

Protecting and improving the nation's health

### The Physical Activity Clinical Champions Network



### Everybody Active, Every Day





- 1. Become familiar with the definitions, guidelines and statistics for physical activity and inactivity
- 2. Understand the importance of physical activity for widespread disease prevention and treatment
- 3. Have an understanding of the biophysiology to support the above, at organ and cellular level
- 4. Brief interventions Know how to convert what you have learnt into effective practice in consultations
- 5. Motivational Interviewing a brief introduction

### A little about me

### Getting to know you...



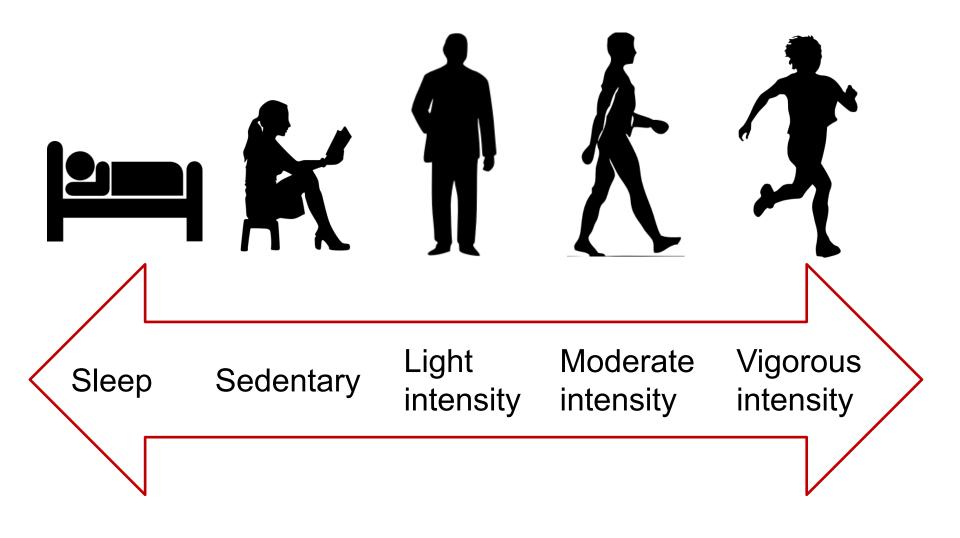
How many times in the past 2 weeks have you:

- Asked patients about smoking?
- Asked patients about physical activity?
- Taken patients' blood pressure?

If you addressed some more than others, why?



### Physical activity: What counts?



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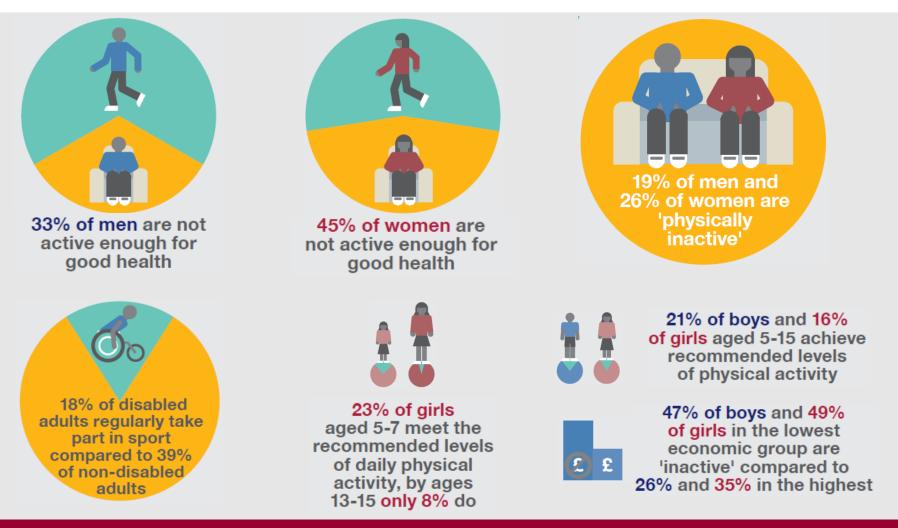
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More is better. Some is better than none.



### How inactive is England?

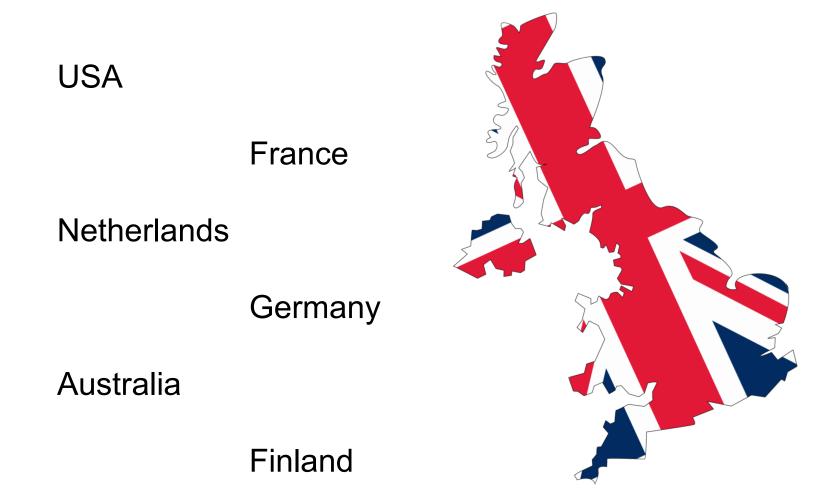
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### Why do we move so little?

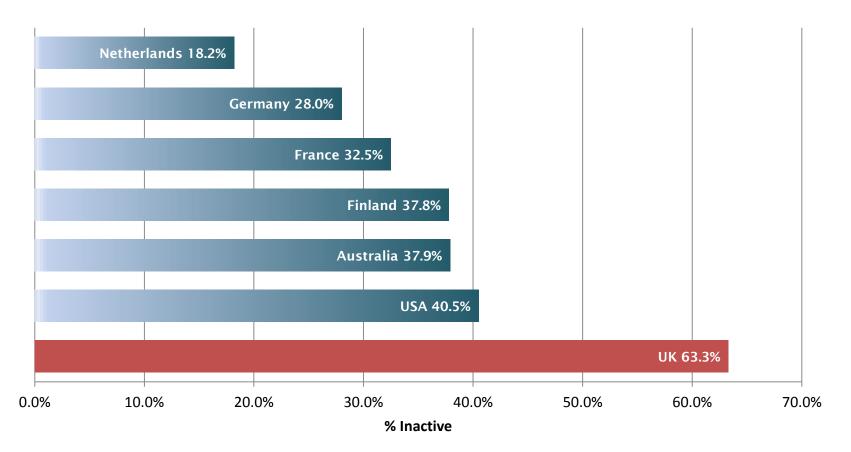


## Q2: How does the UK compare with the following countries for not being active?



#### Proportion who are not active

International comparison of physical inactivity (at ages 15 and over)



**Note:** Comparator = Not meeting any of the following per week: (a) 5 x 30 mins moderate-intensity activity; (b) 3 x 20 mins vigorous-intensity activity; (c) equivalent combination achieving 600 metabolic equivalent-min.

Public Health England (2014) *Everybody Active, Every Day*; Based on Hallal PC *et al.* (2012) Global physical activity levels: surveillance progress, pitfalls, and prospects. *The Lancet*.

Q3: How does inactivity compare with other noncommunicable disease risk factors for mortality?

Overweight and obesity

High blood glucose

Tobacco use

Alcohol use

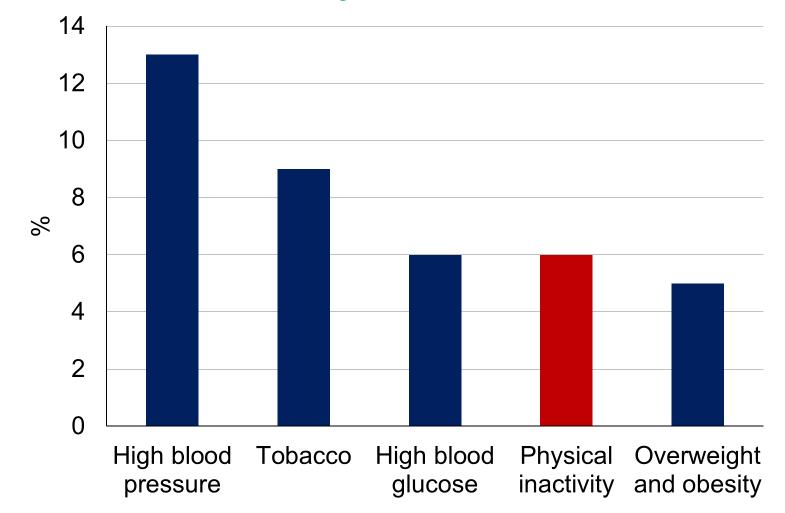
Drug use

High blood pressure

Diet low in vegetables

High total cholesterol

# Top 5 non-communicable disease risk factors for mortality



### Top non-communicable disease risk factors

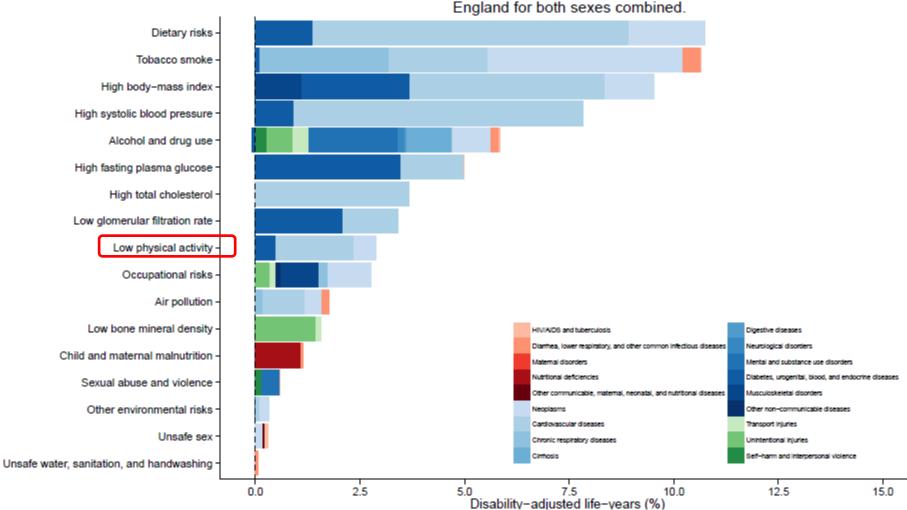
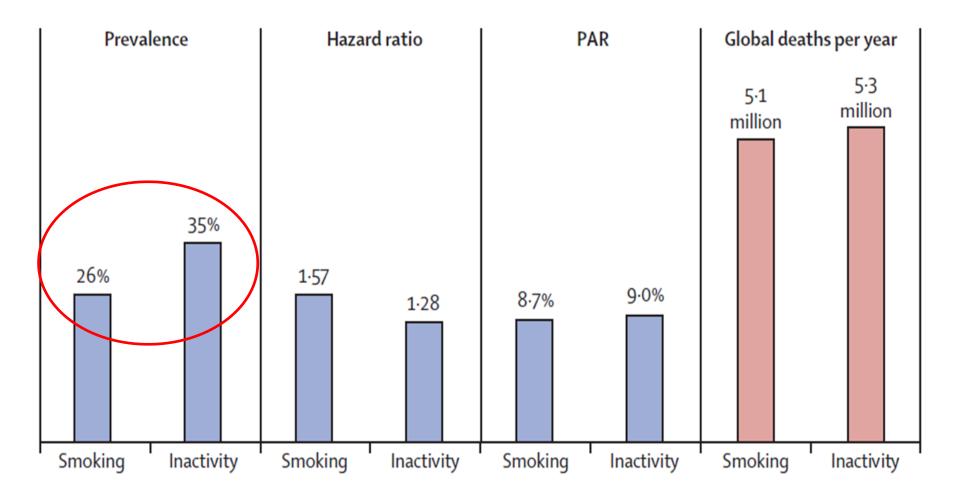


Figure 8a. DALYS attributed to Level 2 risk factors in 2013 for England for both sexes combined.

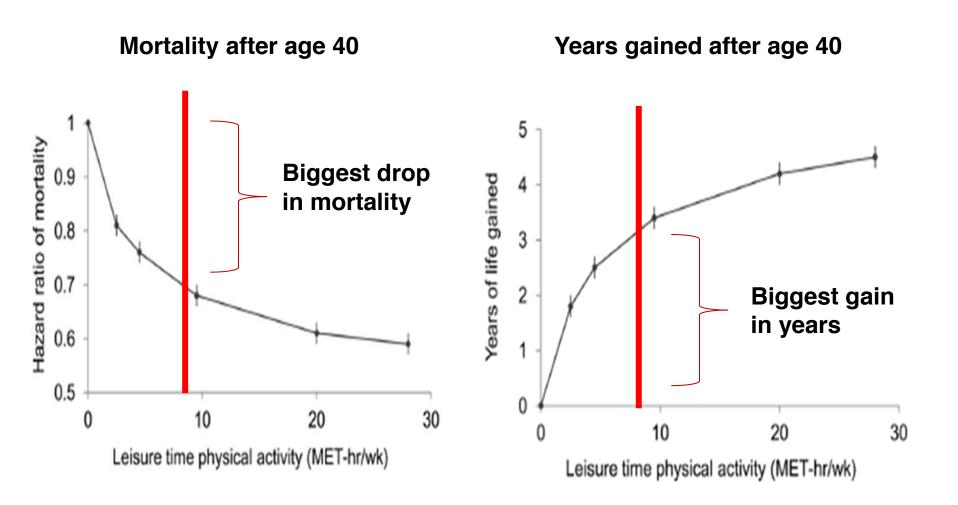
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### Inactivity vs. smoking Global mortality

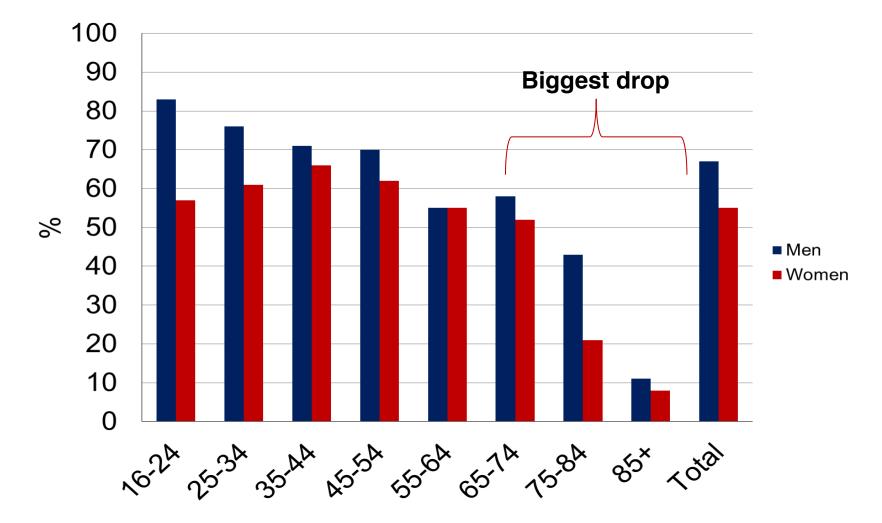


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### Physical activity: Who gains the most?



## We do less activity as we age % meeting moderate-to-vigorous PA recommendations



### Physical activity and the ageing population





- Mary, 87 retired nurse, med review
- HTN, well controlled on Amlodipine, otherwise NAD
- Very concerned about own health
- Husband passed away last year, Alzheimer's
- Quite frail, doesn't often leave the house
- Afraid of becoming a burden on her family



- Low physical activity is the 4<sup>th</sup> leading modifiable cause of death globally and 7<sup>th</sup> leading modifiable cause of ill health in England.
- UK guidelines recommend150 minutes of moderate or 75 minutes of vigorous activity per week for adults or a combination of both; although benefits achieved with each 10 minute bout of activity
- Adults become much less active after age 60
- Getting inactive people to become active has greater health benefits than getting active people to do more activity get *everybody active, every day*
- Just move

## Q4: Physical activity reduces risk of which of the following conditions by at least 20%?

Early death

Type 2 diabetes

Breast cancer

Hip fracture

Colon cancer

CHD and stroke

Depression

Hypertension

Functional limitation, elderly

Alzheimer's disease

### Physical activity: Our greatest defence

Physical Activity contribution to reduction in risk of mortality and long term conditions		
Disease	Risk reduction	Strength of evidence
Death	20-35%	Strong
CHD and Stroke	20-35%	Strong
Type 2 Diabetes	35-40%	Strong
Colon Cancer	30-50%	Strong
Breast Cancer	20%	Strong
Hip Fracture	36-68%	Moderate
Depression	20-30%	Moderate
Hypertension	33%	Strong
Alzheimer's Disease	20-30%	Moderate
Functional limitation, elderly	30%	Strong
Prevention of falls	30%	Strong
Osteoarthritis disability	22-80%	Moderate

### What about treatment?

In addition to prevention, physical activity helps treat:

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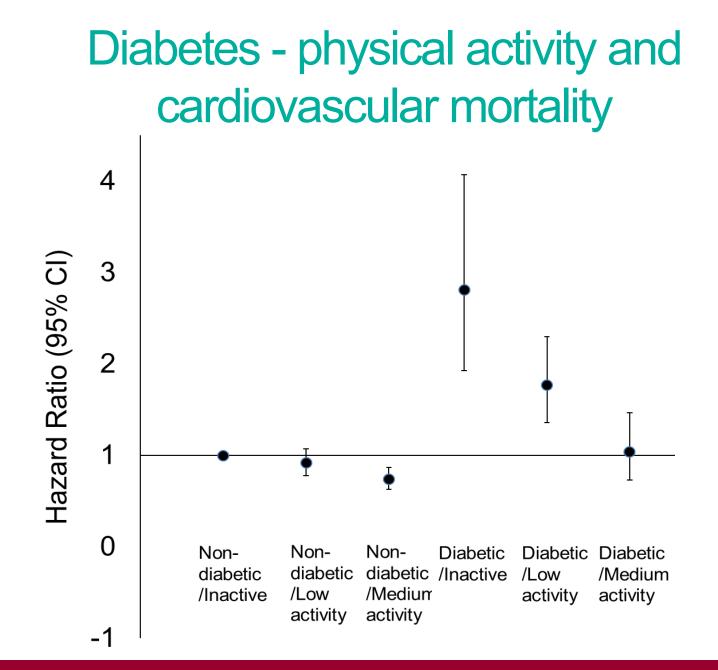
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- John, 45 year old bus driver
- 3 x elevated readings of HBA1c (6.6%, 7.1%, 6.9%) over past 6 months
- Attended DESMOND and Dietician made some dietary changes
- No significant improvement in HBA1c
- Discuss further options for diabetes management
- John shares that he used to play football "when I was a lad"



### We know the benefits...

But do UK health and social care charities take physical activity **seriously** in preventing and treating illness?













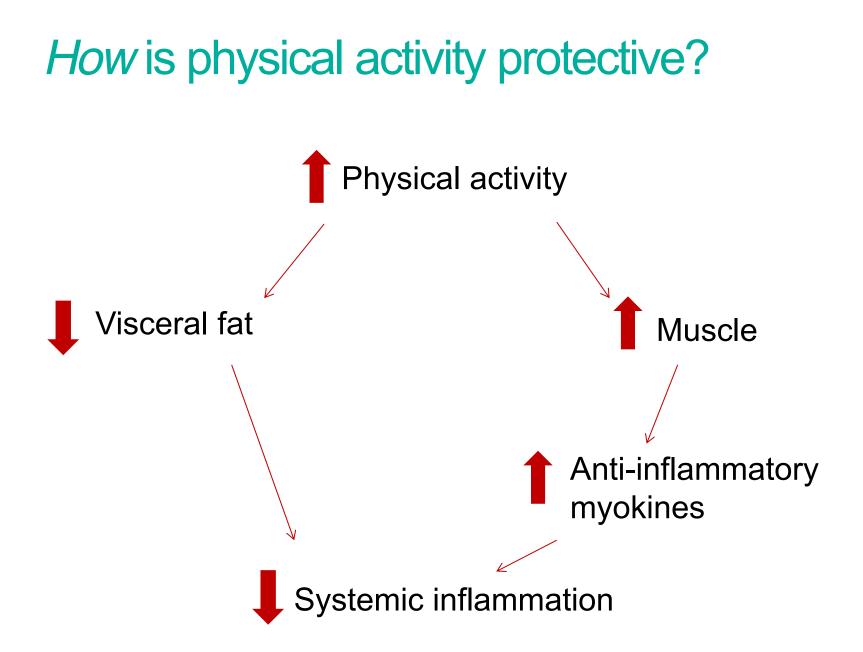












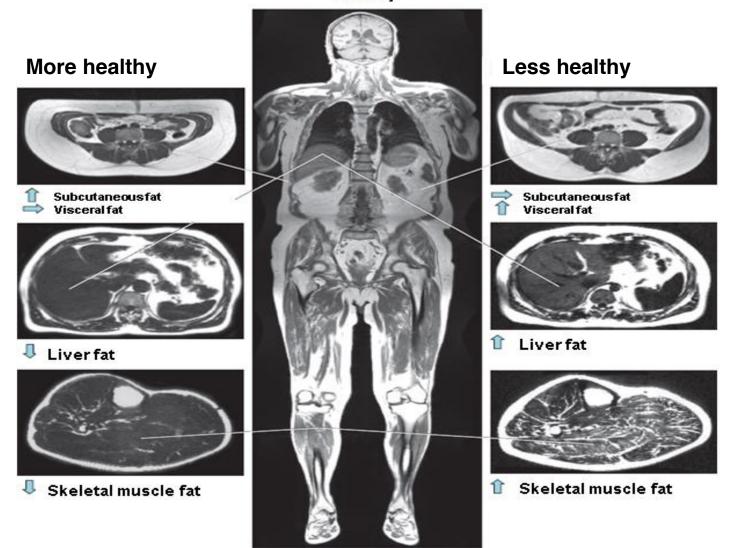
### How is physical activity protective?

Chronic low-grade systemic inflammation thought to be the root cause of:

- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease
- Cancers
- Dementia (secondary to visceral fat)
- Depression and Anxiety
- Arthritis and many other conditions

#### Different visceral fat for the same BMI

Obesity

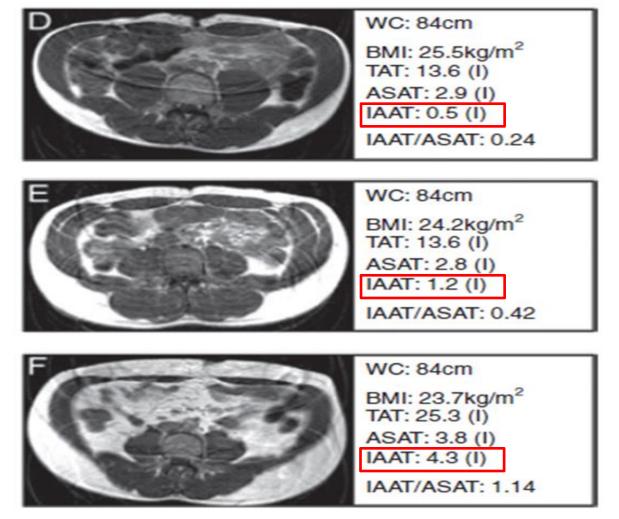


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# Different visceral fat for the same waist circumference

**ASAT** = subcutaneous abdominal adipose tissue

**IAAT** = intra-abdominal adipose tissue



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Lying down watching TV

Standing

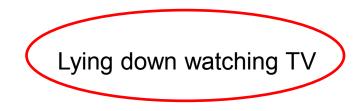
Walking slowly

Sitting at a desk

Sitting while cycling

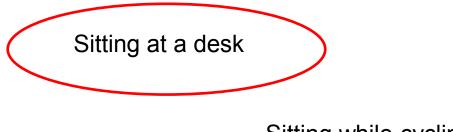
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#### Sedentary behaviour

A state of **muscle inactivity** associated with metabolic risk factors, cardiovascular disease, and mortality **regardless of engagement in moderate-to-vigorous activity** 

No standard recommendation (yet) for 'ideal sitting time'

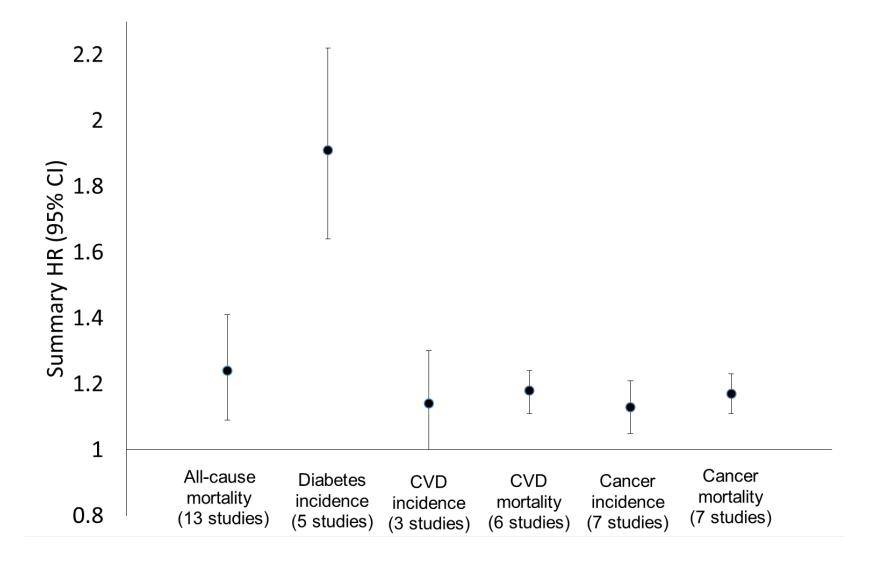
Breaking-up sitting **every 20 minutes** with just 2 minutes of light or moderate walking can improve postprandial glucose and insulin responses to food

Key is to avoid prolonged periods of sitting – **move often** 



What about GP's???

#### Health risks of sitting, independent of physical activity



# Why is sitting so bad?

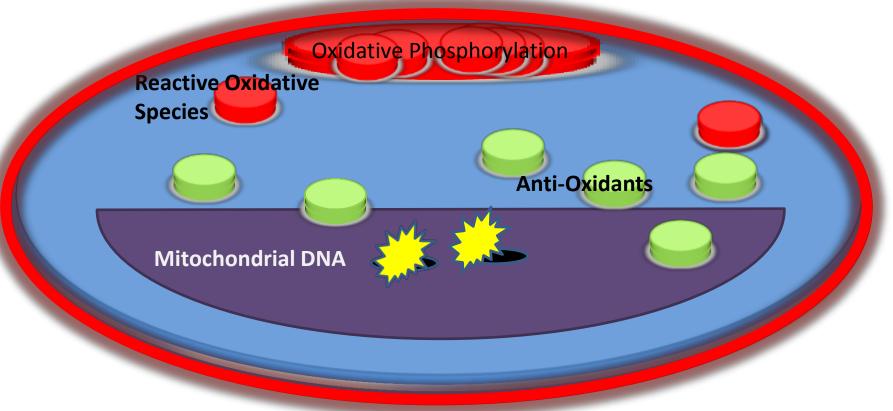
#### **Prolonged sitting disrupts:**

- Skeletal muscle metabolism
- Lipid metabolism
- Glucose metabolism
- Circulation (venous thrombosis risk)
- Systemic inflammation



<sup>43</sup> Healy et al. 2008, Diab Care; Heally et al. 2011, Eur Heart J; Dunstan et al. 2012, Diab Care; Howard et al. 2013, Med Sci Sports Exerc; Tremblay et al. 2010; Appl Physiol Nutr Metab; Latouche et al. 2013, J Appl Physiol

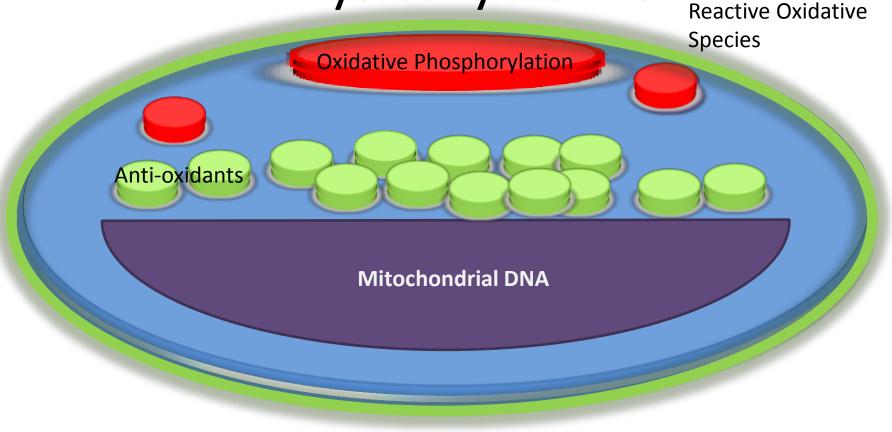
# Sedentary



## Mitochondria



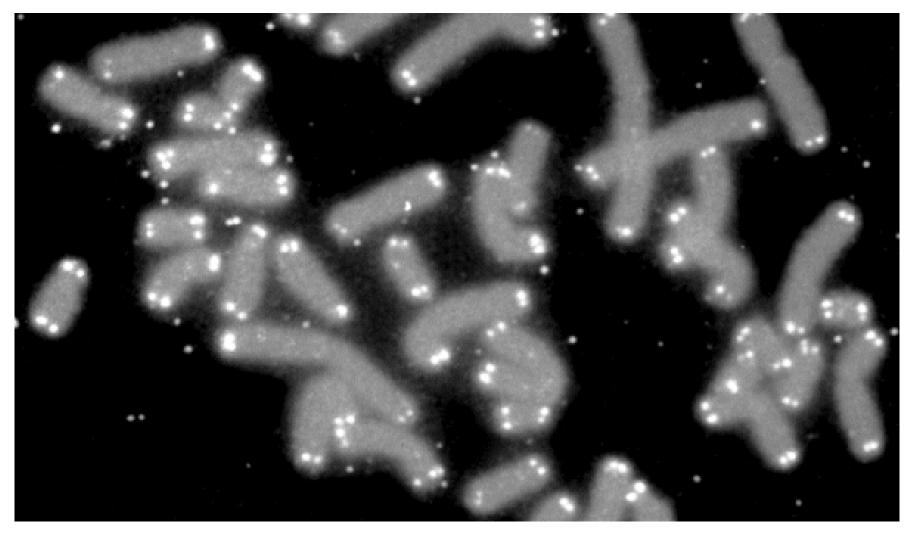
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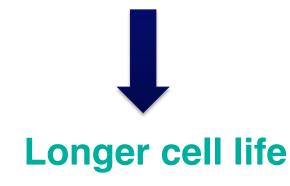
#### The anti-ageing frontier? Physical activity slows telomere shortening



# Physical activity and telomere length

#### **Physical activity**

# Slowing of telomere shortening



#### How old is Edwina?



# Currently 72!!! And still competing



Edwina took part in the Ironman Lanzarote Triathlon at the active



#### What motivates people to move?

Teenage girl?

Middle-aged man?

**Post-retirement woman?** 

Grandmother?

Healthy young man?

Woman with breast cancer?

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Teenage girl?	can	ecoming active n reduce your risk of east cancer by 40%"	"Daily activity helps you keep-up with your grandchildren"	
			"Keeping moving is the most important thing you can do for yourself to maintain	
Middle-aged man?	•	ive helps you your strength and independence" bathroom on time"		
"Avoiding sitting for extended periods can help keep you alert and working at your full potential"				
Grandmother?		•	for 3 hours a day burns the same amount as running 10 marathons over a year"	
Healthy young man?		"Becoming active after being diagnosed with breast cancer can reduce your risk of recurrence by nearly 25%"		
ficality young man			"Keeping active can reduce your risk of dementia by 40%"	
Woman with breast cancer?		"Being active keeps blood pumping to your brain and limbs, which is necessary to keep you functioning well"		

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Give them permission

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## Questions so far?



# **Brief advice / interventions**

NICE guidance: 5As

- Ask
- Advise
- Assess stage of change
- Assist to make changes
- Arrange Follow up.

MACMILLAN 3 As:

- Ask Did you know PA can help cancer sufferers in different ways?
- Advise
- Act

# Motivational interviewing

"MI is an evidence-based approach to consulting around change. MI is designed to encourage patients to talk themselves into making a change, with the clinician 'guiding' the patient and 'activating' their own motivation for change."

# A simple example

"Mrs Smith, you know you should stop smoking. It's very bad for your chest."

Contrast this with the MI approach, which is eliciting the patient's views and acknowledging her possible ambivalence to change:

"Mrs Smith, I wondered if you had ever thought of giving up cigarettes? What do you see as the barriers to stopping smoking, and the potential gains for you?"

56 <u>BMJ eLearning.</u> Motivational interviewing in brief consultations. Professor S Rollnick

# Motivational interviewing - Opportunities

BMJ learning - Motivational Interviewing, Professor Stephen Rollnick

Health trainers – Available in some areas, trained in using MI

Courses – Often available free of charge, check with your CCG

(Potential for VTS session for GP trainees)

# Workshop Activity

Working in groups of 3, allow 6 minutes per motivational interview consultation opportunity. Assume that the initial part of the consultation has been completed satisfactorily and the remaining 6 minutes are an opportunity to talk about physical activity.

Each person select whether you will be ;

- 1. Doctor
- 2. GP
- 3. Observer, will feedback to the group

After each case spend a few minutes feeding back and then swap

# Some useful example Q's

- 1. Why would you want to make this change?
- 2. On a scale of 0-10, what number would you pick for yourself as to where you are with importance on this change?
- 3. Why are you at \_ and not at zero?
- 4. What are the 3 main reasons you want to make this change?
- 5. What ideas do you have about making these changes?
- 6. Pick one idea you just described and on a scale of 0-10, how ready are you to make the change?
- 7. What would it take to get you form that number to one number higher?
- 8. So, what will you do next?

AVOID - Ordering, directing, advising, warning, disagreeing, judging, suggestions!



- Anita, 35 years old
- Housewife, 2 children under 5 years old
- Review appointment 'TATT'
- Bloods normal, exam'n was normal
- Poor eye contact, quiet voice, low mood
- Socially isolated

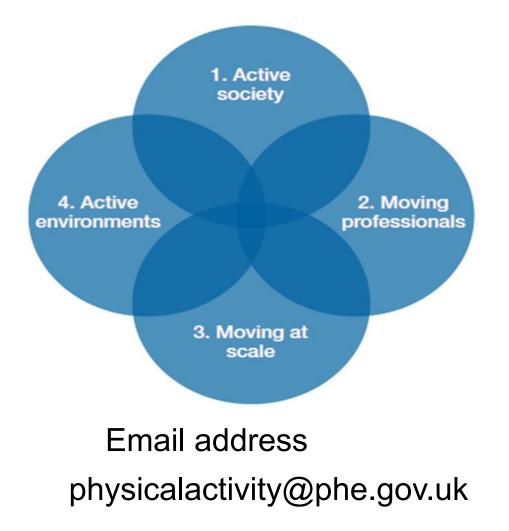


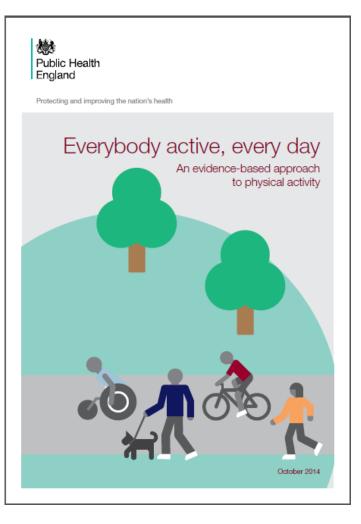
- Lucy, 49, Accountant
- Breast Ca, Post Mastectomy Adjuvant Chemotherapy
- Attended with husband (protective)
- Lacking energy, asking for 'a tonic'
- Husband almost cancelled appt as "shouldn't leave the house"
- Has a labrador dog called 'Molly'



- Simon, 15 year old student, mainstream school
- Cerebral Palsy, uses a frame
- Continuing weight gain and inactivity
- "I wish I could run around like my mates"
- Tends to comfort eat when bored

#### Everybody Active, Every Day Be a clinical champion!





## Available resources



Free modules on physical activity

by Dr William Bird, GP

**Free module** on motivational interviewing in brief consultations by Prof Stephen Rollnick



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