Tissue, 7:44]

When we take a closer look at each of these structures, we can see the three loading forces cause cellular changes in the fascia. What are these three loading forces?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What are the differences between collagen types 1, 2, and 3?

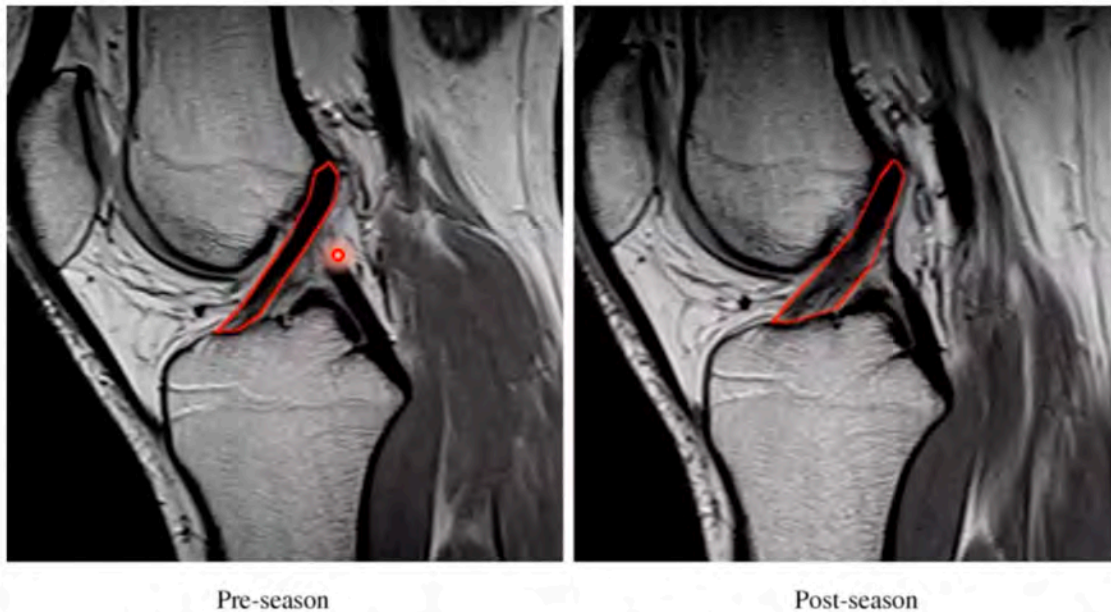
Loading Connective Tissues (micro)



[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading Connective Tissue, 11:30]

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Ligament Loading Dynamics

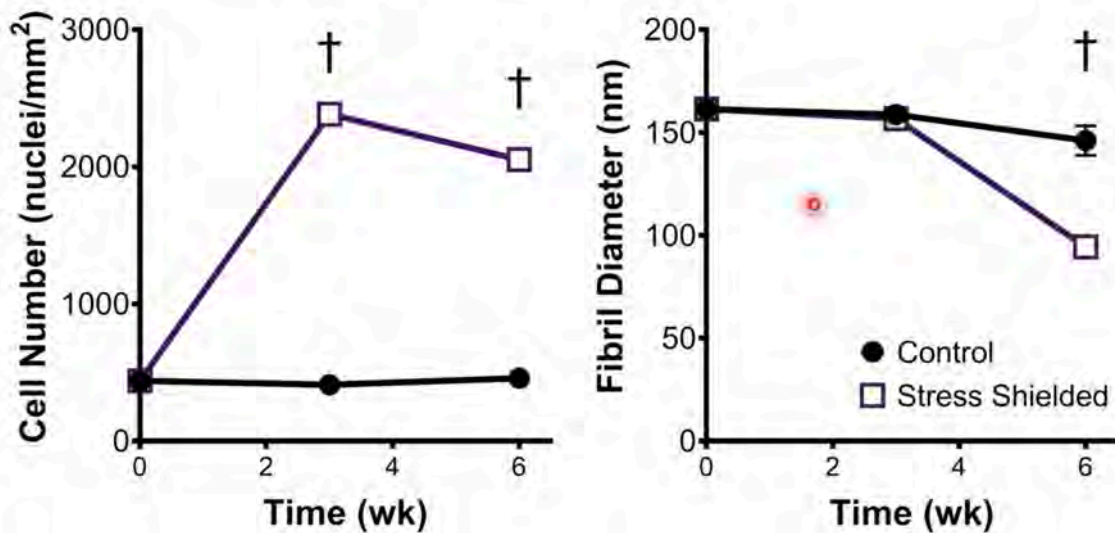


Myrick 2019 (PMID: 30923976). ACL thickness increases during a season of training

[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading Connective Tissue, 13:20]

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Collagen and Tensile Loading

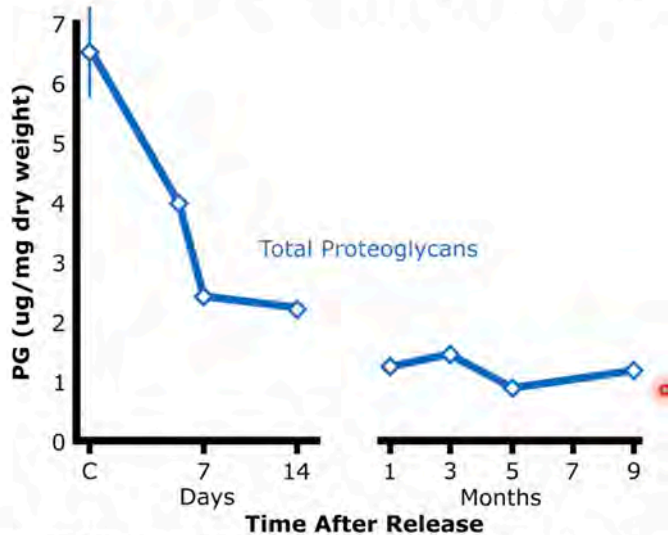


Majima 2003 (PMID: 14648274). Removing the tensile load from a tendon results in more cells, smaller collagen fibrils, and less directional collagen (Hayashi)

[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading Connective Tissue, 16:31]

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Proteoglycans and Compressive Loading

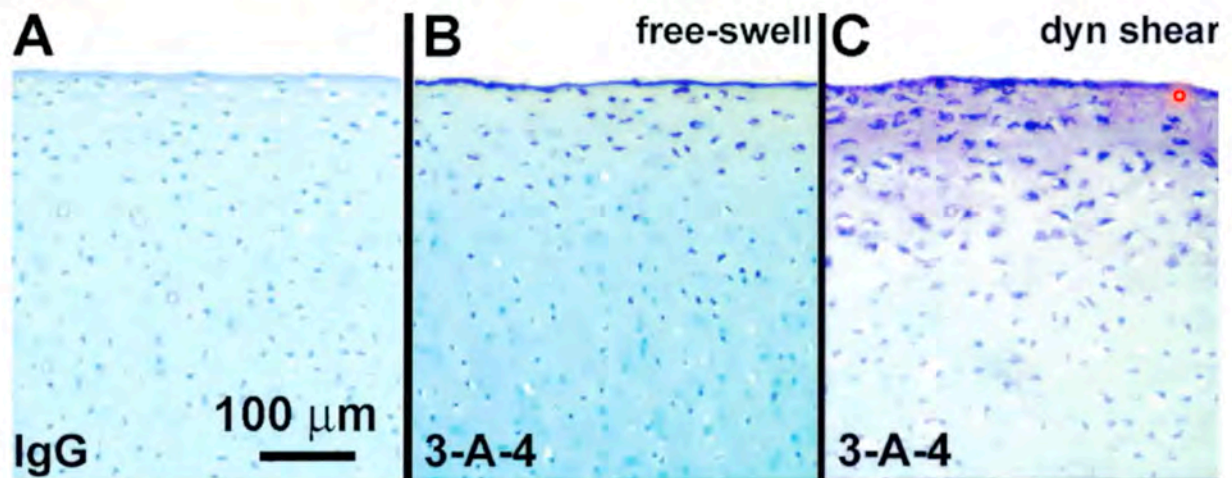


Gillard 1979 (PMID: 158485). Releasing a tendon from under the talus quickly decreases proteoglycans in the formerly compressed region

[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading and Nutrition, 17:51]

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Lubricin and Shear Loading



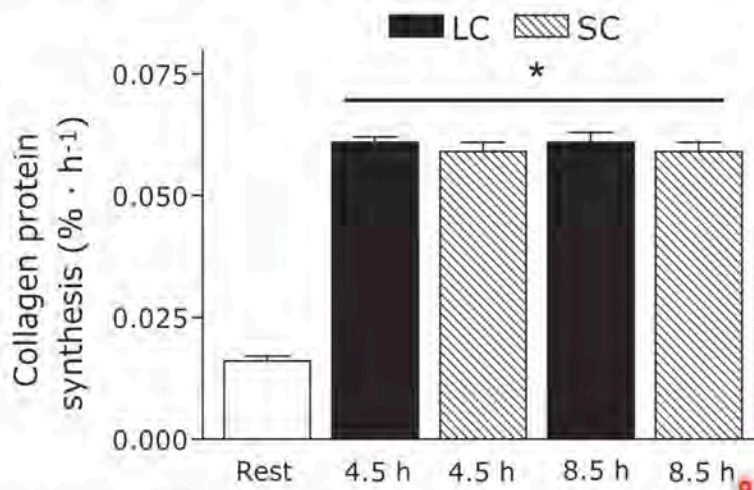
Nugent 2006 (PMID: 16729294). Shear stress applied to cartilage results in the expression of lubricin (PRG4) in the top layer of cells

[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading and Nutrition, 20:30]

In a study focusing on lubricin, researchers took cartilage out and exposed it to repetitive shearing forces and examined the tissue architecture. What they found was a morphological change in the top layer of fascia and the expression of more lubricin protein while the bottom layers of the fascia remained unchanged.

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Load and Collagen Synthesis



Moore 2005 (PMID: 15572656). Strength training increases collagen synthesis in muscle and tendon regardless of whether using shortening and lengthening contractions.

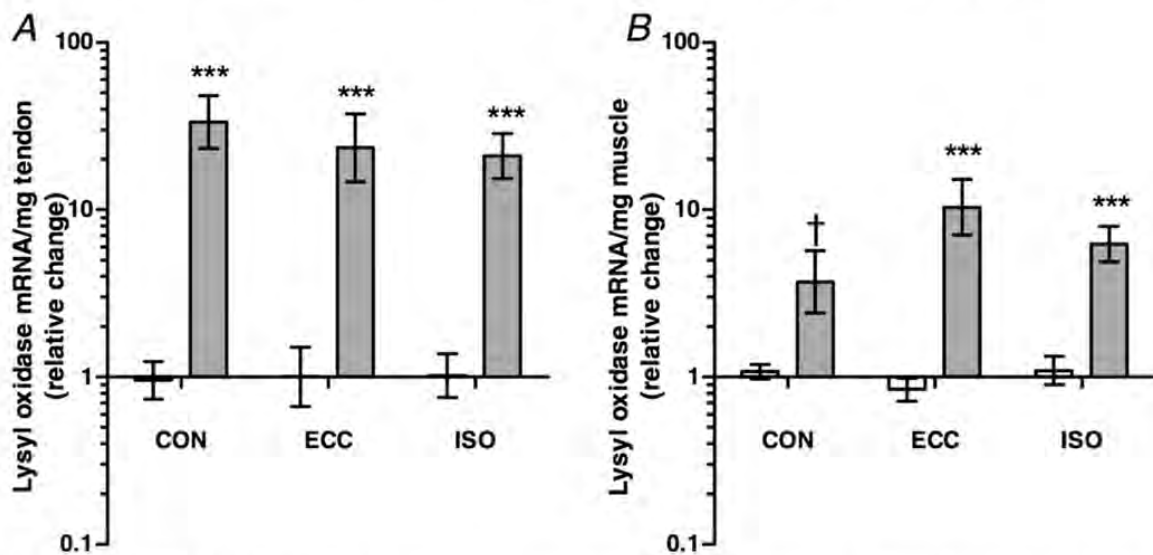
[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading and Nutrition, 26:49]

There are two main components to what determines strength from a fascial perspective.

1. _____
2. _____

Strength training has consistently shown that _____ and _____ are related whether using _____ or _____ contractions and typically show a 3-fold increase.

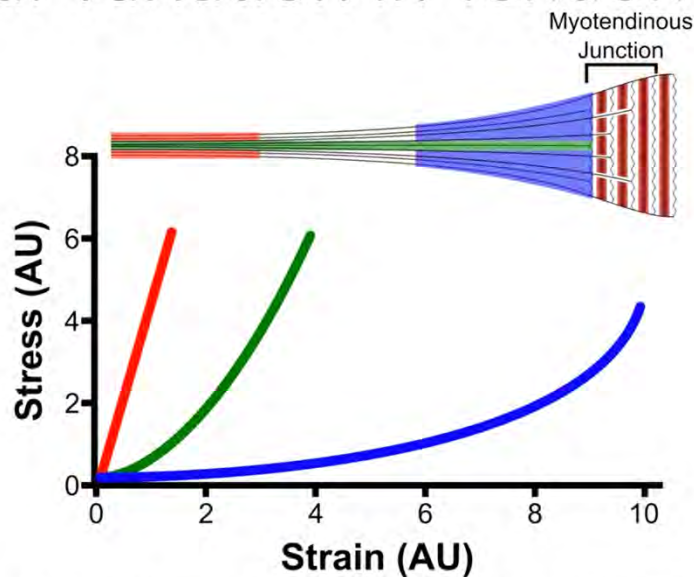
Crosslinking and Loading



Heinemeier (PMID: 17540706). Exercise increases the expression of lysyl oxidase, the enzyme that crosslinks collagen. Bigger increase in muscle with lengthening contractions in muscle
 [Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading and Nutrition, 28:02]

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Regional Variation in Tendon Function



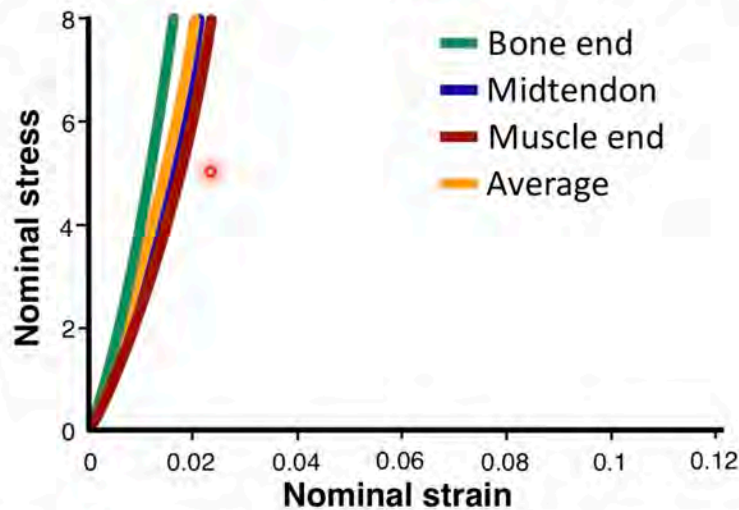
Arruda et al. J Appl Physiol 101:1113-1117, 2006. Tendon extensibility is highest near the muscle and stiffest near the bone.

[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading and Nutrition, 31:11]

All of this shows us that strength training _____ collagen proliferation and _____ expression in various connective tissues.

This is important because:

Tendon Function Following Inactivity



Arruda et al. J Appl Physiol 101:1113-1117, 2006. Inactivity increases tendon stiffness due to loss of compliance near the muscle.

[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading and Nutrition, 37:56]

However, a problem arises when tendons are stiff but muscles are weak. This can occur with _____, or _____ activity without muscles that are used to bearing _____.

During inactivity:

During strength training:

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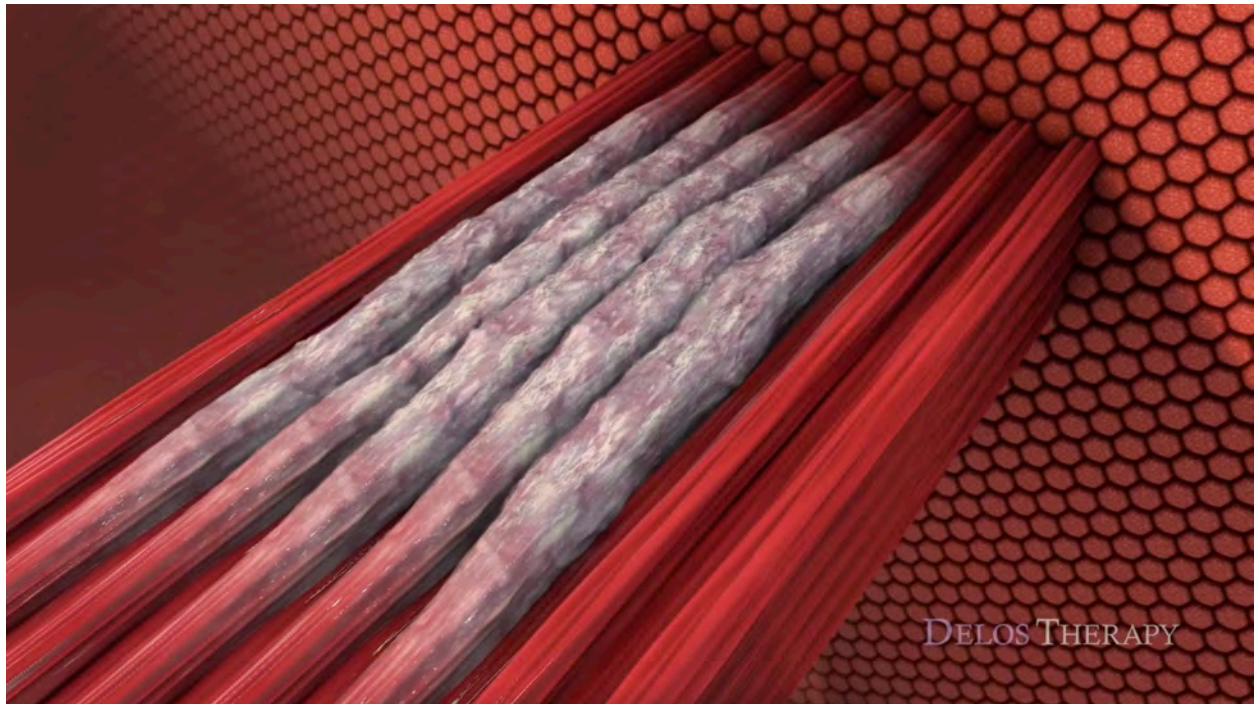
Delos Therapy Muscular Dysfunction & Fascial Fibrosis



[Video from Delos Therapy, Technique Medical Animation, 0:36]



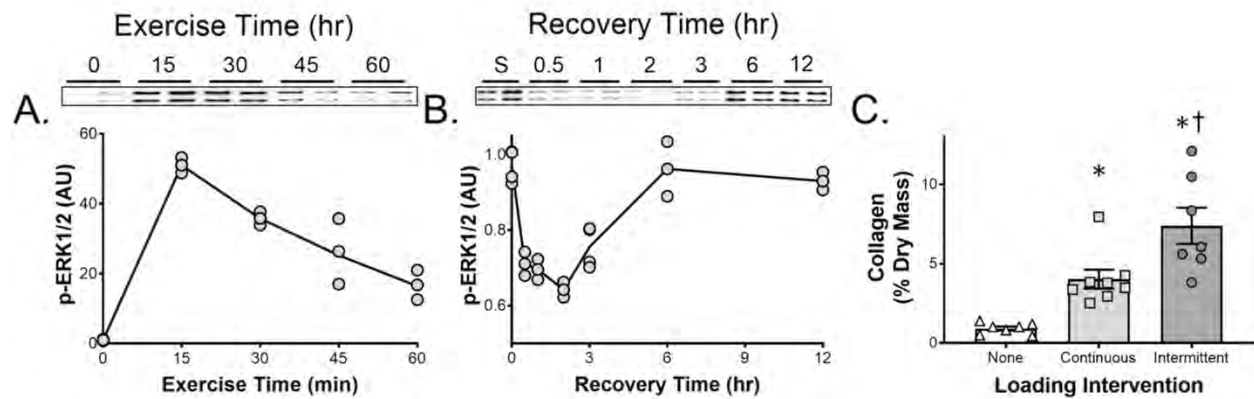
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Optimal Loading of Connective Tissues

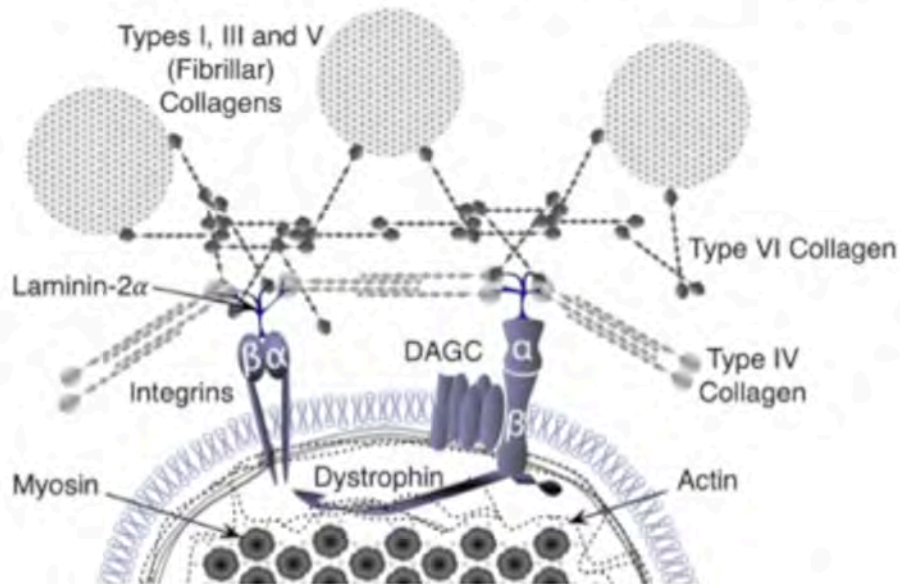


Paxton (PMID: 21902469) Maximal training effect in tendon/ligament cells occurs after 10 minutes. It takes ~6 hours to return exercise sensitivity and intermittent training increases collagen synthesis more

[Image from Fascia Research Society: Loading and Nutrition, 42:40]

What's the optimal effective dose to get the best connective tissue response?

Force Transfer Through Muscle ECM



Hughes et al (Biology of Exercise; In Review). Once outside the muscle, force passes through type IV and VI collagen before reaching the fibrillar (types I and III) collagen for transfer to the tendon.

[Image from Fascia Research Society: Regulation of Connective Tissue Function, 9:45]

When looking at intramuscular force transmission, _____ protein transmits the force out laterally from the muscle through the _____ and into a transitional collagen (collagen type _____) into the more fibrillar collagens (collagen type 1 and 3) to effectively transmit force from the muscle through the _____ and _____.

So, what happens during muscle hypertrophy versus strength?

Recovery: Foam rolling, Cryotherapy and Stretching

Foam Rolling

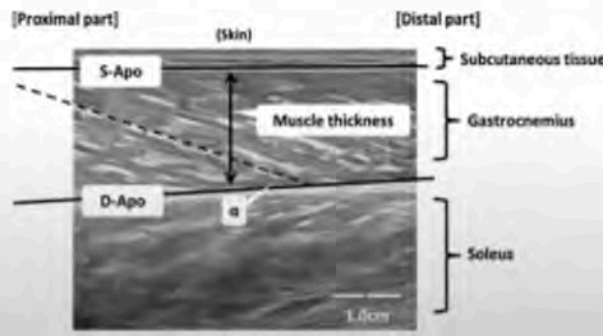
Yoshimura et al. 2019

J Strength Cond Res

online ahead of print, doi: 10.1519/JSC.0000000000003196

Crossover study, involving 22 male students compared the FR intervention targeting the gastrocnemius muscle with a control trial.

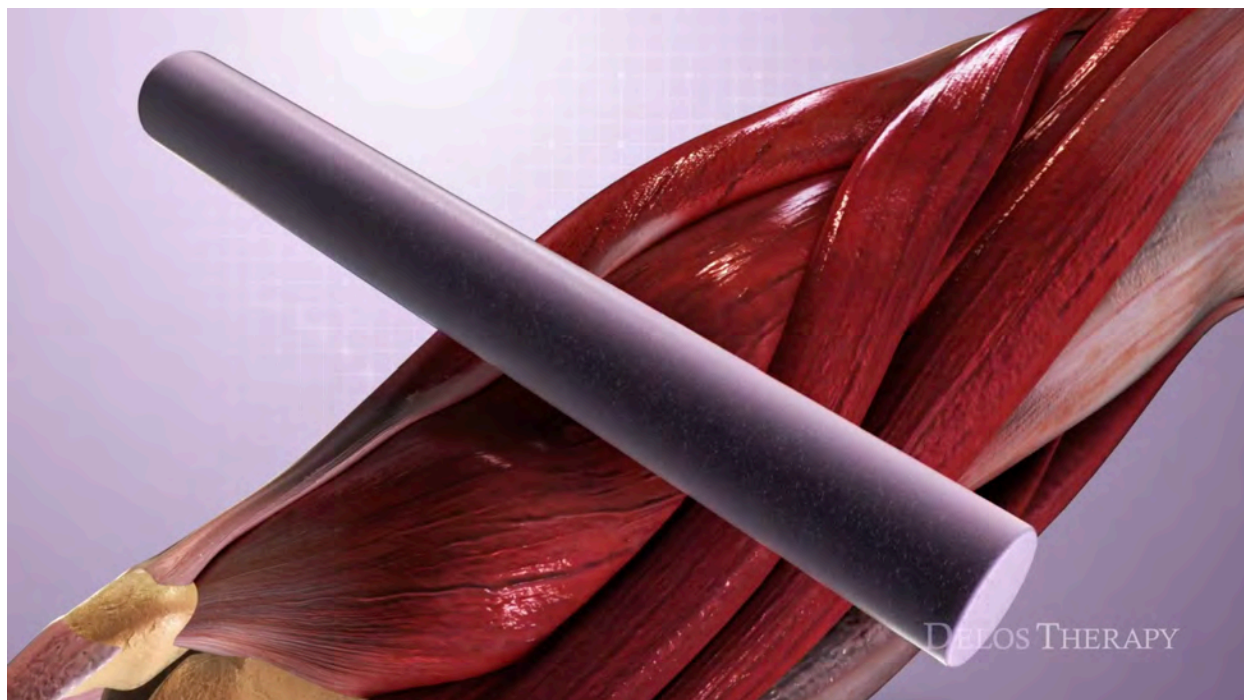
- Foam Rolling induced ROM improvement in ankle dorsiflexion and plantarflexion
- But no significant differences were found in fascicle length and aponeurosis displacement
- **Concluded that FR induced no change in morphology of muscle.**



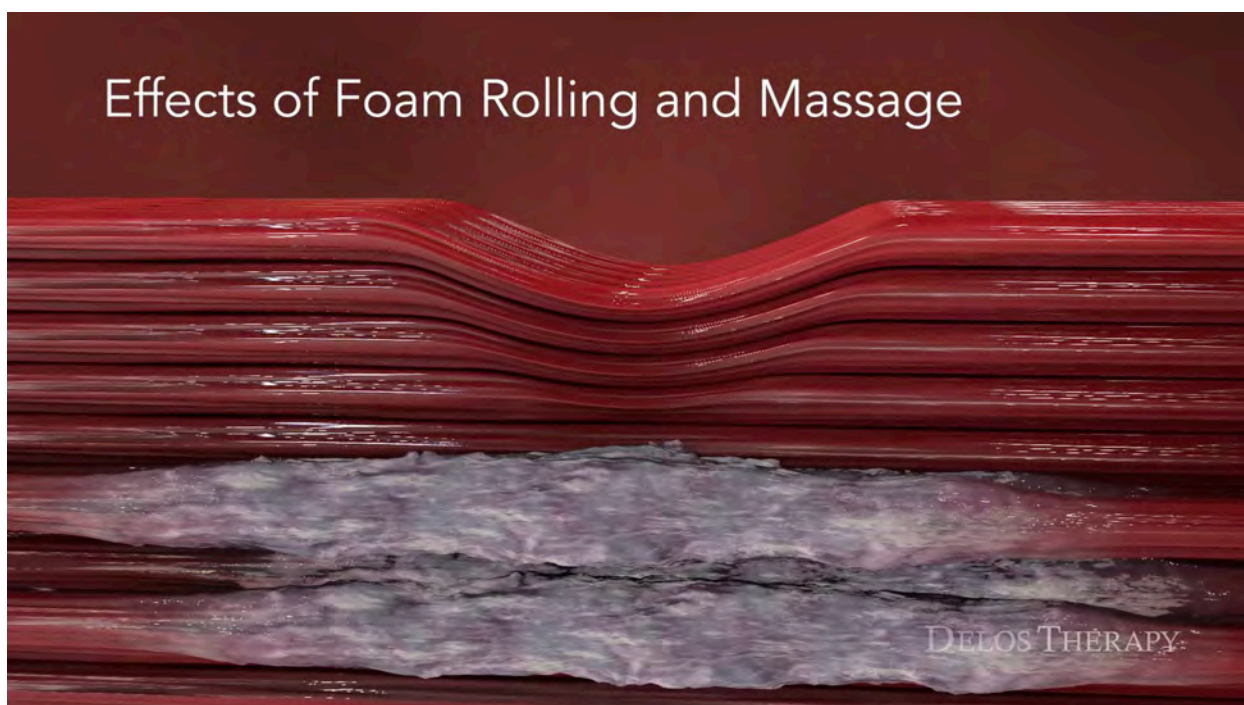
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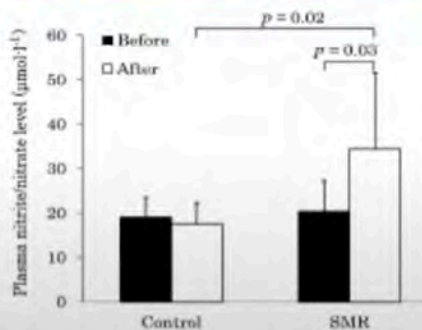
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ACUTE EFFECTS OF SELF-MYOFASCIAL RELEASE USING A FOAM ROLLER ON ARTERIAL FUNCTION

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J Strength Cond Res 28: 69-73 (2013)

Changes in plasma nitric oxide concentrations



Self-myofascial release (SMR) with a foam roller reduces arterial stiffness and improves vascular endothelial function

[Image from Connect2021, Schleip, 20:30]

Anesthesiology 2014

doi:10.1111/anest.12752

Original Article

Contractile elements in muscular fascial tissue – implications for in-vitro contracture testing for malignant hyperthermia

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Indications for a relaxing effect of nitric oxide on fascial stiffness



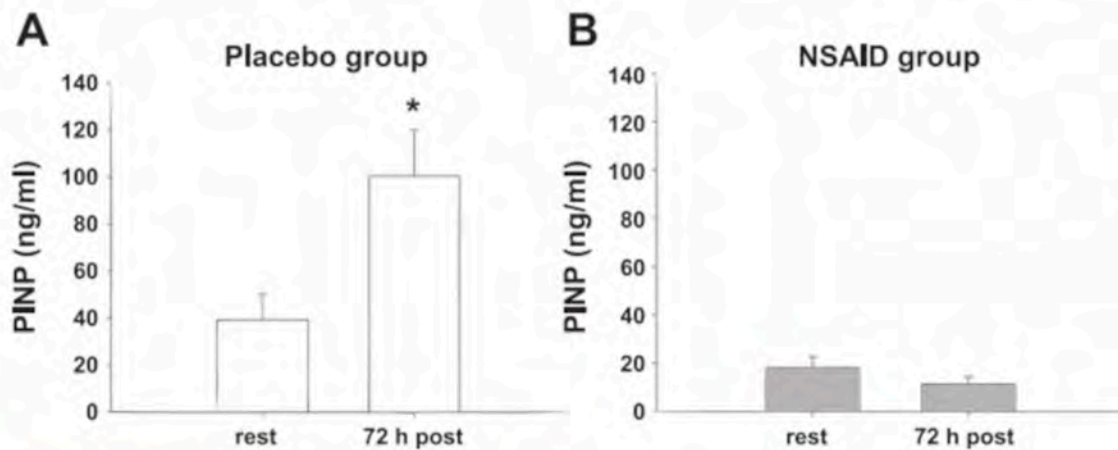
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Inflammation and Cryotherapy



Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)

- NSAIDs inhibit collagen synthesis in the patellar tendon 72h after an intense bout of exercise (Christensen et al. 2011)



Christensen B, Dandanell S, Kjaer M, Langberg H. J Appl Physiol (1985). 2011 Jan;110(1):137-41. doi: 10.1152/jappphysiol.00942.2010.

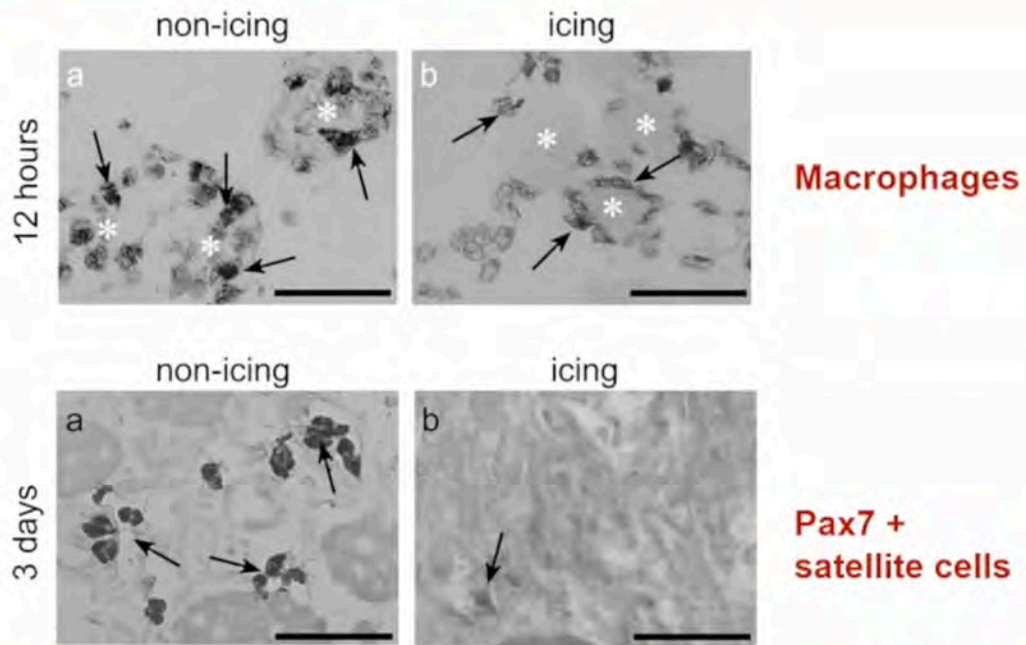
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[Image from Connect2021, Steinacker, 1:40:28]

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Cryotherapy



Takagi R et al. J Appl Physiol 2011;110:382-388

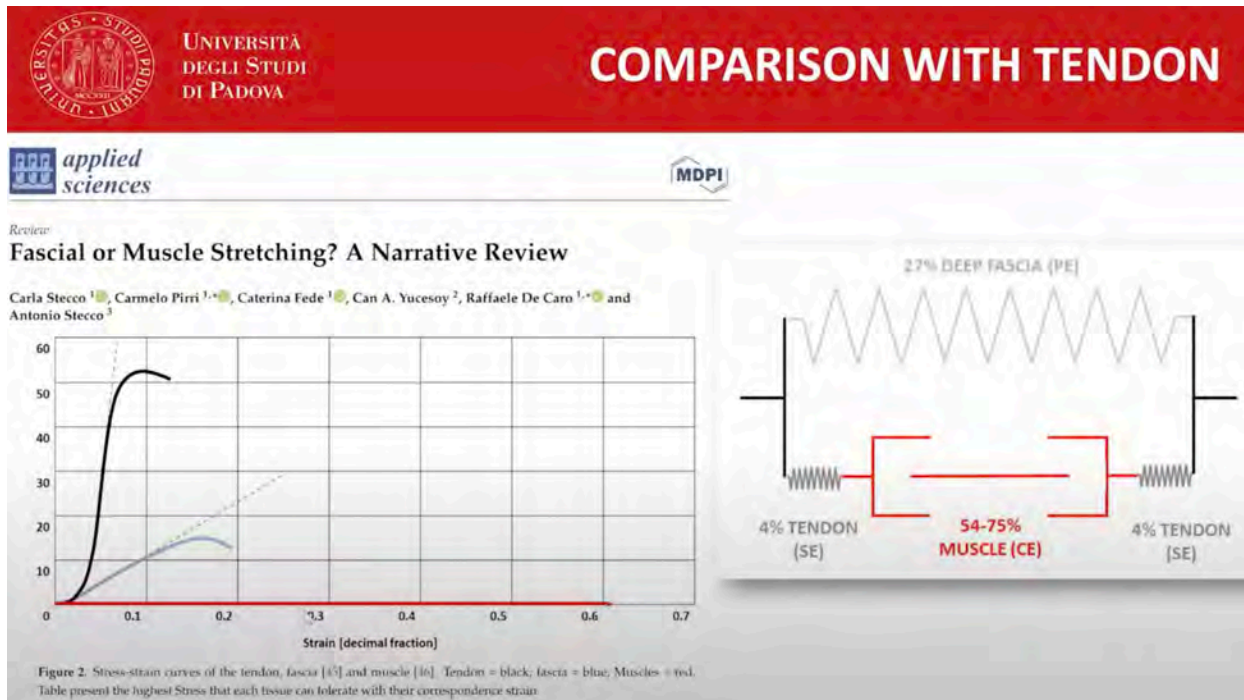
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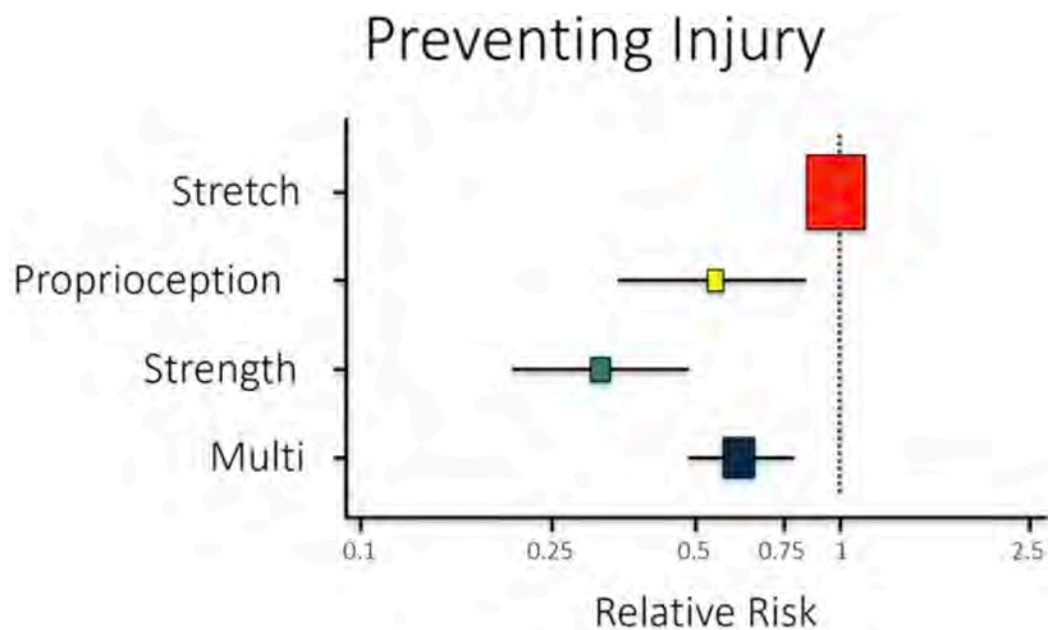
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Stretching



[Image from Connect2021, Stecco, 5:15:25]

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Lauersen JB, et al. 2014 (*Br J Sports Med*;48:871). Strength training decreases the risk of injury by ~2/3rds. By contrast, stretching has no effect on the rate of injury.

[Image from Fascia Research Society, Connective Tissue in Sports Medicine, Baar]

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Stretching versus Strength Training



45 subjects with tight hamstrings were assigned into 3 groups: control, stretching and strength training in lengthened position; performed 3x/wk for 8 wks.

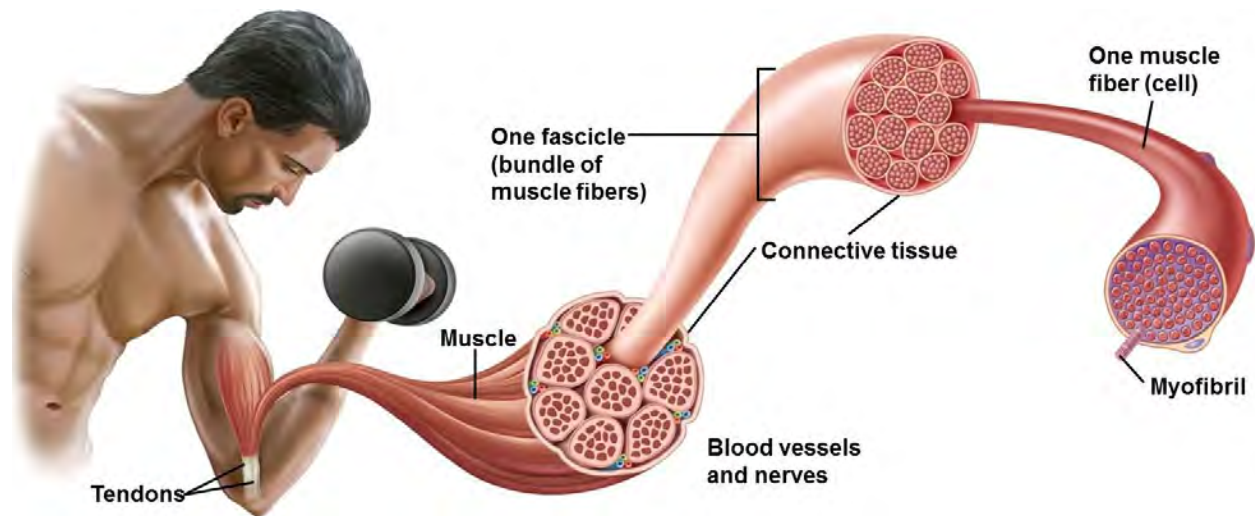
- Stretching as well as Strengthening increased stretch tolerance.
- **Only strengthening produced modification of flexibility.**

[Image from Fascia Research Society, Connective Tissue in Sports Medicine, Baar, 24:00]

Is stretching vs strength training better for hip flexibility and hamstring length?

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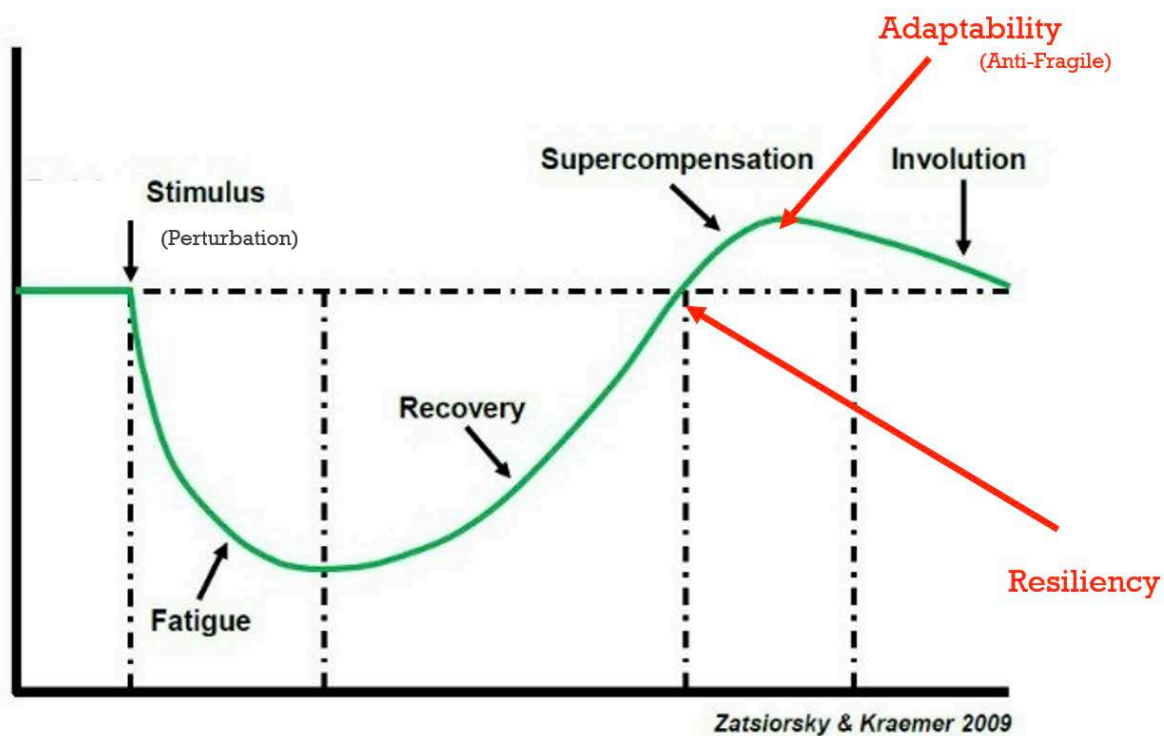
Conclusion and Key Takeaways



[Image from Unicus Fitness, blog Resistance Training, September 23, 2016]

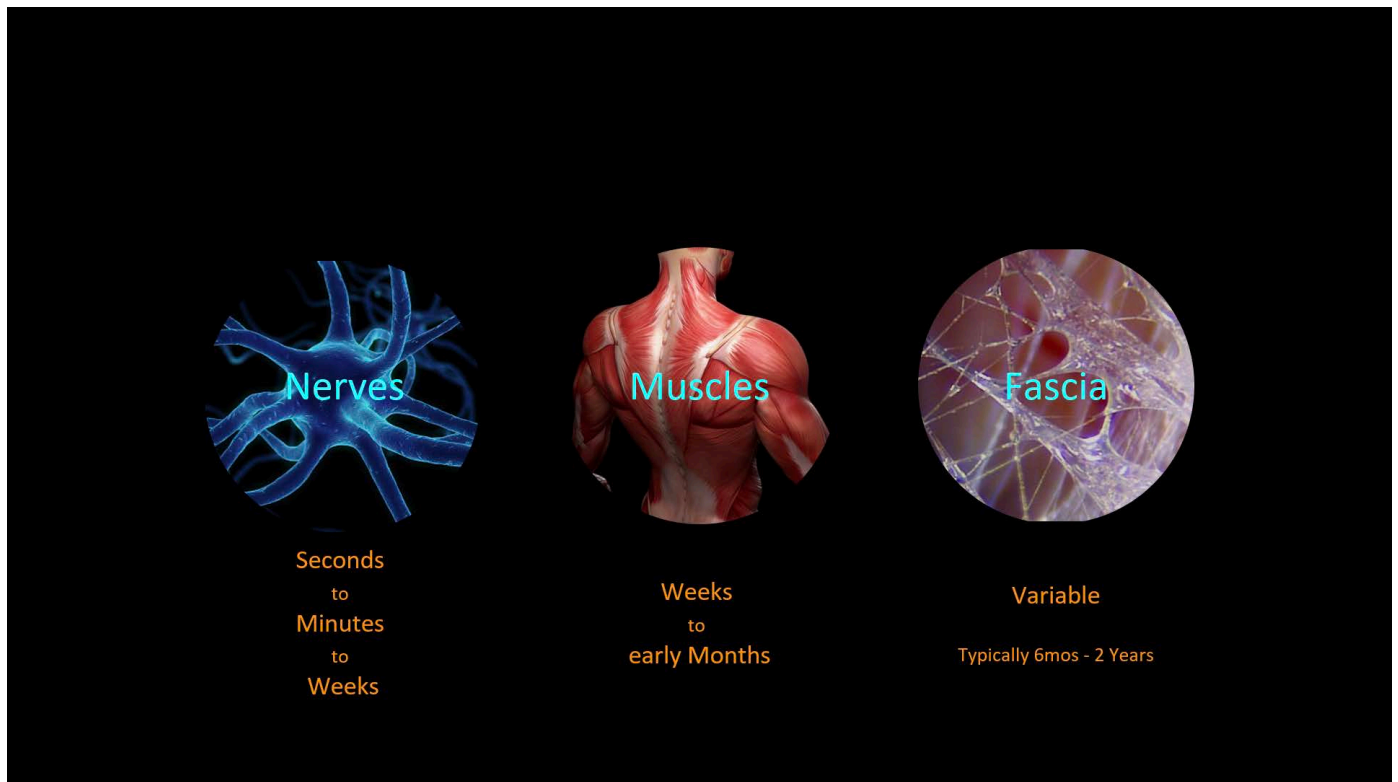
- The 4 main properties of fascia are viscosity, elasticity, plasticity, remodeling.
- There are multiple layers of fascia all connected to each other from superficial to deep and various body-wide meridians laid out in the anatomy trains.
- Golgi tendon organs and muscle spindles are two important mechanoreceptors measuring tension and stretch, respectively.
- Tension, compression and shear are three types of load that causes differentiation of connective tissue
- Removing tensile load leads to scar formation in connective tissue
- Strength training increases collagen proliferation in connective tissue along with an increase in lysyl oxidase crosslinking enhancing strength and force transmission
- Inhibition of collagen proliferation doesn't affect hypertrophy but attenuates strength by 50%

Anatomical Adaptation: Resiliency vs. Adaptability



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Training Adaptation Timelines



Nerves: _____

Muscles: _____

Fascia: _____

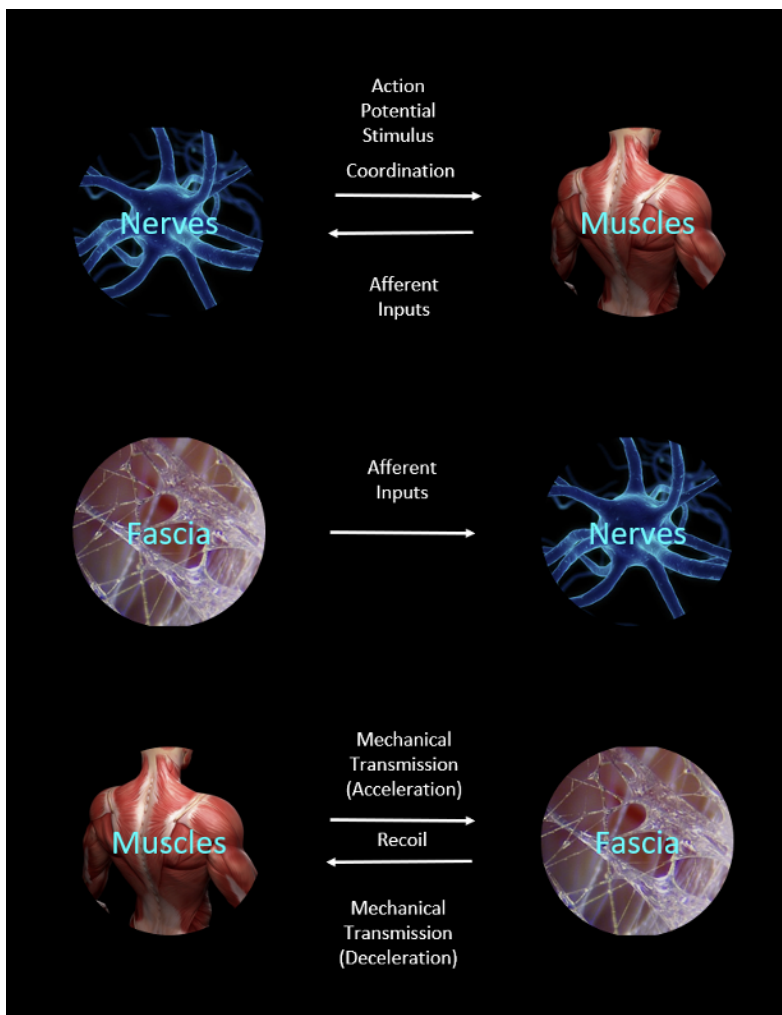
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System Integrations

Nerves -> Muscles:

Fascia -> Nerves:

Muscles -> Fascia:



Neuromuscular System = Engine



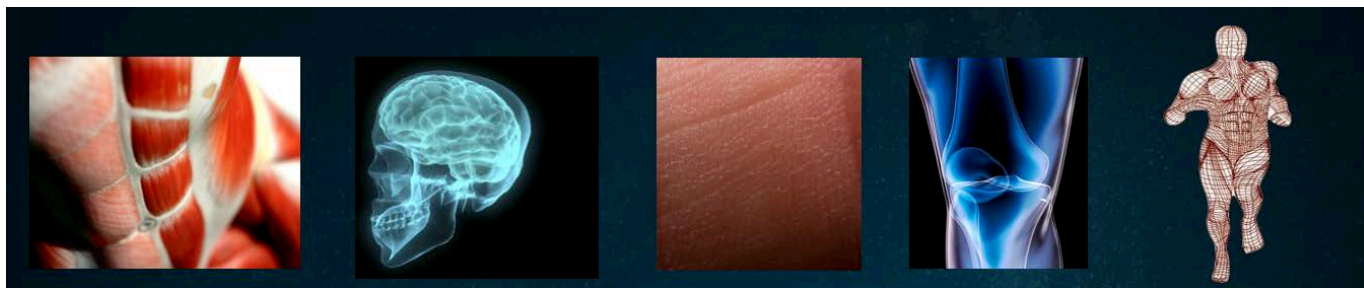
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Fascia System = Chassis



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How Load Affects Our Systems



Increases in load training _____

Submaximal load training _____

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Strength Training



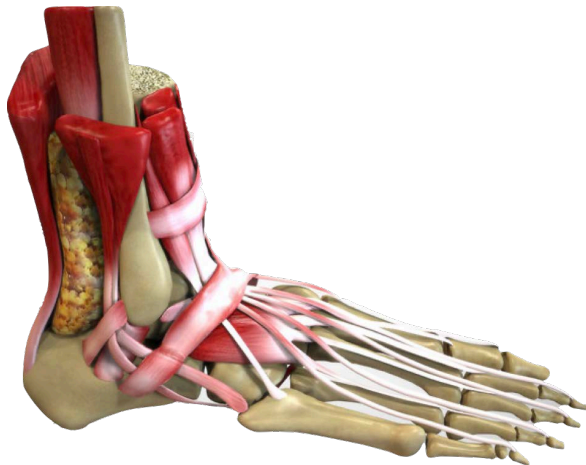
Muscular strength training _____

Movement strength training _____

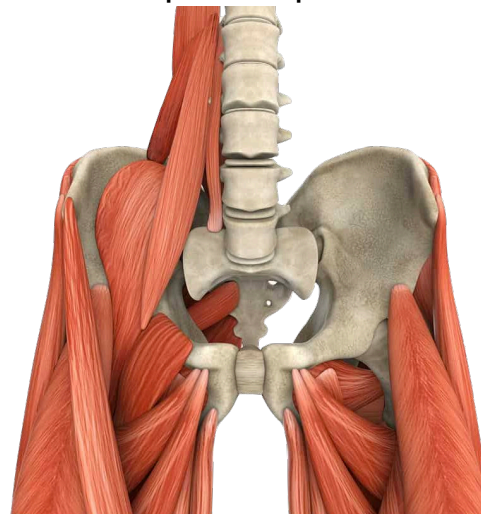
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Anatomical Adaptation + Vector Variability

Foot/Ankle Complex



Hip Complex



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Anatomical Adaptation + Vector Variability

Thoracic Spine



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Periodization of Training Stress: Strength

Position _____

Maximal _____

Relative _____

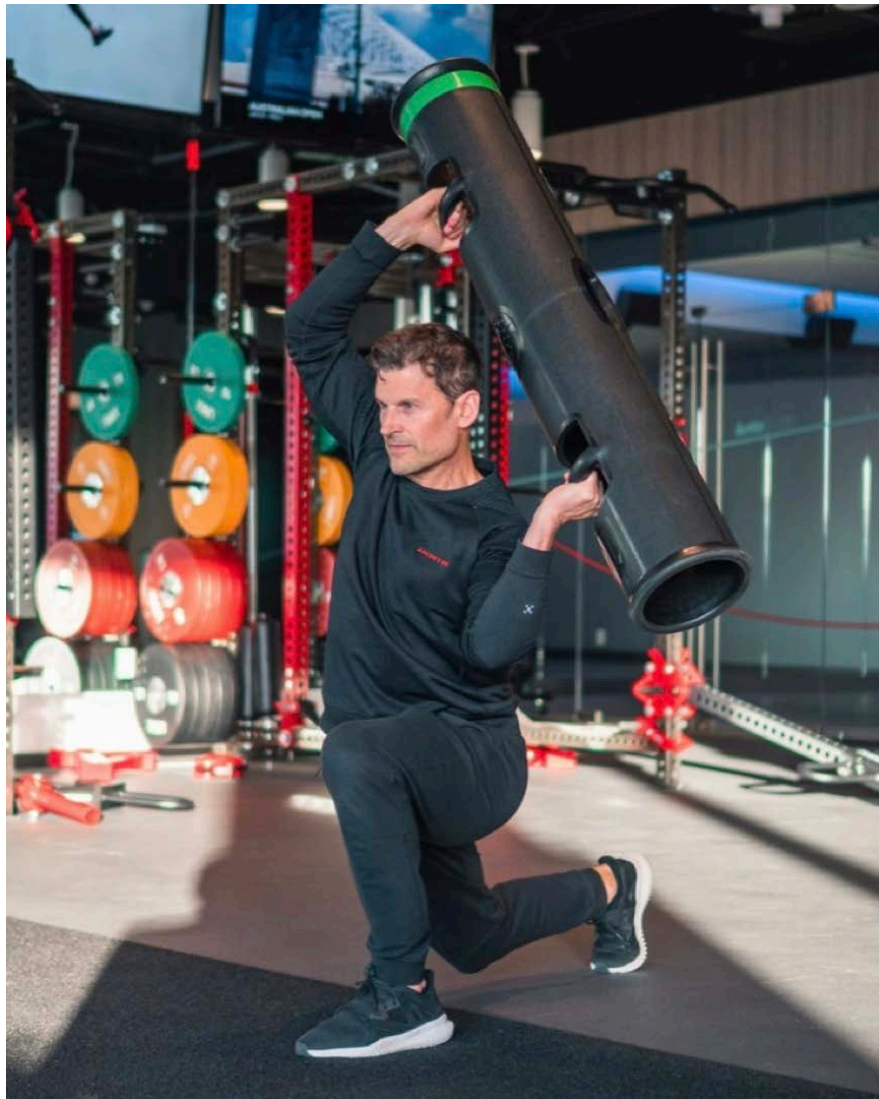
Explosive _____

Starting _____

Agile _____

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Odd-Position Strength



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Periodization of Training Stress: Power

Acceleration _____

Deceleration _____

Conversion _____

Speed, Agility & Quickness



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