

# The New Science of Suspension Training



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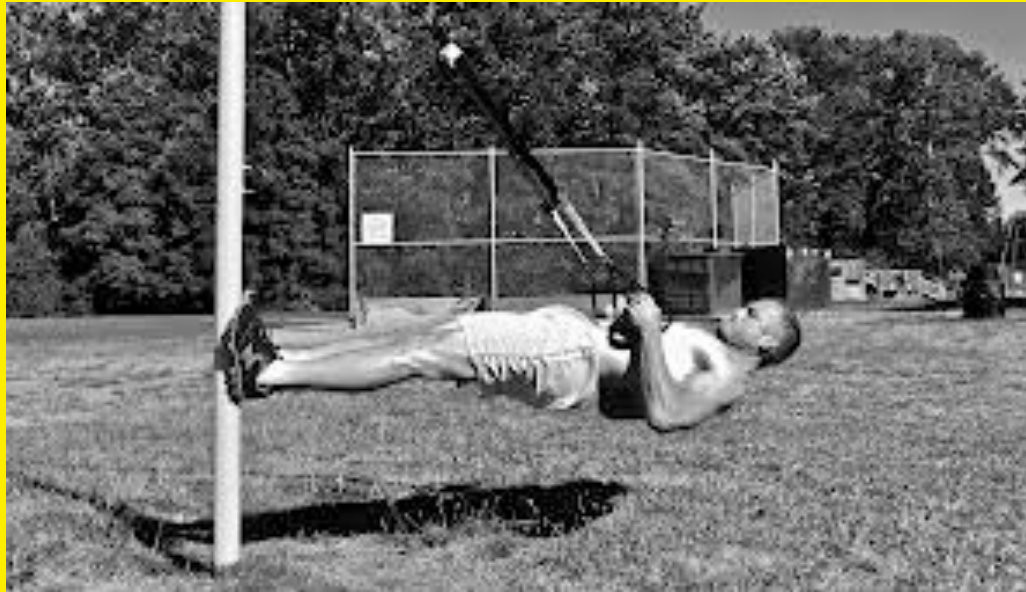
# WHO...ARE YOU???



# WHAT...IS YOUR CLIENTELE???



# HOW...DO YOU CURRENTLY USE SUSPENSION TRAINING???



# OBJECTIVES

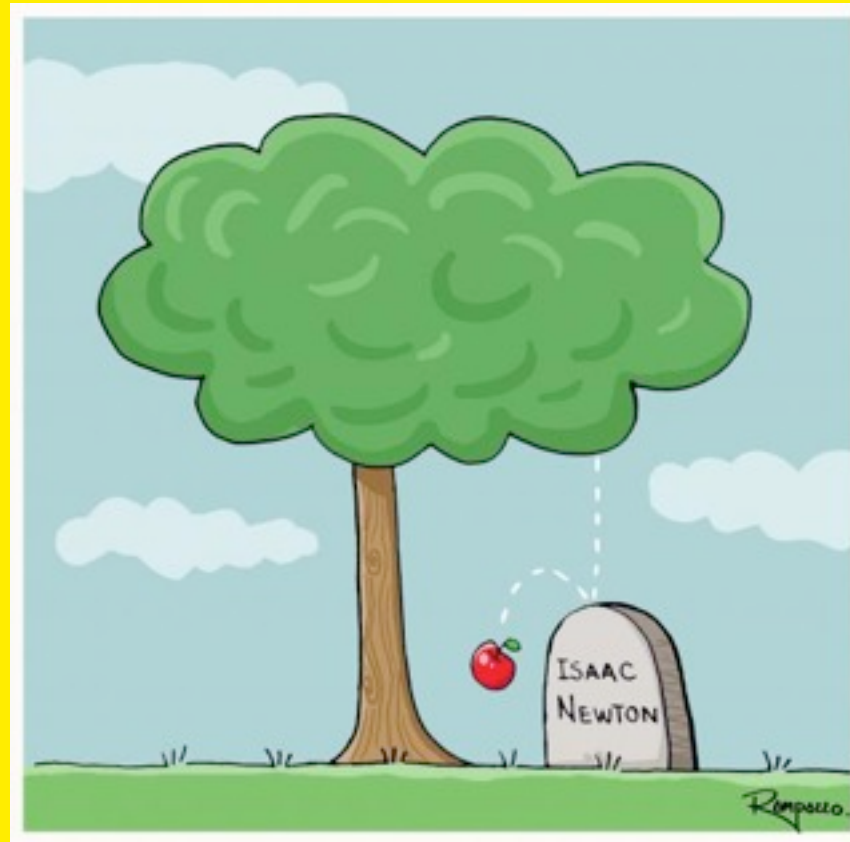
- Describe the biomechanical principles that guide suspension training
- Summarize suspension training applications to athletics, older adults, and rehabilitation settings
- Develop a step-by-step strategy for designing suspension training exercise programs
- Contrast the application of suspension training for different people/ settings

# Hello World!!!



**BODYWEIGHT TRAINING**  
Top 3 Fitness Trends For 2013

# Guiding Principle????



# Barrier to Growth....







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# Introducing.....

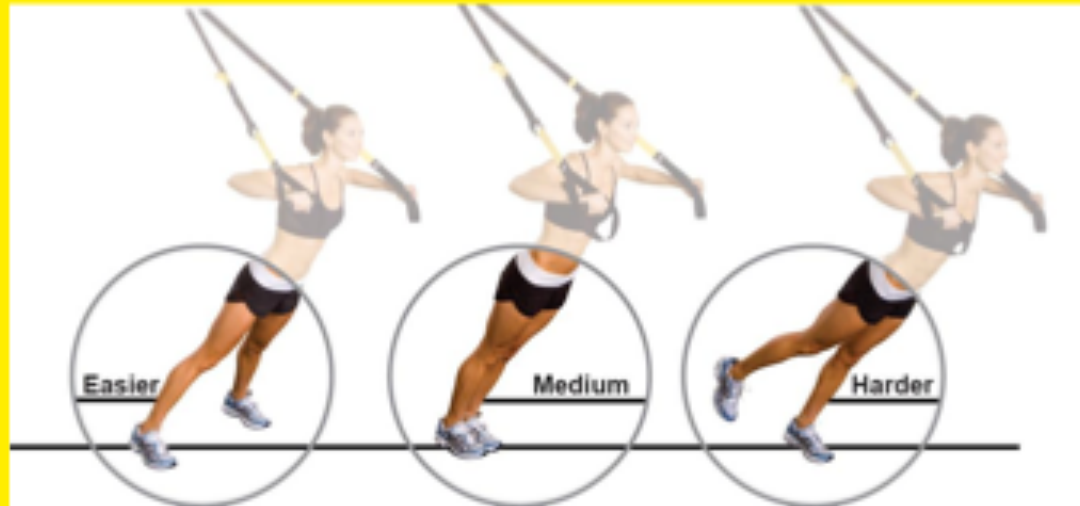


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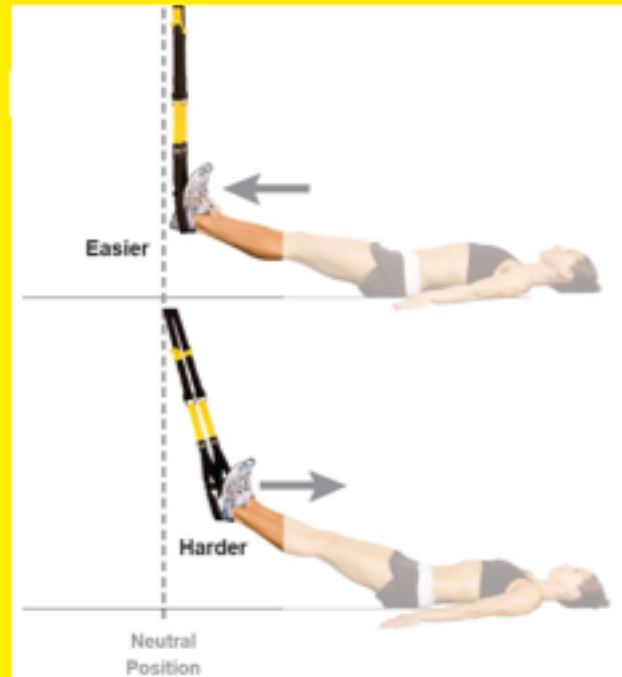
# Vector Principle



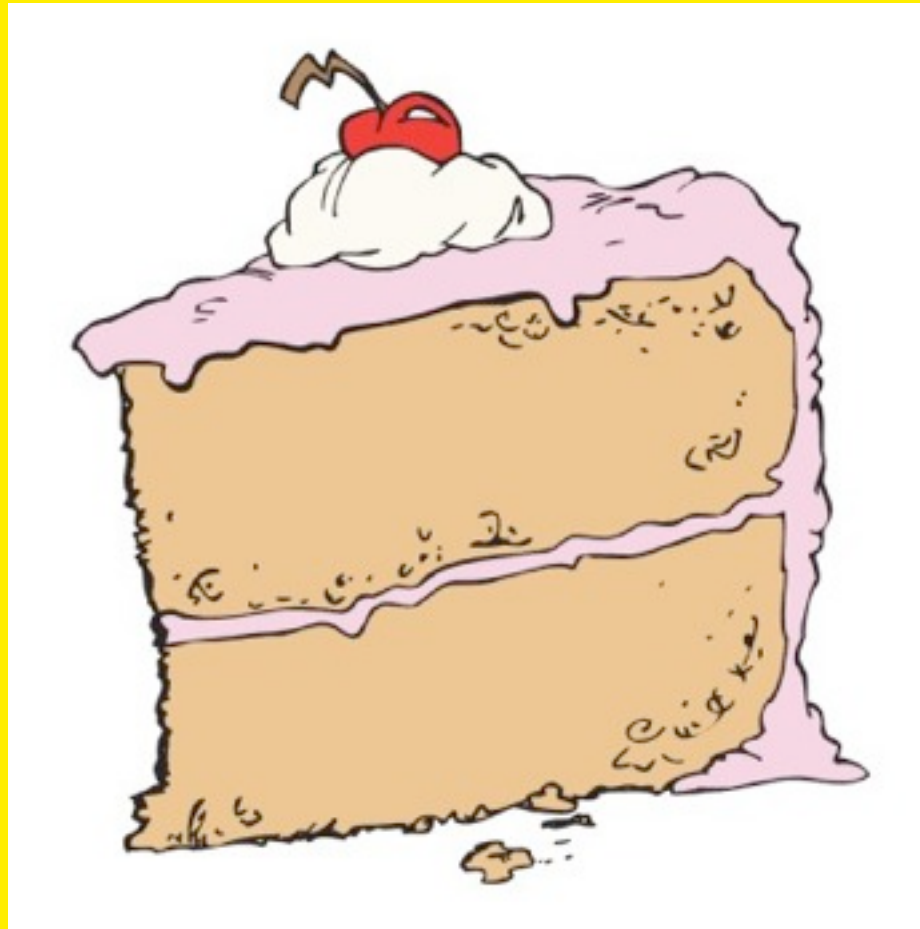
# Stability Principle



# Pendulum Principle



# Suspension Training Makes Progression & Regression A Breeze!!!





# Applications To Everyone!



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Why???



But...Does It **WORK**?????



# Research: Athletic Performance

- Requires outstanding neuromuscular control blended with sport-specific conditioning - PERIODIZATION IS KEY!
- ST exercise is as effective as Olympic lifting in muscle activation in young athletes (Carbonnier & Martinsson, 2012 *Thesis*)
- Baseball players improved throwing performance, core stability, and muscle strength w/ 6 week program (Lusk et al., 2009 *Jour Sport Rehab*)
- ST resistance training exercise elicits growth hormone release to similar extent as free weight training (Dudgeon, 2011 *Jour Sport & Cond Research*)

# Research: Novice & Older Clients



# Intervention Description

## 8-week Progressive Program

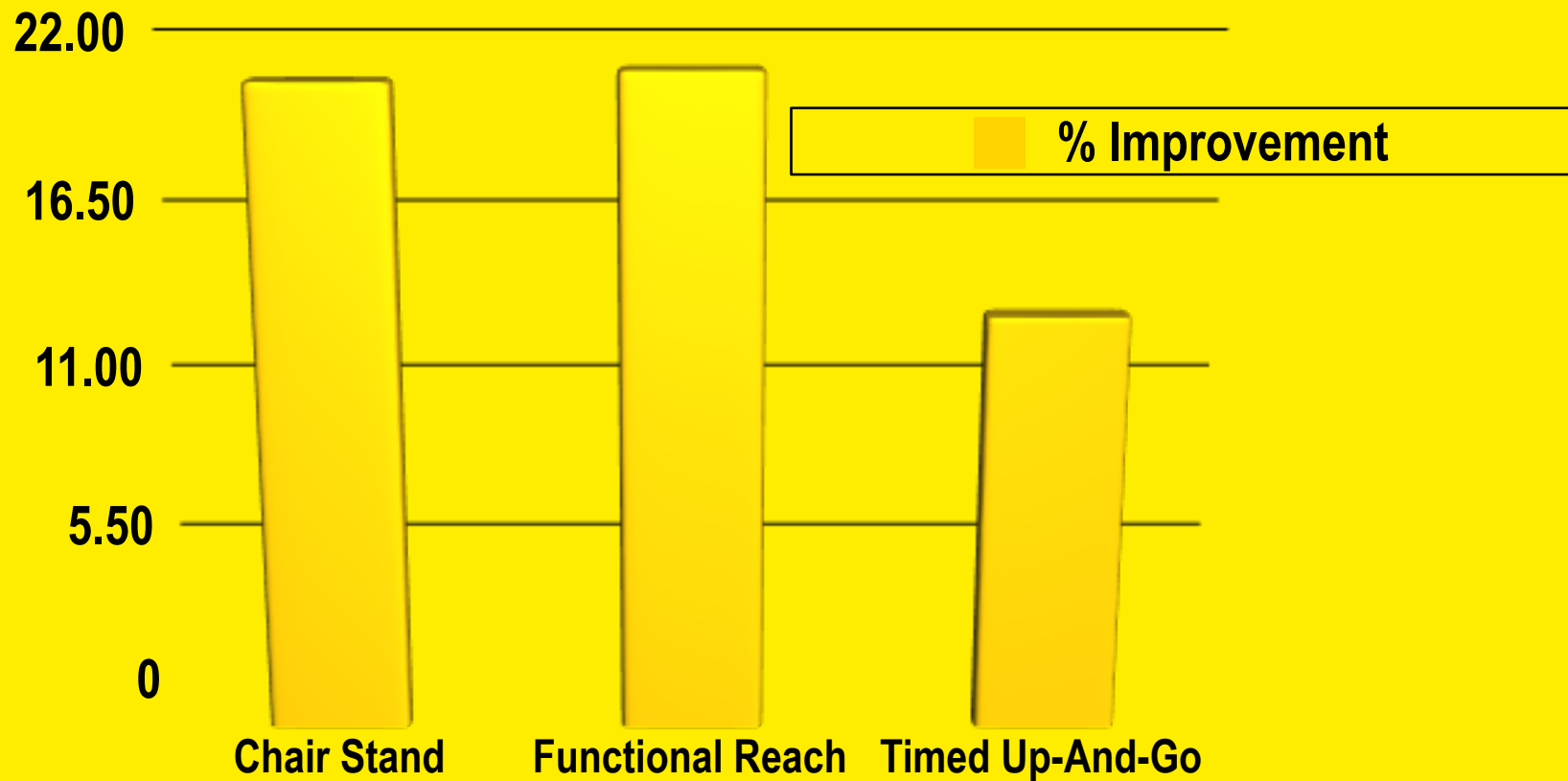
- n Dynamic warm-up
- n Sensory integration exercises
- n Strength training
- n Balance training
- n Gait enhancement training
- n Dynamic cool-down

60 Minutes, 2 days per week

# ST Exercise Progression Examples

Exercise	Week 2	Week 5	Week 8
ST Hip Rotations	DH 30 sec each	SH 30 sec each	SH 30 sec each
ST Balance w/ Rotating Head (eyes fixed)	No March	March 15 sec	March 30 sec
ST Chair Squats	2x15 ST Row	3x15 ST Extend	3x25 ST SH Extend
Ta-Da's with ST	15 per side	15 per side	15 per side
ST Side Steps (Wide Steps to Feet Together)	2 steps Forward Reach 60 sec	2 steps Overhead Reach 90 sec	2 steps OR with Squat 120 sec

# Published Results from USF Falls Prevention Program (ACSM Annual Meeting 2010)

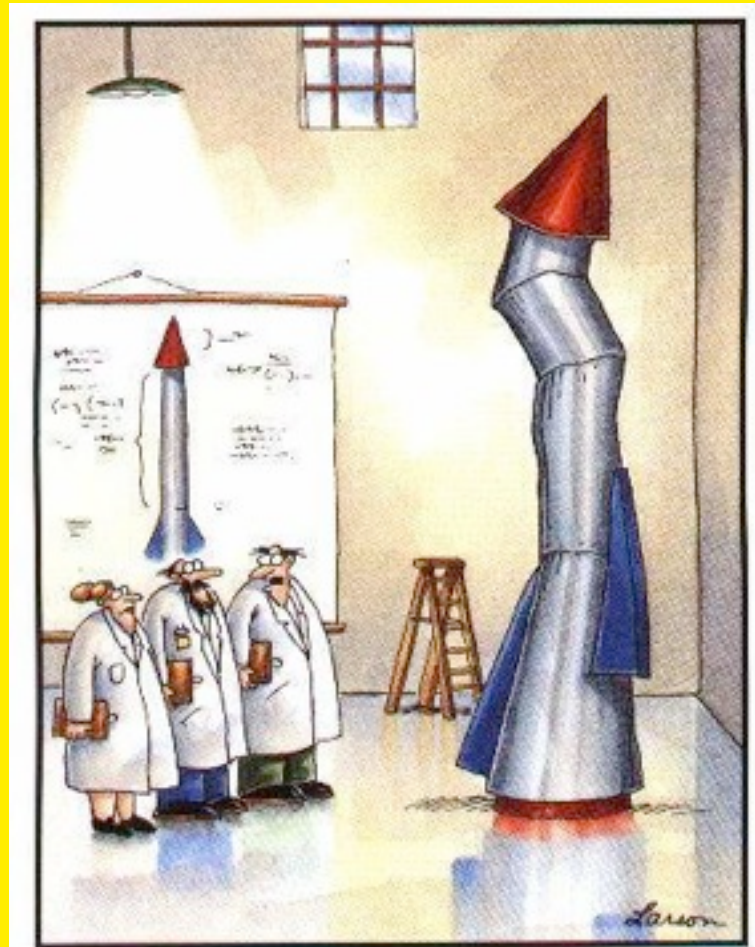


# Research: Injury Rehabilitation

- Over 20% of ER visits are for orthopedic sports injuries (CDC, 2013)
- Over 700K OSIs occur annually in K-12 settings (Owen et al., 2006)
- ACL repair and rehabilitation equates to \$17,500 in medical expense (Owen et al., 2006)
- Football player following surgery for Femoral Acetabular Impingement (Cheetham & Kolber, 2012 *Int Jour Sports Phys Ther*)
- Boston Red Sox head trainer uses ST to enhance scapular stability
- ST devices activate core musculature to the same extent as floor-based core stability exercise (Schoffstall et al., 2010 *Jour Str & Cond Res*)



# CONSTRUCTING ST PROGRAMS



"It's time we face reality, my friends. ...  
We're not exactly rocket scientists."

# A Ph.D. Researcher's Approach to ST Exercise Program Design

## Create A List Of *Task Demands*

- Exercise Volume, Intensity, Frequency, Duration
- Energy Systems Used?
- Dominant Movement Patterns?
- Joint Mobility Issues?
- Sensory Requirements?
- Muscle Strength/Muscle Power/Muscle Endurance Demands?
- Agility/Dynamic Balance Demands?

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# EXAMPLE MY GOLF GAME!!!



# CASE STUDY #1

## Elite Distance Runner



- Energy Systems Used?
- Dominant Movement Patterns?
- Joint Mobility Issues?
- Sensory Requirements?
- Muscle Strength/Muscle Power/Muscle Endurance Demands?
- Agility/Dynamic Balance Demands?

# CASE STUDY #2

## Elite (in his day...) Hockey Player



- Energy Systems Used?
- Dominant Movement Patterns?
- Joint Mobility Issues?
- Sensory Requirements?
- Muscle Strength/Muscle Power/Muscle Endurance Demands?
- Agility/Dynamic Balance Demands?



# CASE STUDY #3

## Older Adult



- Energy Systems Used?
- Dominant Movement Patterns?
- Joint Mobility Issues?
- Sensory Requirements?
- Muscle Strength/Muscle Power/Muscle Endurance Demands?
- Agility/Dynamic Balance Demands?

# CASE STUDY #4

## ACL Repair



- Energy Systems Used?
- Dominant Movement Patterns?
- Joint Mobility Issues?
- Sensory Requirements?
- Muscle Strength/Muscle Power/Muscle Endurance Demands?
- Agility/Dynamic Balance Demands?

# ST's Next Challenge...





# THANK YOU!

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