

Nonchalantly Maximizing Health and Fitness

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MOST IMPORTANT

Stay Lean Stay Strong

Core Philosophies

- Anaerobic: Resistance Training (weights/bands/body), Sprints
- Aerobic: Zone 2, 3, 4 Training (Row Machine, Fan-bike, HIIT)
- Nutrition:
 - 2 meals a day (16-18 hours fasting / 6-8 hours eating window)
 - High protein in-take
 - Minimize or eliminate excess flour and sugar
- Low-stress activity: Walking/Hiking/SUP (near daily)
- **NO OVERTRAINING**: Avoid Injury / days off / sleep / proper warmup
- Keep it simple, keep it consistent

Resistance Training – Key Takeaways

Stability AND Strength

- Resistance Training is perhaps the most crucial health component as we age. It hides all manners of sin and aging.
- Resistance training benefits bone strength, muscle tissues (muscle loss as we age speeds up!), and mental state.
- Resistance exercises can maintain normal blood glucose levels, lipids, and cholesterol, and hence the management of chronic conditions like cardiovascular diseases and diabetes mellitus.

Resistance Training – Typical Components

Key Movements:

- Squats (1-2 x week)
- Deadlift (1-2 x week)
- Lunges (1-2 x week)
- Kettlebell Swings (3-4 x week)
- Turkish Getups (2-3 x week)
- Pullups (3 x week)
- Push-ups/Chest press (1-3 x week)
- Dips (1-2 x week)
- Back Rows (1-2 x week)
- Shoulder Press (1-2 x week)
- Planks / Side Planks (near daily)

Other Movements:

- Power Cleans (1-2 x month)
- KB Snatch (1-2 x month)
- Nordic curls/variation
- Lower Back Extension
- Farmer Carries

Variable Amount/Tempo Mix

- Low weight and high reps
- High weight and low reps
- Fast vs slow movements
- Static holds

Anaerobic – Other

- Bodyweight exercises, a jump rope, and a kettlebell can go a long way.
- Hard to avoid benefits of sprints; hard to risk getting injured as you age
 - 70-90% effort sprints 2-4 x a week
- Full body workouts 3-4 x a week yield good results
- Bodybuilding based split-training can also work
- HIIT or interval training should be integrated often
- Fast Twitch fibers are fleeting... Work to maintain them as you age
 - Plyometrics and jumps still have a place, just not the same as in your 20s

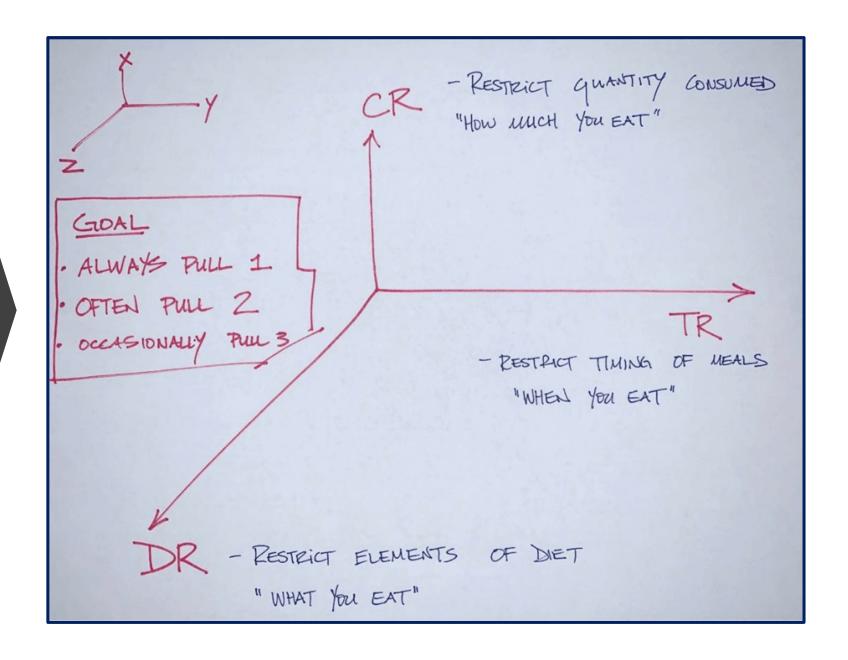
<u>Nutrition – Key Takeaways</u>

Time Restricted Eating

- 16 hr fasting window/ 8 hour eating window
- I eat first meal at noon; last before 8:00pm
- Sometimes I wait until 3 or 4pm, but always stop at 8pm
- Water/Black coffee are ok during fasting window
- *Protein* Primary source of all calories
- Restrict excess flour/packaged items
- Restrict excess sugar/desserts (1-2 days a week-cheat days)
- Explore benefits to keto diet/paleo diet/carnivore diet. If you don't fully commit, use guidelines to approach and experiment with diet.
- Sources: Dr. Peter Attia; Mark Sisson; Rhonda Patrick

Peter Attia's 3 Levers Framework:

- Caloric Restriction
- Time Restriction
- Dietary Restriction



Nutrition – Typical Components

- Eggs (5-6 daily)
- Chicken (1-2 x week)
- Steak (1-2 x week)
- Fish (1-2 x week)
- Beef (1-2 x week)
- Protein bowl/smoothie (1-2 x week)
- Water (Too much)
- Coffee (2-3 cups)
- Dark leafy greens (Often as possible)
- Sweet Potatoes (1 x week)
- Rice (1-3 x week)
- Pizza (sometimes)
- Cookies (1-2 x week)

Meal planning prevents poor decisions.

<u>Other</u>

- I only use olive oil or avocado oil
- I use butter and drink whole milk
- Might be worth exploring allergens (gluten, milk, other)

<u>Supplements</u>

Key Supplements:

- Multivitamin (Pure Encapsulations O.N.E.)
- Athletics Greens (easy way to get most)
- D3-1000 (Thorne Research)
- Magnesium CitraMate (Thorne Research)
- K2 or D3/K2 combo
- I go back and forth on fish oils (try to just eat more fish). But Nordic Naturals Pro Omega 2000 is good.
- Good Source: Dr. Rhonda Patrick (YouTube/foundmyfitness.com)

<u>Sleep – Key Takeaways</u>

- Best nootropic: sleep
- Best stress relief: sleep
- Best trauma release: sleep
- Best immune booster: sleep
- Best hormone augmentation: sleep
- Best emotional stabilizer: sleep

Good Sources: Matt Walker, Andrew Huberman (https://hubermanlab.com/toolkit-for-sleep/)

Other good sources: Rhonda Patrick

<u>Aerobic – Key Takeaways</u>

Cardio is still important, but I'm convinced less important than resistance training. But why compare? DO BOTH.

- Zone 2 (mine is about 130 bpm) 1-2 x week
 - Row machine; Fan bike; brisk / weighted walk
 - Long runs once a week are great.
- Zone 3/4 usually 3 mile run or more intense row machine 1 x week
 - 2-3 mile runs twice a week good too.
- Alternatives: cycling, jump rope, jumping jacks, swimming
 - 20 mins of jumping jacks twice a week will suffice.
 - Watch your ankles
- Good Sources: Peter Attia, Goggins if you need...

Heat/Cold Therapies

- Not necessary; Good to have if possible
- Multi-decade studies have observed **AWESOME** benefits* to regular sauna use (4 x a week 20 mins at 180°F)
 - I use sauna 2-4 x week at 200 °F for 20 mins (sometimes back and forth with ice)
- Ice bath studies are new and less convincing. But they feel nice.
 - I cold plunge in the ice bath 5-7 x week at 35 °F for 3-4 mins
 - I love it for the discipline and mental effects it seems to bring.
- Good Sources: Dr. Rhonda Patrick, https://www.foundmyfitness.com/topics/sauna

^{*}Studies on traditional, not infrared saunas

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Corrective Exercises

https://www.youtube.com/@SquatUniversity

Kettlebell Workouts

https://www.youtube.com/@BeStrongFirst https://www.youtube.com/@KeithWeber

Turkish Getup Tutorial

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgKFttG0Z7I

Kettlebell Swing Tutorial

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/aSYap2yhW8s

Spine Health (McGill Big 3)

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