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**ASSESSMENT DELLA MALNUTRIZIONE
E BILANCIO ENERGETICO
NEL SOGGETTO ANZIANO**

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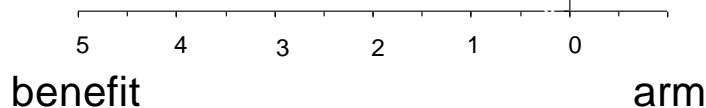
Protein and energy supplementation in elderly people at risk from malnutrition

Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2009

% WEIGHT CHANGE

41 trials

2.2 (95% CI 2.4 to 1.8) P<0.05



62 trials

10,187 participants

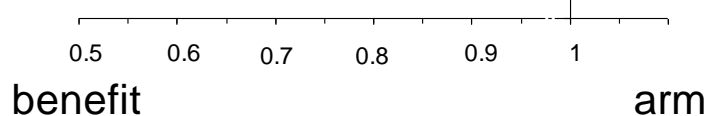
commercial “sip-feeds”

intervention < 18 months

MORTALITY

2461 malnourished people

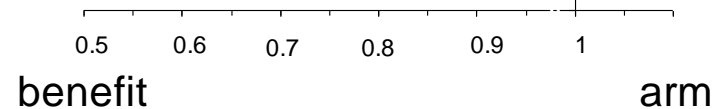
RR 0.79 (95% CI 0.64 to 0.94) P<0.05



COMPLICATIONS

24 trials

RR 0.86 (95% CI 0.75 to 0.99) P<0.05



PROPOSTA DI “SCREENING” NUTRIZIONALE INIZIALE

Tipo di diagnosi

Valutazione delle condizioni (tipo, gravità, durata) associate a rischio di malnutrizione

Valutazione dell'introito di alimenti e/o di perdite di nutrienti

Rischio con apporto alimentare insufficiente, attuale o prevedibile, per un periodo :

≥ 5 gg in pazienti già malnutriti

≥ 10 gg in pazienti normonutriti

≥ 7 gg in pazienti con ipercatabolismo moderato (azoturia 11-15 g/die)
o severo (azoturia >15 g/die)

oppure con:

Vomito / diarrea quotidiani > 5-7 gg

Valutazione del calo ponderale

Rischio grave con perdita non intenzionale ≥ 5% in 1 mese o ≥ 10% in 3-6 mesi

Esami di laboratorio

Rischio con:

Albuminemia < 3,5 mg/dl

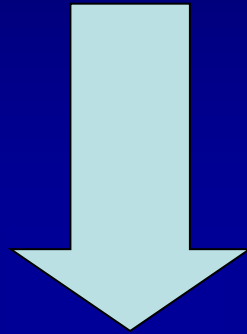
Numero linfociti < 1500/mm³

Giudizio clinico

Basato sull'anamnesi e sull'esame obiettivo (cachessia, edemi,



INACTIVITY ± INFLAMMATION ± ANOREXIA

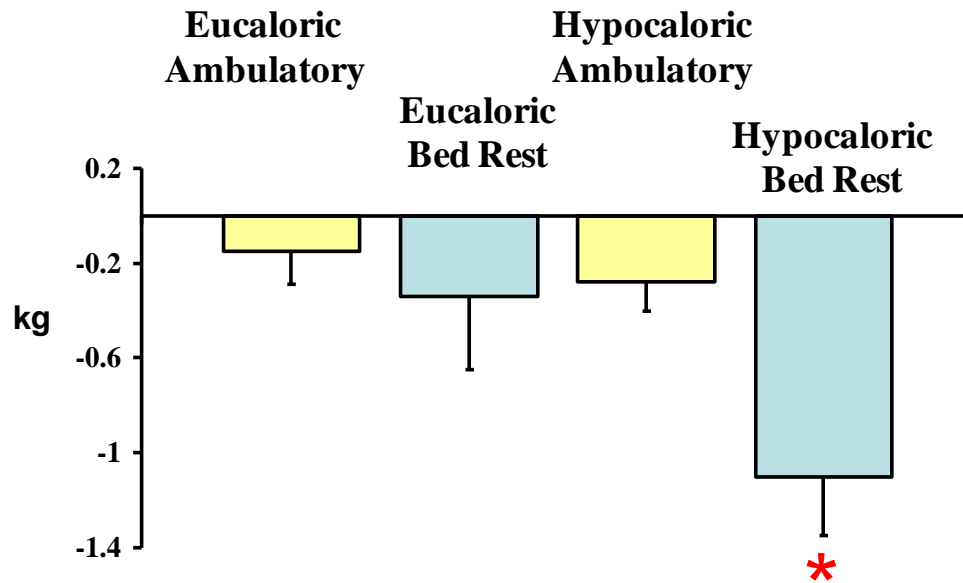


Calorie restriction accelerates the catabolism of lean body mass during 2 wk of bed rest¹⁻³

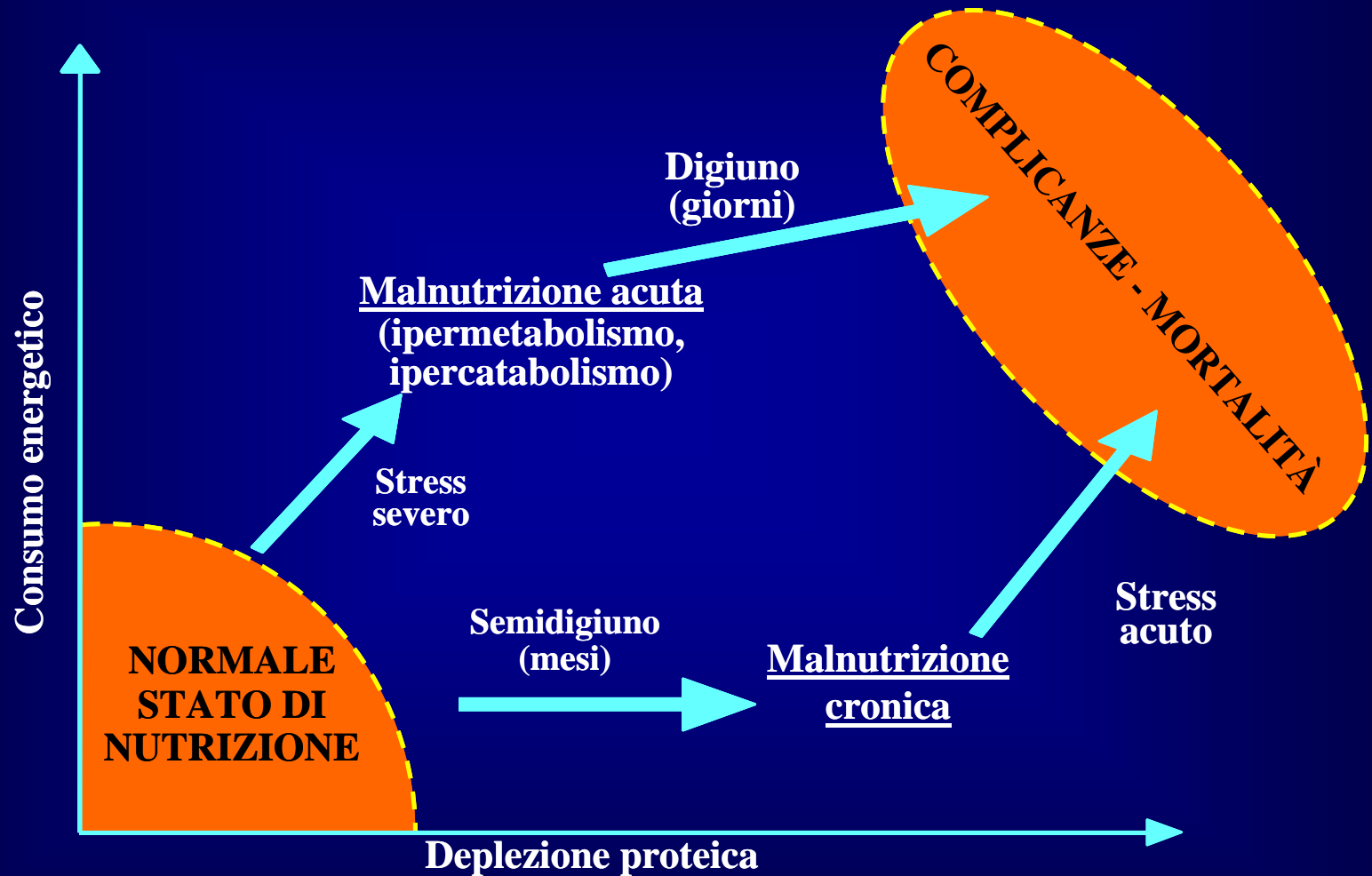
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Am J Clin Nutr 2007;86:366-72.

CHANGES IN LEAN MASS (DEXA)



SOVRAPPOSIZIONE DI MALNUTRIZIONE ACUTA O CRONICA E STRESS METABOLICO E LORO SIGNIFICATO PROGNOSTICO



Modificata, da Pettigrew RA, Clin Gastroenterol, 1988

INACTIVITY ± INFLAMMATION ± ANOREXIA

PRE-CACHEXIA

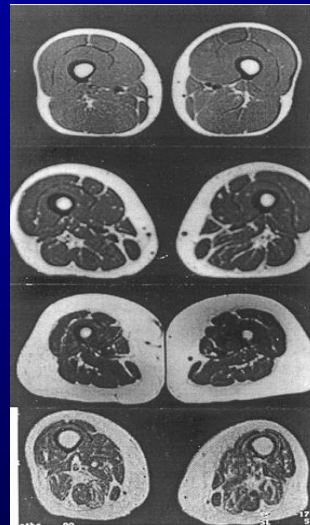
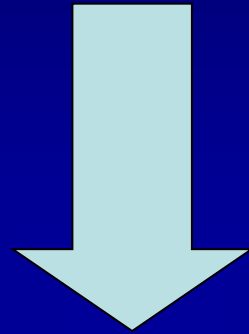
Chronic disease + ↑CRP + anorexia +
weight loss ≤5%

CACHEXIA

Chronic disease + ↑CRP + anorexia + weight
loss >5kg (or BMI <20 kg/m²) + at least three of
the following: dynapenia, fatigue, anorexia,
↓FFM index, abnormal biochemistry (↑CRP,
anemia, ↓albumin)



INACTIVITY ± INFLAMMATION - ANOREXIA

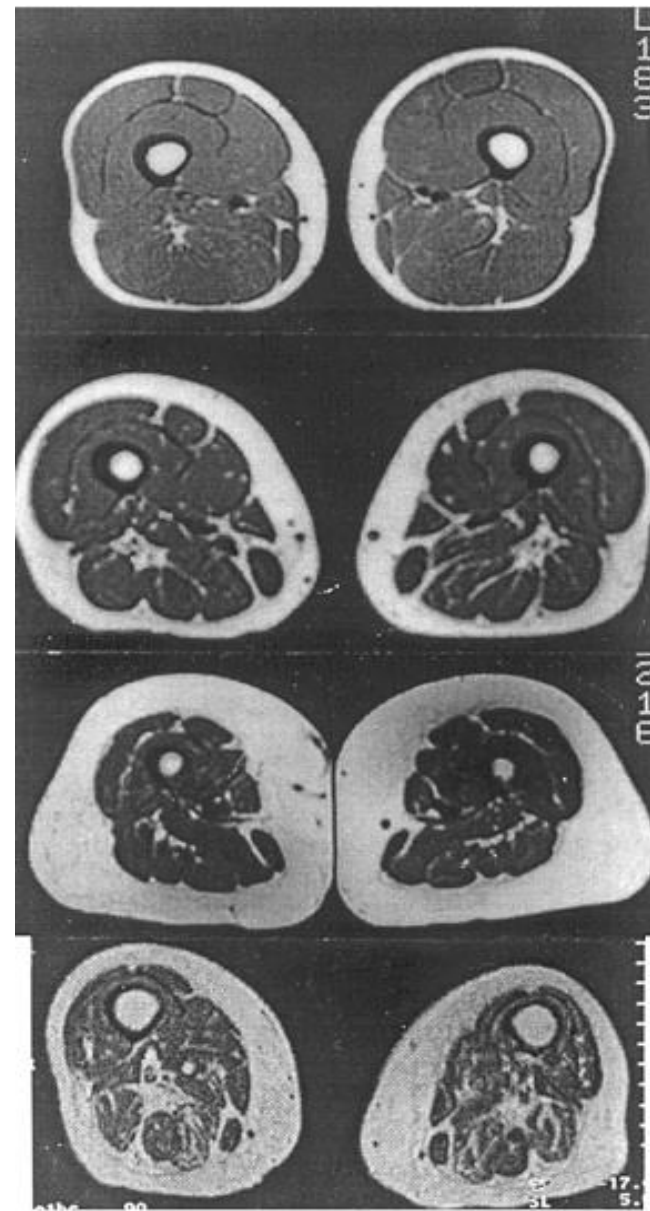


NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT



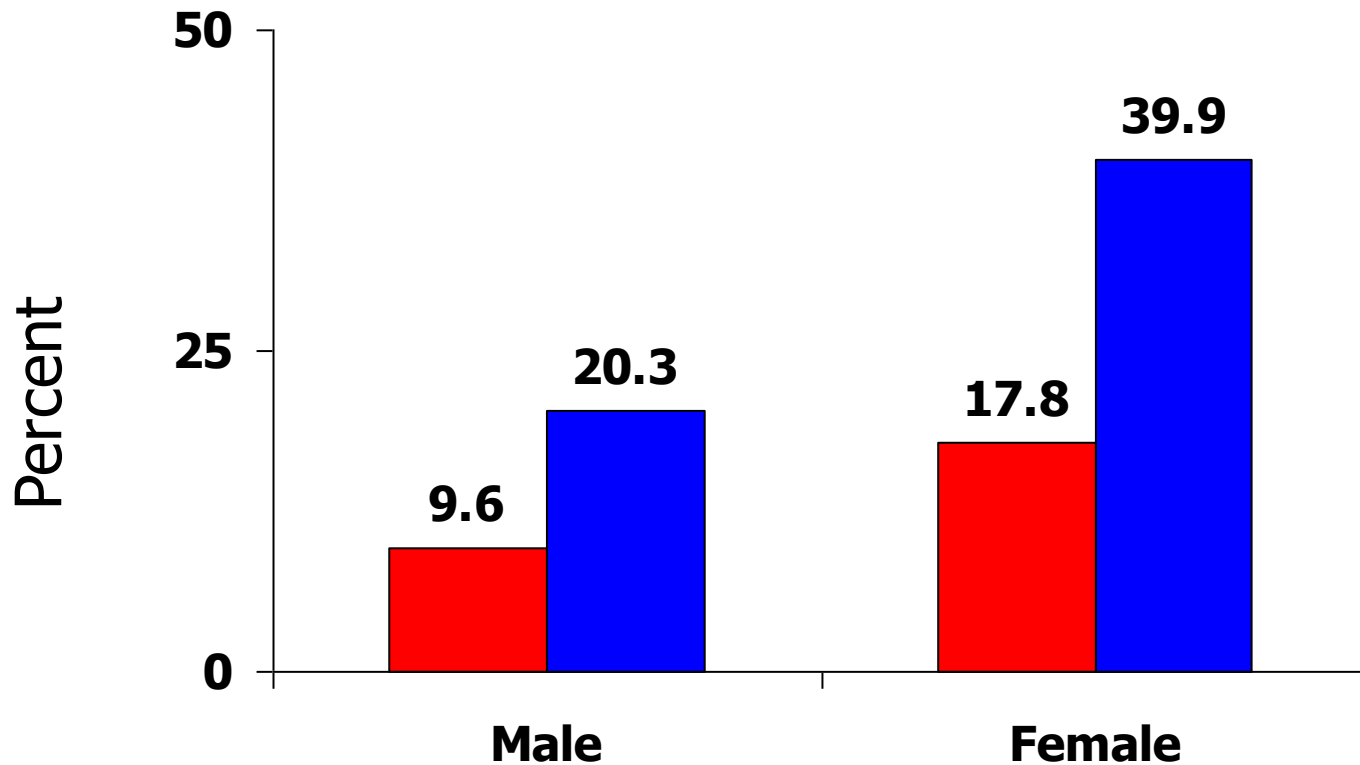
- **Body weight**
- **Body mass index (kg/m^2)**

- **Lean body mass (DEXA)**
- **Fat-free mass (bio-impedance; anthropometry)**
- **Fat-free mass index (kg/m^2)**



Prevalence of nutritional depletion in a large out-patient population of patients with COPD

Vermeeren et al., Respir Med 2006



Malnutrition was defined as:



body mass index ≤ 21 kg/m²



fat-free mass index ≤ 15 (females) or ≤ 16 (males) kg/m²

INACTIVITY ± INFLAMMATION ± ANOREXIA

MUSCLE DEPLETION

FFM index $<16 \text{ kg/m}^2$ for men and $<15 \text{ kg/m}^2$ for women

CONTRACTILE IMPAIRMENT

Dynapenia
Fatigue
Disability and falls
Impaired ventilation
Osteoporosis
Bone fractures

METABOLIC IMPAIRMENT

Anabolic resistance
Insulin resistance
Dyslipidemia
↓ glutamine
↓ myokines
Impaired immunity



Prevalence and clinical implications of sarcopenic obesity in patients with solid tumours of the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts: a population-based study

Carla M M Prado, Jessica R Lieffers, Linda J McCargar, Tony Reiman, Michael B Sawyer, Lisa Martin, Vickie E Baracos

Lancet Oncol 2008; 9: 629-35

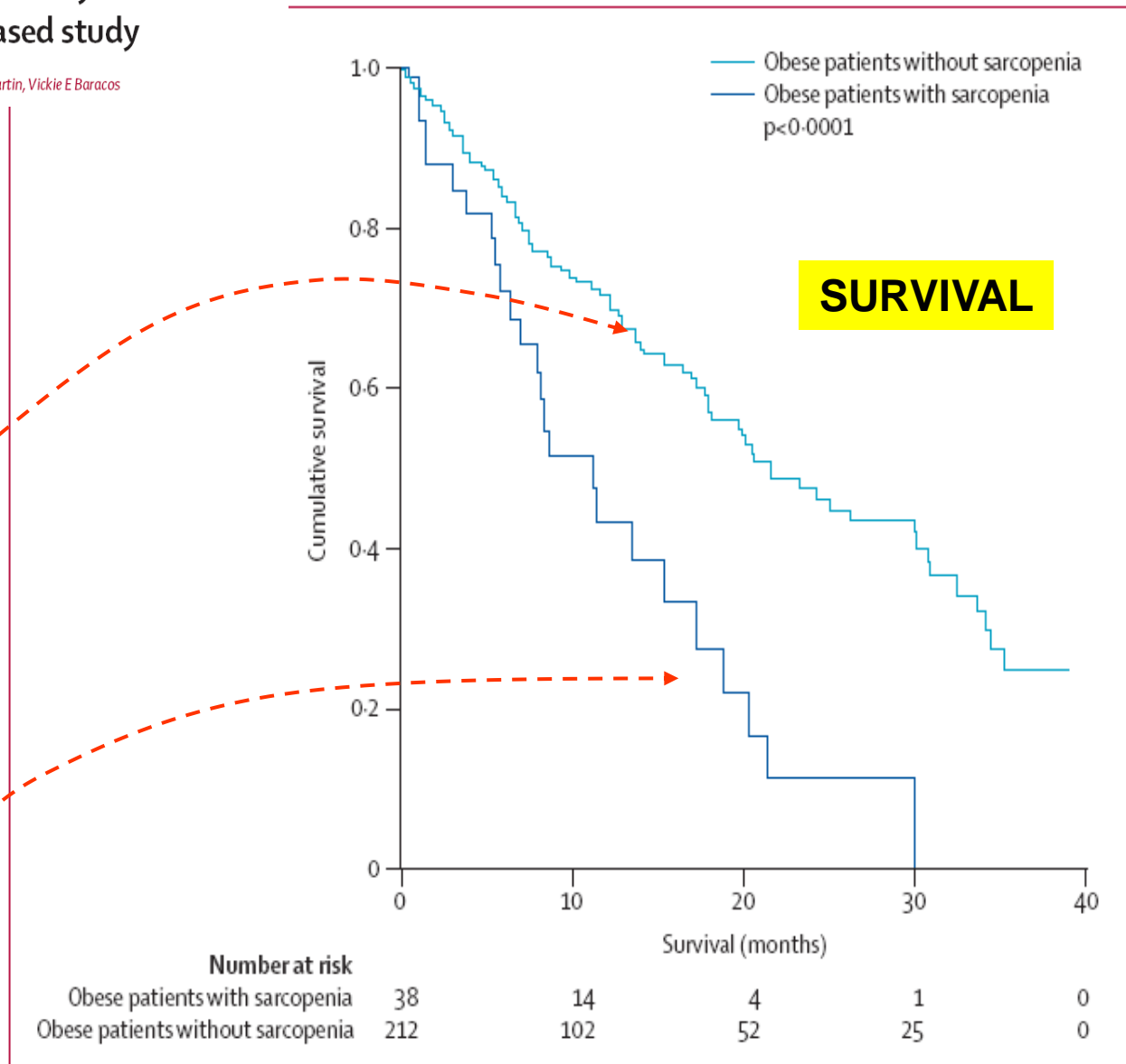
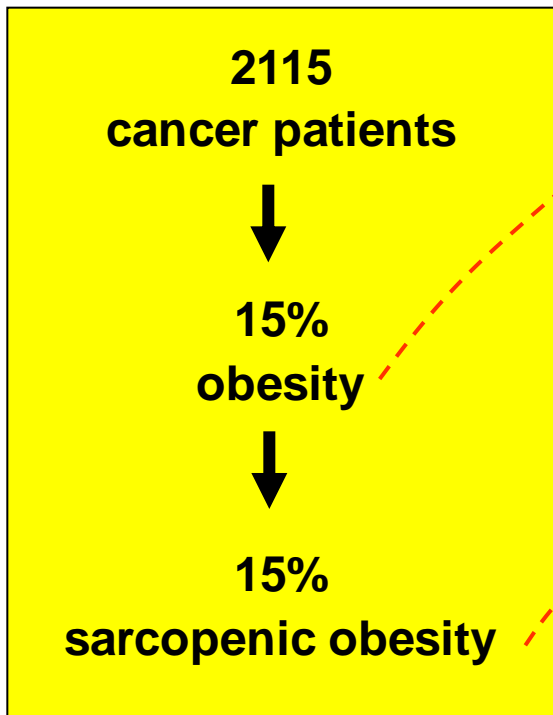


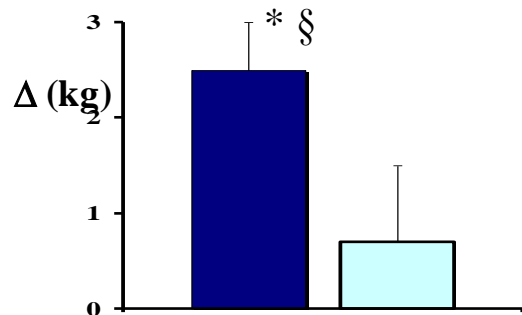
Figure 3: Survival of obese patients who had sarcopenia and obese patients who did not have sarcopenia

Positive energy balance is associated with accelerated muscle atrophy and increased erythrocyte glutathione turnover during 5 wk of bed rest¹⁻³

Gianni Biolo, Francesco Agostini, Bostjan Simunic, Mariella Starma, Lucio Torelli, Jean Charles Preiser, Ginette Deby-Dupont, Paolo Magni, Felice Stollo, Pietro di Prampero, Gianfranco Guarneri, Igor B Mekjavic, Rado Pijot, and Marco V Narici

Am J Clin Nutr 2008;88:950-8.

Changes in fat mass (bioimpedence)



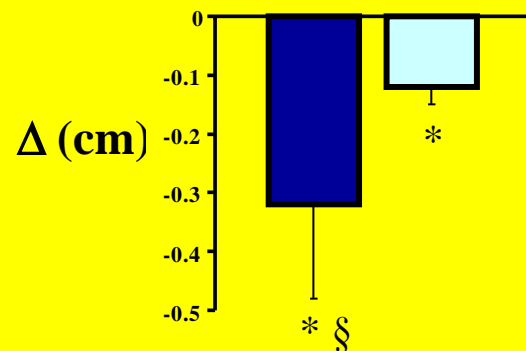
■ Positive Energy Balance

■ Near-neutral Energy Balance

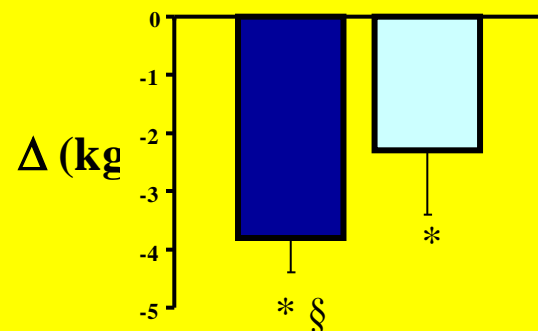
*, p<0.05 significant different from zero;
§, p<0.05 versus near-neutral energy balance

EFFECTS OF POSITIVE ENERGY BALANCE ON BED REST-MEDIATED MUSCLE ATROPHY

Changes in vastus lateralis thickness (ultrasounds)



Changes in fat-free mass (bioimpedence)

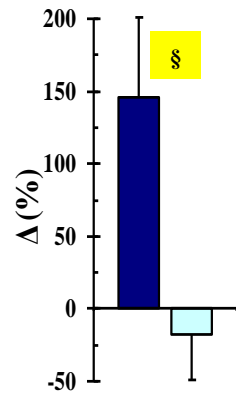


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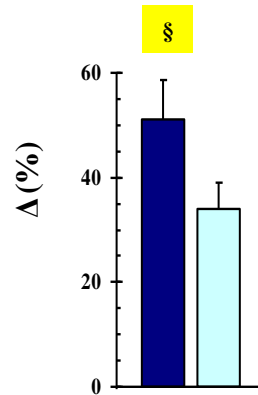
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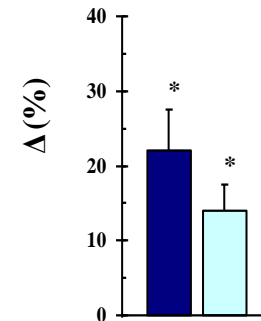
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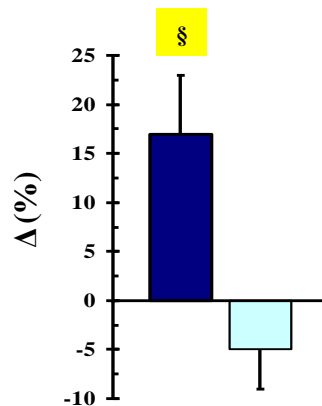
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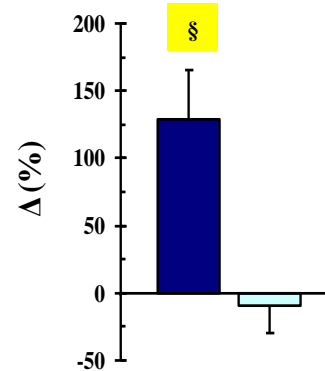
GHRELIN



PLASMA MYELOPEROXIDASE



ERYTHOCYTE GLUTATHIONE SYNTHESIS RATE



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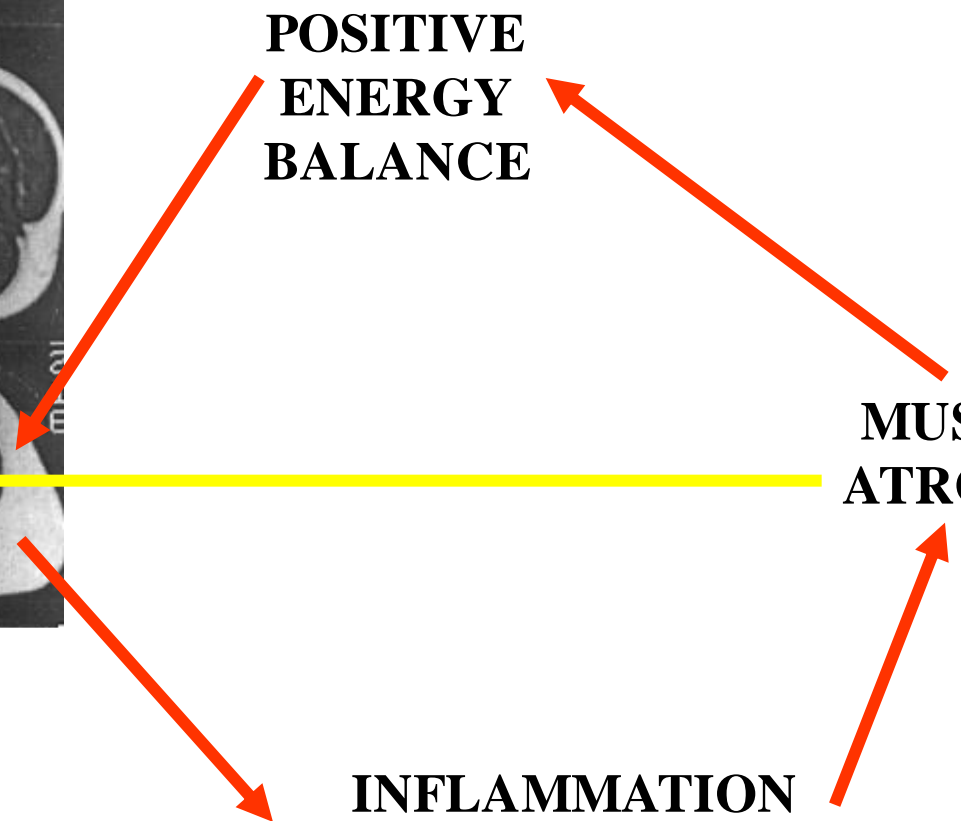
CROSS-TALK BETWEEN FAT AND MUSCLE DURING INACTIVITY AND AGING



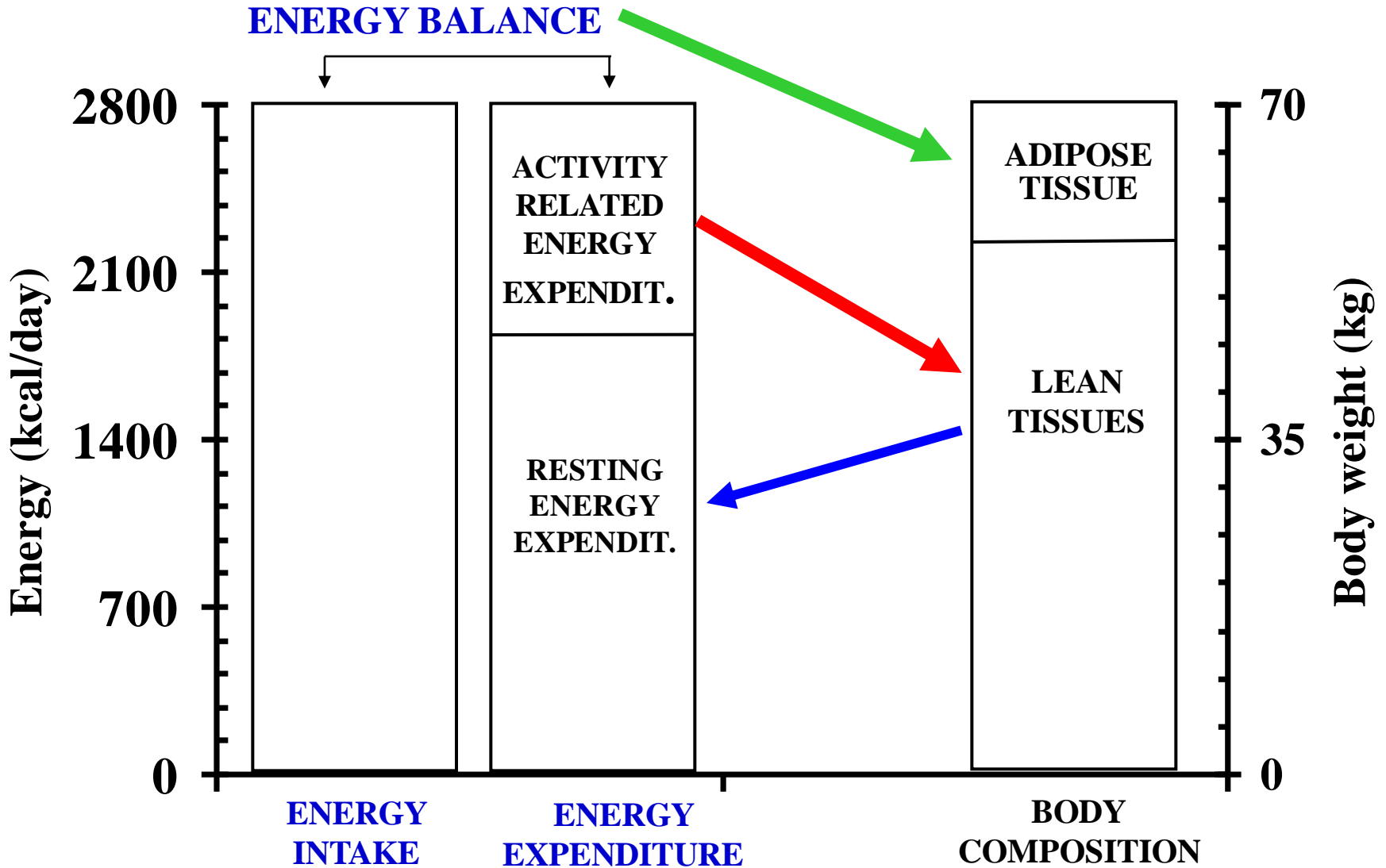
**POSITIVE
ENERGY
BALANCE**

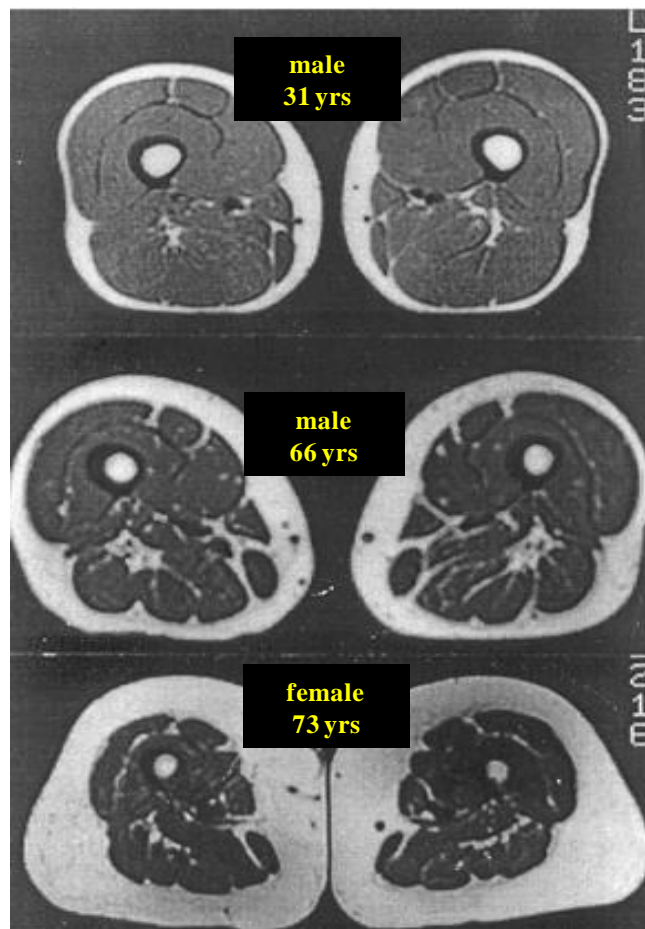
**MUSCLE
ATROPHY**

**INFLAMMATION
REDOX UNBALANCE**



ENERGY METABOLISM AND BODY COMPOSITION



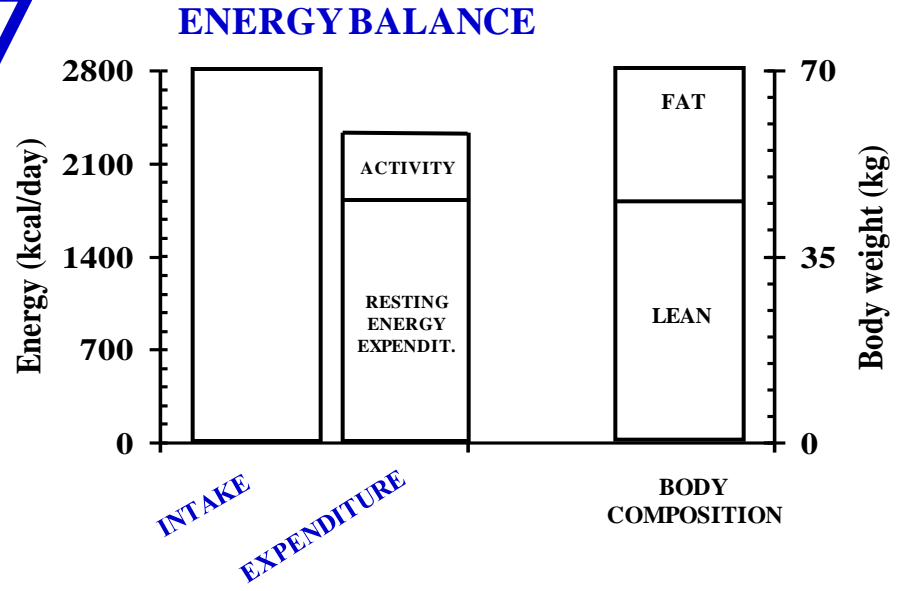
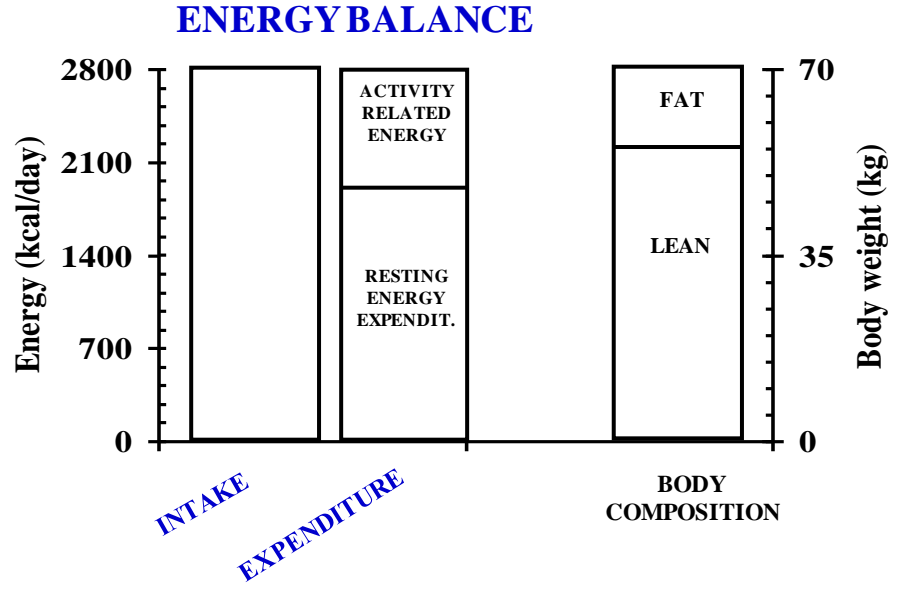


male
31 yrs

male
66 yrs

female
73 yrs

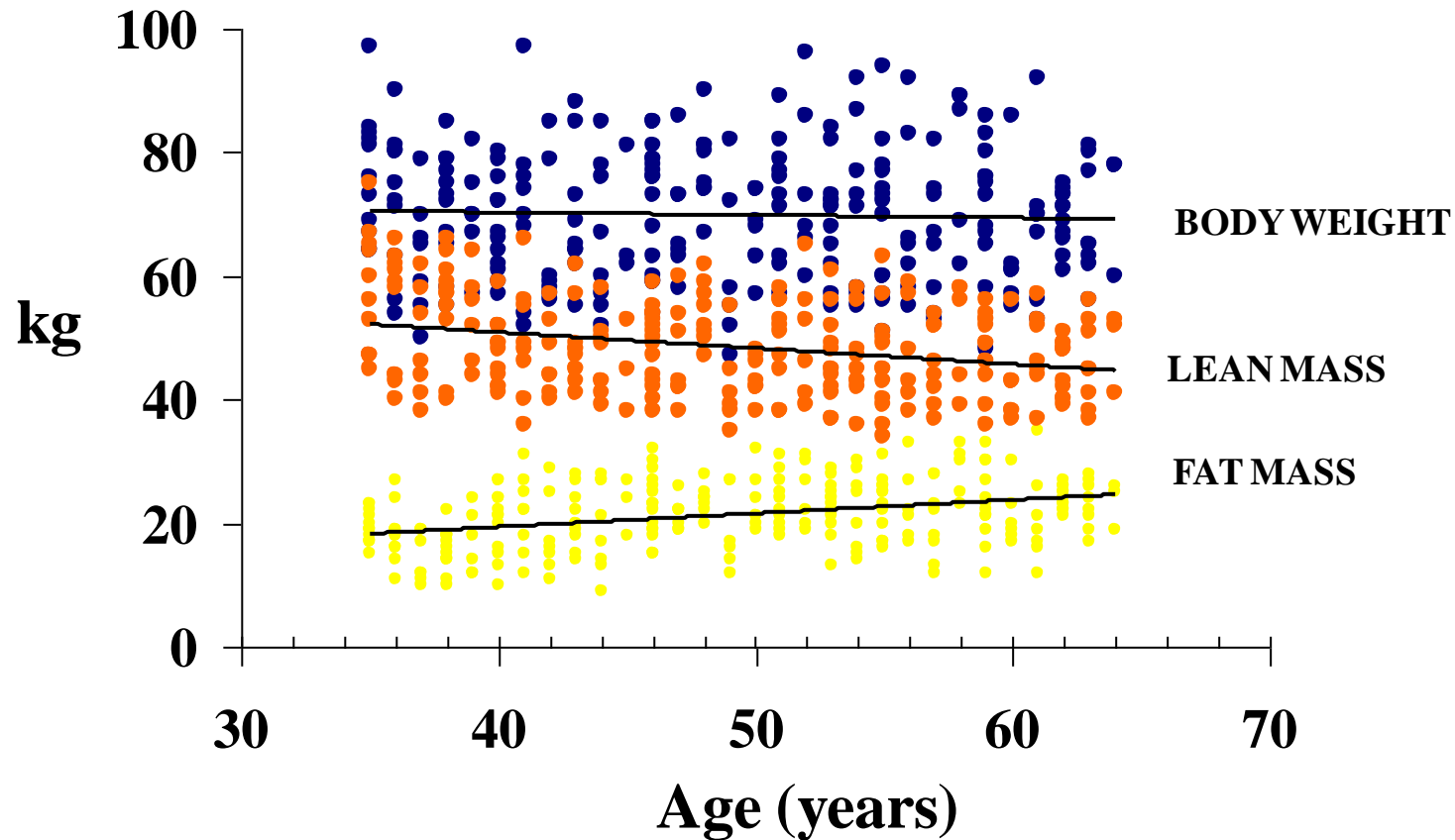
**MUSCLE DEPLETION
&
INCREASED FAT MASS**



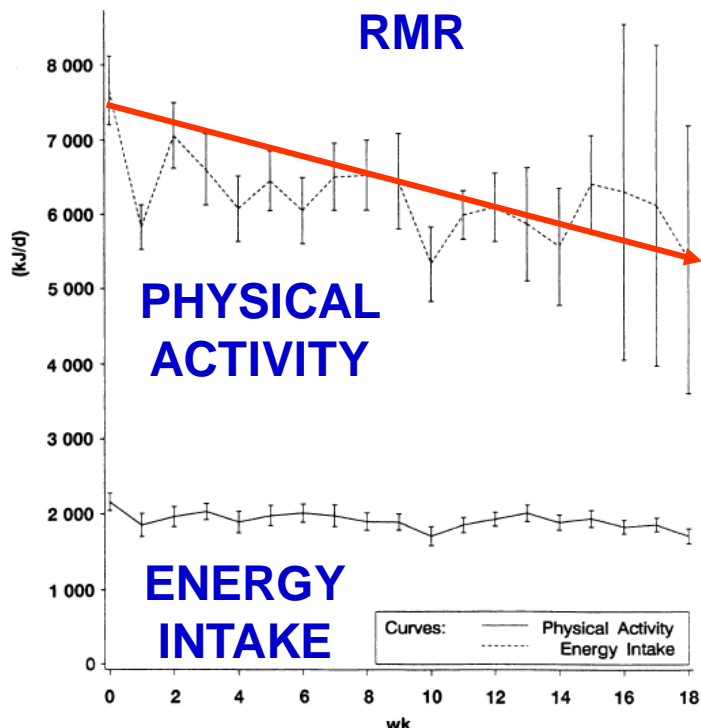
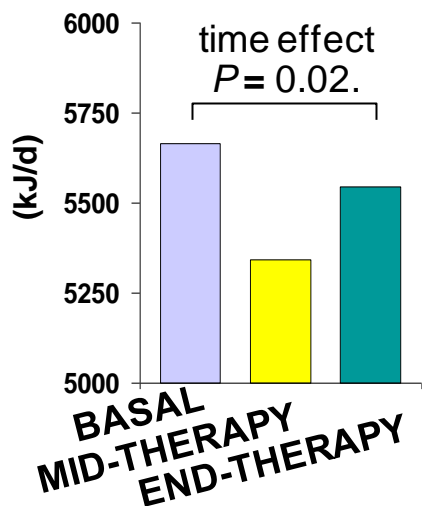
CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY

252 healthy subjects with normal body mass index, 35 to 65 years

BODY WEIGHT AND COMPOSITION



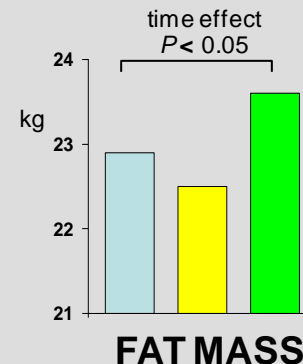
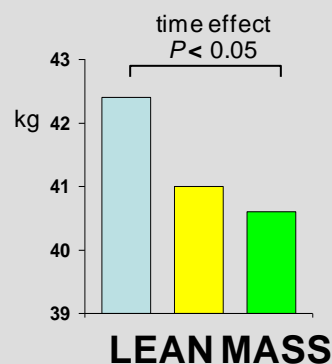
Reduced rates of metabolism and decreased physical activity in breast cancer patients receiving adjuvant chemotherapy¹⁻³ *Am J Clin Nutr* 1997;65:1495-501



REDUCED ENERGY REQUIREMENT IN CANCER PATIENTS

Weight and Body Composition Changes during and after Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Women with Breast Cancer

J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2004



**ENERGY
EXPENDITURE**

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**ENERGY
REQUIREMENT**

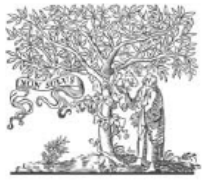
- **Indirect calorimetry (O₂ consumption)**
- **Equations**
 - based on
 - **Body weight**
 - **Body composition (proportional to lean mass)**
 - **Correction factors for physical activity**
 - **Correction factors for degree of systemic inflammation activation**



ESPEN GUIDELINES

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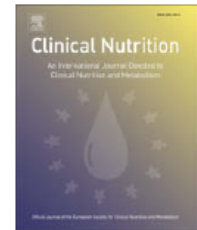


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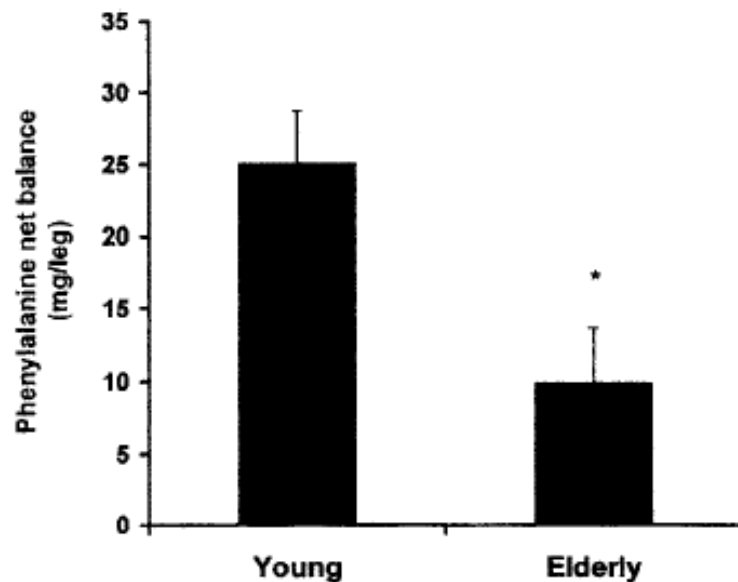
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Aging is associated with diminished accretion of muscle proteins after the ingestion of a small bolus of essential amino acids¹⁻³

Christos S Katsanos, Hisamine Kobayashi, Melinda Sheffield-Moore, Asle Aarland, and Robert R Wolfe

Am J Clin Nutr 2005;82:1065-73.



**ANABOLIC
RESISTANCE
OF AGEING**

FIGURE 5. Mean (\pm SEM) leg phenylalanine net balance 3.5 h after the ingestion of essential amino acids calculated by measuring the area under the phenylalanine net balance response curve (in the calculations, basal net balance was taken as zero) in the elderly ($n = 11$) and the young ($n = 8$). Data were analyzed with a t test. *Significantly different from the young, $P = 0.010$.

RAPID REPORT

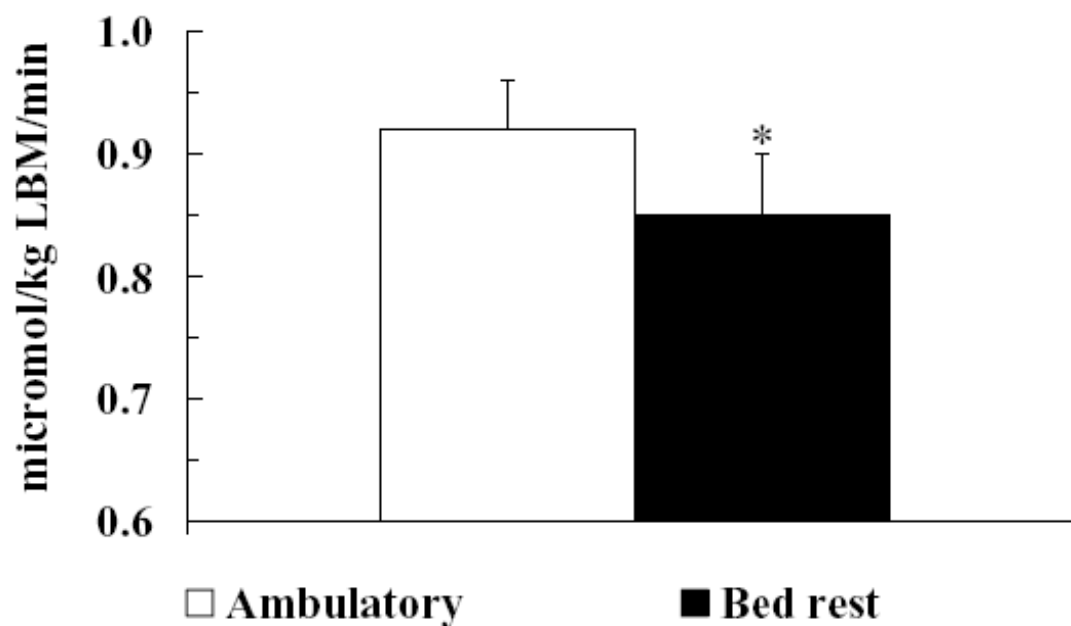
Short-term bed rest impairs amino acid-induced protein anabolism in humans

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**ANABOLIC
RESISTANCE**



**INCREASED
PROTEIN REQUIREMENT**

- **INACTIVITY**
- **AGEING**
- **ACUTE AND CHRONIC DISEASE STATES
WITH ACTIVATION OF SYSTEMIC
INFLAMMATION**



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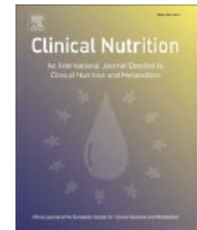


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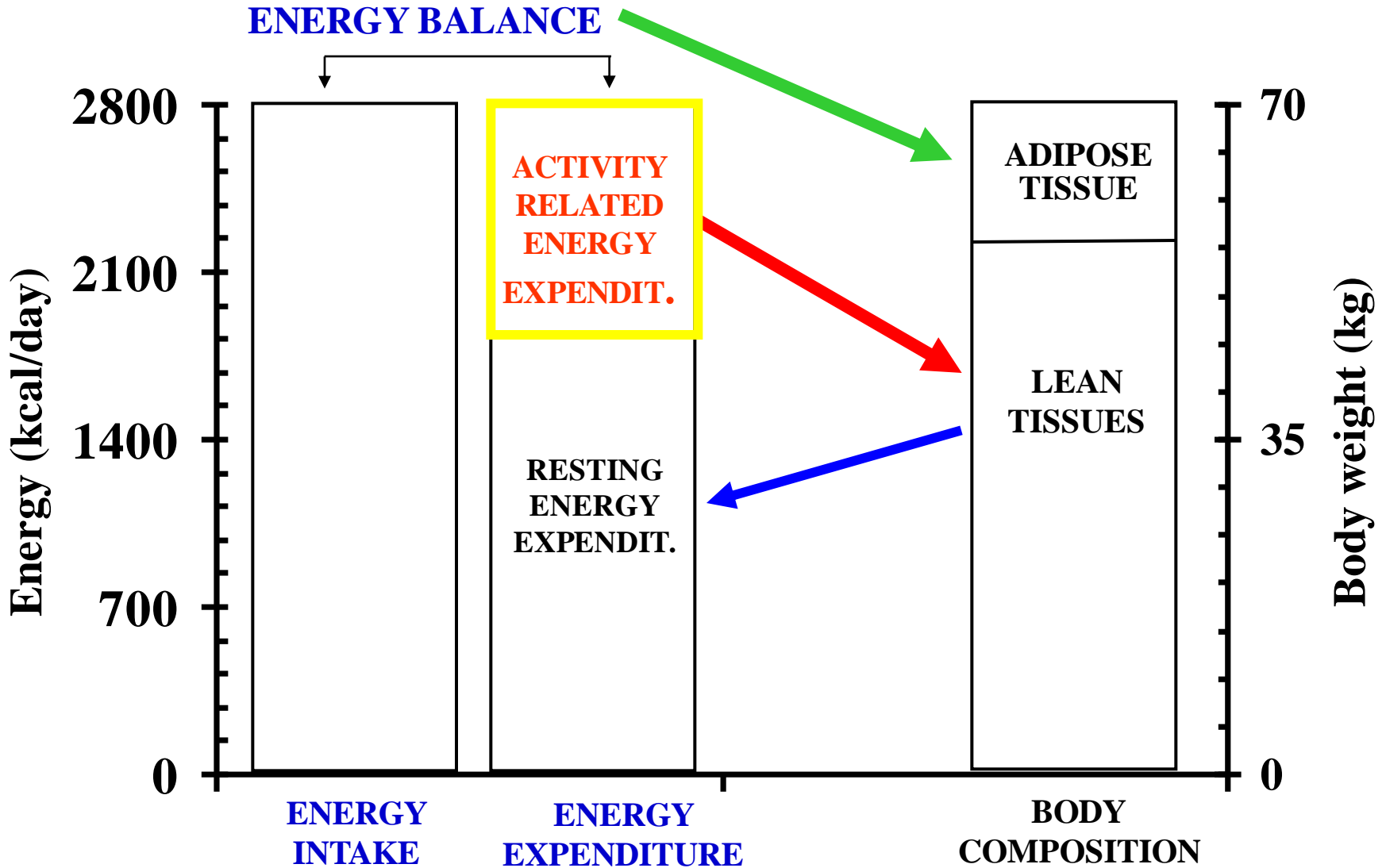


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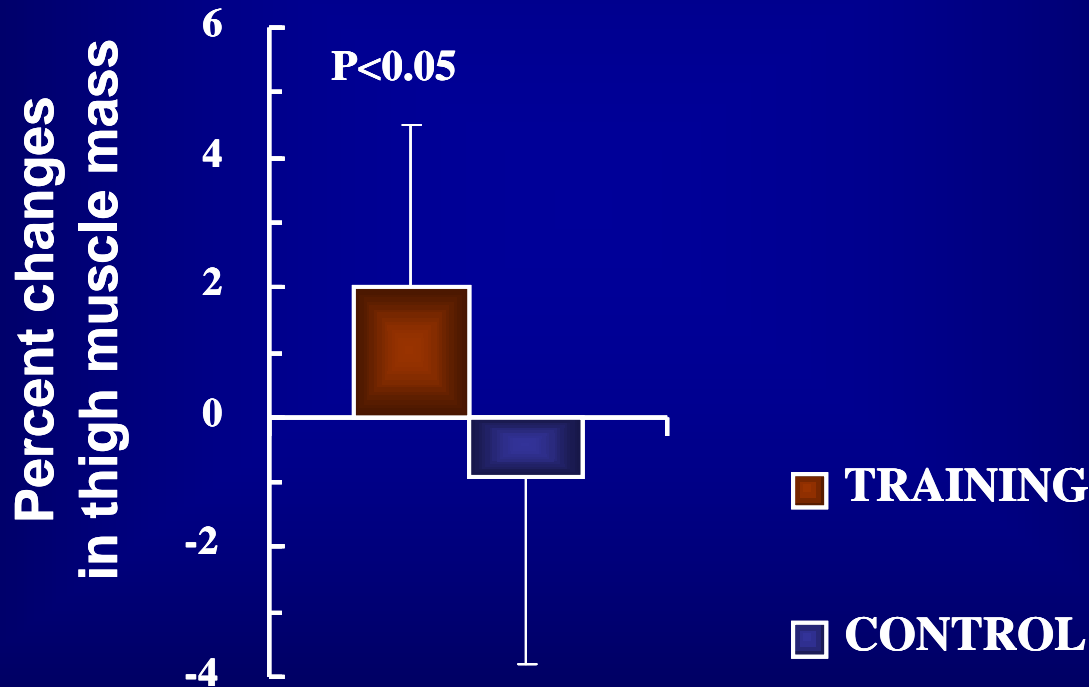
ENERGY METABOLISM AND BODY COMPOSITION



Exercise Training for Physical Frailty in Very Elderly People

Fiatarone et al., New Engl J Med 1994

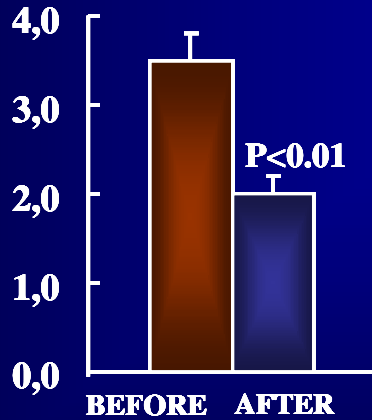
Randomized, placebo -controlled trial. 100 frail nursing home residents.
Progressive resistance exercise training over a 10 -week period.



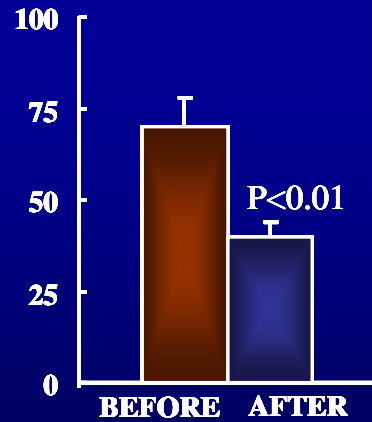
RESISTANCE EXERCISE TRAINING DECREASES SKELETAL MUSCLE TNF- α IN FRAIL ELDERLY HUMANS

Greive et al., The FASEB Journal 2001

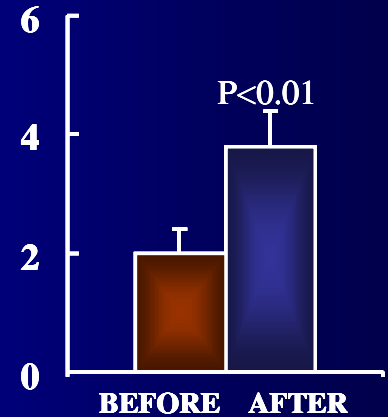
TNF- α protein content (pg/mg)



TNF- α mRNA (arbitrary units)



Protein synthesis rate (g/h)





Regular Physical Activity Modifies Smoking-related Lung Function Decline and Reduces Risk of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

A Population-based Cohort Study

	Active Smokers (<i>n</i> = 3,654) [§]	
	Coefficient (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value
Physical activity		
Low (reference)	-20.3	
Moderate	2.6 (-1.0 to 6.2)	0.159
High	4.8 (1.3 to 8.3)	0.008
<i>P</i> for linear trend		0.006

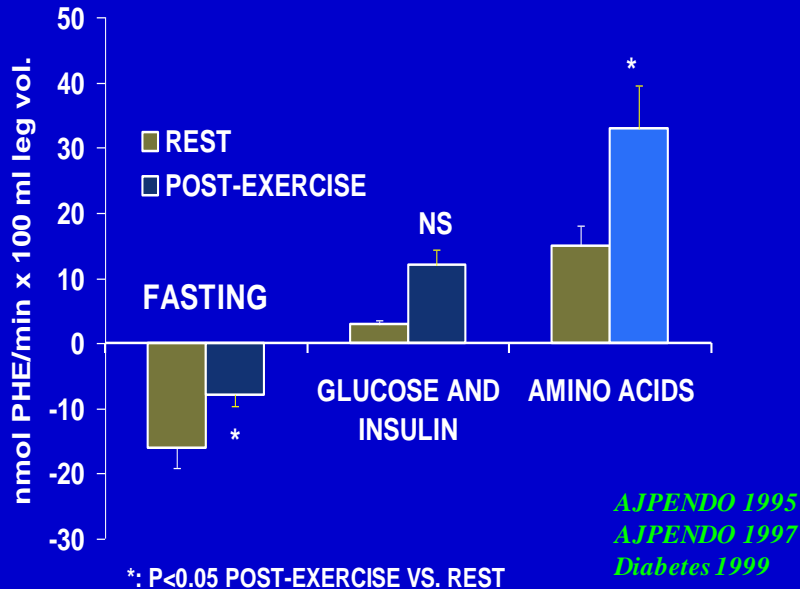
AVERAGE ANNUAL CHANGE IN FEV₁ (ML/YR) IN THE LOW PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GROUP, AND ADDITIONAL RELATIVE CHANGE[†] (95% CI) IN THE MODERATE AND HIGH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GROUPS (LINEAR REGRESSION MODEL)

ANABOLIC SENSITIVITY AND RESISTANCE IN EXERCISE AND BED REST

EXERCISE

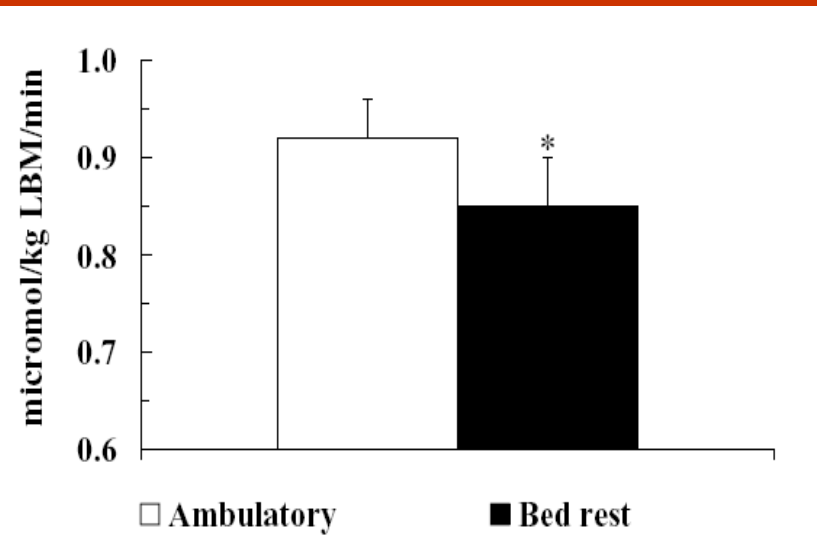
BED REST

MUSCLE PROTEIN BALANCE



SHORT-TERM BED REST IMPAIRS AMINO ACID-INDUCED PROTEIN ANABOLISM IN HUMANS

J Physiol 2004



Protein-containing nutrient supplementation following strength training enhances the effect on muscle mass, strength, and bone formation in postmenopausal women

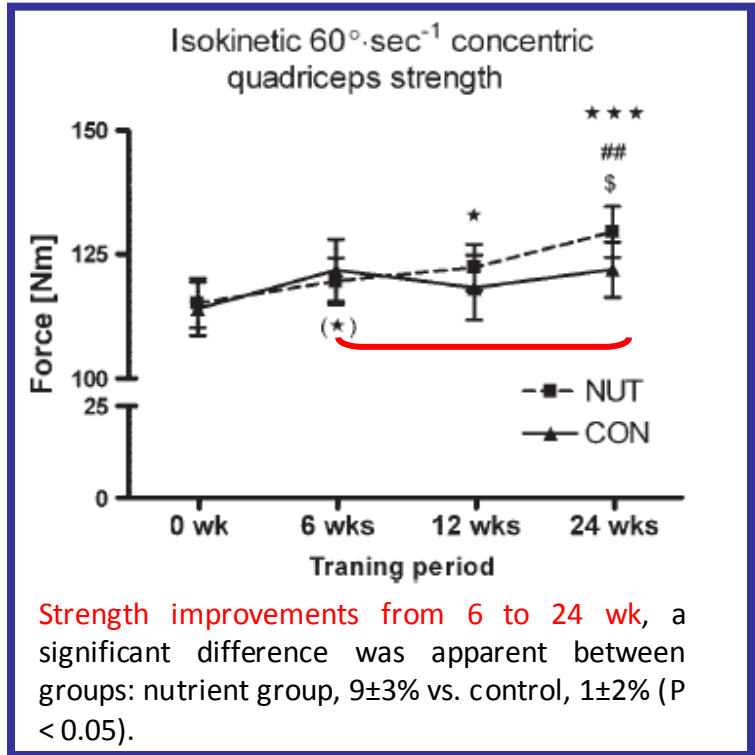
J Appl Physiol 105: 274–281, 2008.

Table 4. Bone mineral density

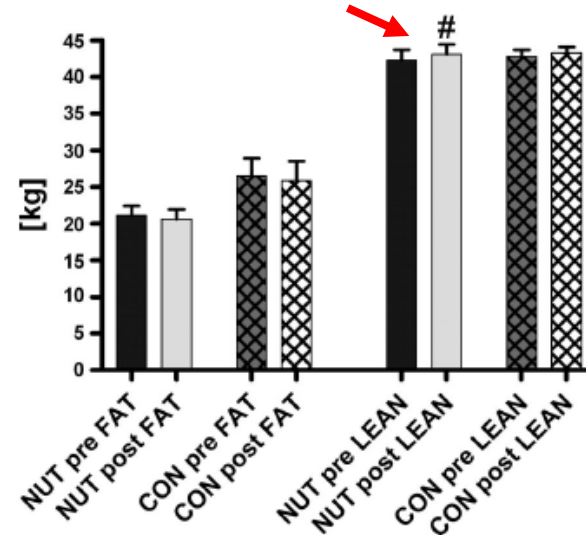
	Control Group	Nutrient Group
Total BMD, g/mm ³		
0 wk	1.117±0.022	1.113±0.027
24 wk	1.122±0.023	1.116±0.027
Femoral neck BMD, g/mm ³		
0 wk	0.943±0.028	0.953±0.051
24 wk	0.930±0.024	0.978±0.043
L2–L4 BMD, g/mm ³		
0 wk	1.043±0.032	1.084±0.053
24 wk	1.068±0.038*	1.108±0.049*

Values are means ± SE of bone mineral density (BMD) at whole body, femoral neck, and lumbar spine (L2–L4). **P* < 0.05 compared with 0 wk.

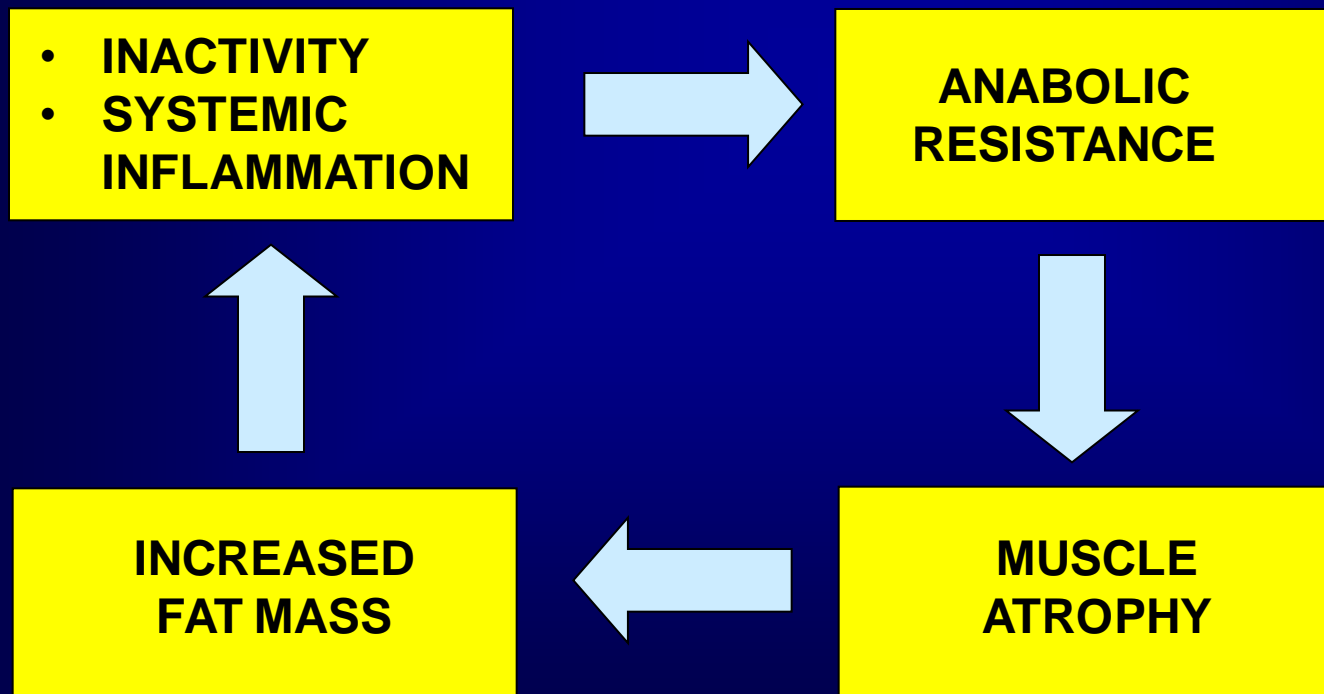
Adjusting for covariates (age at inclusion, BMI at inclusion, and BMD of the femoral neck at inclusion) a significant (*P* < 0.05) difference was seen in the response to training between the two groups.



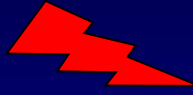
Weight of body compartments



METABOLIC VICIOUS CYCLE IN AGEING AND CHRONIC DISEASES



**PROTEIN
INTAKE**

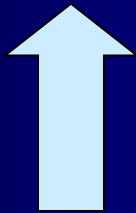


**EXERCISE
+
ENERGY BALANCE**

- **INACTIVITY**
- **SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATION**



**ANABOLIC
RESISTANCE**



**INCREASED
FAT MASS**



**MUSCLE
ATROPHY**

