

Types of Fitness



- · Cardiorespiratory fitness
- Musculoskeletal fitness
- Body composition



Performance

- · Cardiorespiratory fitness
- · Musculoskeletal fitness
- · Body composition
- Speed/agility
- Power



Functional

- · Cardiorespiratory fitness
- · Musculoskeletal fitness
- Balance/gait
- · Flexibility
- Motor agility
- Body composition

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What is Being Functionally Fit?

Human movement is a multi-joint three-dimensional movement.

· Includes activities of daily living

Functional fitness varies for different people

How do we train for functional fitness?

- Multi-joint movements
- Core stability























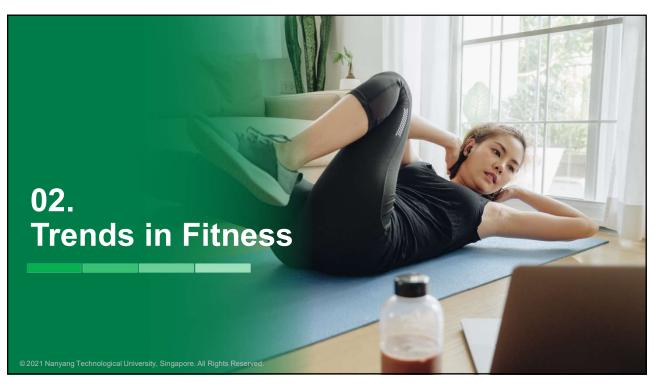






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Popular Exercise Trends

Some of the most popular trends in the past two decades include:

 Circuit/Interval training (HIIT, Metcon, Tabata, HILIT, PHAT, CrossFit)





2. Mind-body exercises (Yoga, pilates)





3. Dance (Cardio-dance: Zumba, Jazzercise, barre workouts, etc.)





4. Aerobics (Step aerobics, body pump, indoor cycling, etc.)





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Popular Exercise Trends

5. Martial arts/wrestling (kickboxing, Muay Thai, jujitsu, taekwondo, karate, etc.)





6. Obstacle courses; bootcamps





7. Races and events





8. Wearable tech and virtual challenges





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So Many Options... How to choose?

Considerations when choosing the right exercise:

- Injury / Chronic pain
- Pregnancy
- Time and budget
- Novice
- Personal taste



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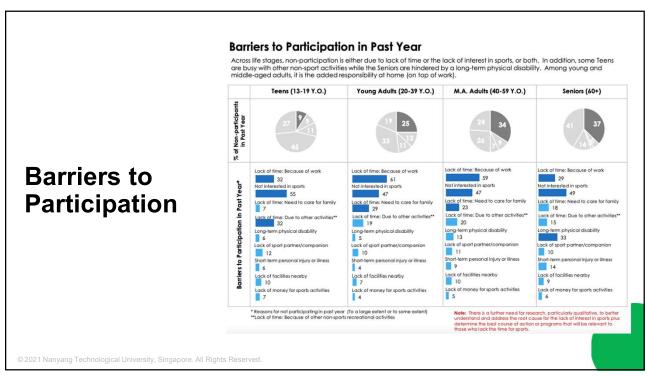
The Singapore Sports Participation Scene



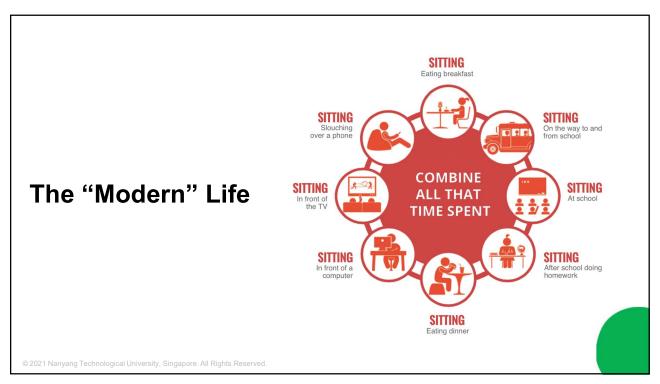
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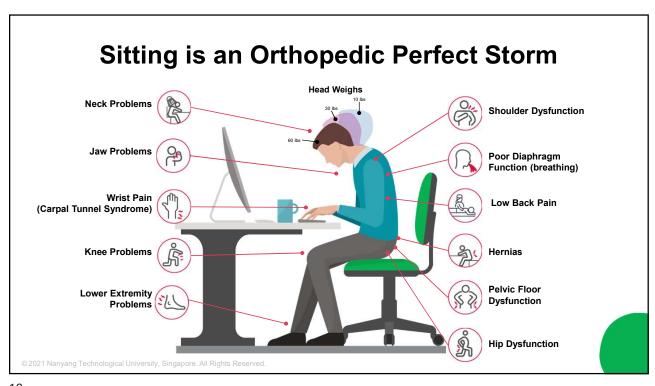
Preferred Activities and Motivators Motivations evolve through life stages. The young look forward to reaping social benefits while the old the physical benefits. Teens (13-19 Y.O.) Young Adults (20-39 Y.O.) M.A. Adults (40-59 Y.O.) Basketball Walking for health Walking for health Football / Soccer 12 Jogging/Running* Jogging/Running* Badminton 12 Walking for health Swimming Other workout* Jogging/Running 10 Bicycle Touring Calisthenics Football/Socces Other workout** **Bicycle Touring Preferred** Hoorball Tai Chi **Activities** Fun to do in group For physical development 14 For physical development 13 Relaxing to mind & body Fun to do in a group 13 11 Relaxing to mind & body Improves appearance Fun to do in a group General liking of activity Convenient to organize 8 Enjoy other things Enjoy other things Challenging/Requires skills Relaxing to mind & body 6 General liking of the activity 6 General liking of activity General liking of activity * Outdoor and not on Treadmill ** Other workout or exercises with equipment in Gym / Home Gym / Indoor or Outdoor Fitness Corner © 2021 Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. All Rights Reserved.

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Hypokinesis

Sitting Equates to Smoking

The problem is so bad that medical experts now equate sitting with smoking, because prolonged sitting will shorten your life, just like smoking. Sitting as little as 2 hours continuously, increases risk for:

- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Metabolic syndrome
- Cancer
- Back and neck pain
- And other orthopaedic problems

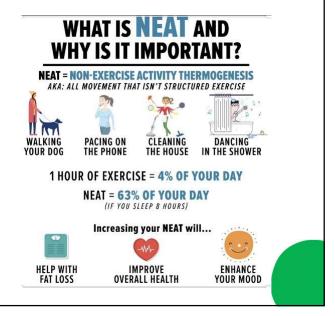


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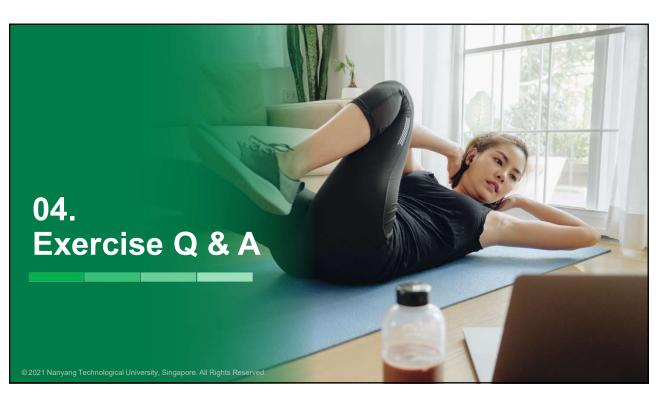
A NEAT Idea for Daily Health

- Non-exercise activity thermogenesis (NEAT) describes the calories burnt from unplanned exercises, such as movements we make from our daily activities.
 - This does not include sleeping, breathing and eating.
- It's also sometimes called non-exercise physical activity, or NEPA.



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Is HIIT better than running?

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Pros and Cons of HIIT and Steady-State Training

Pros and Cons of HIIT Training

Pros

- Better performance
- Better insulin sensitivity
- Burns more calories
- Good for fat loss
- Better heart health
- Time efficient with shorter workouts
- Can be done anywhere

Cons

- Discomfort
- Not suitable for beginners
- · Increased risk of injury
- Risk of burnout or overtraining

Pros and Cons of Steady-State Training

Pros

- Less stress on the heart and body
- Increased endurance
- Better health
- Faster recovery
- Improved ability to burn fat
- Increases slow-twitch muscle fibres
- Can be more enjoyable

Cons

- · Time-consuming
- Risk of overuse injury
- Can be monotonous
- Not as efficient in burning calories

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Will drinking a protein shake help me build more muscles?

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Will drinking too much protein shake be bad for my health?

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Does taking caffeinated drinks help me burn fat during exercise?

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Is a low carbohydrate diet good for athletes?

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