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# Unwrapping the power of food : Keep It Simple (KISS)

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# Nutrition and hydration: Part of your performance puzzle?



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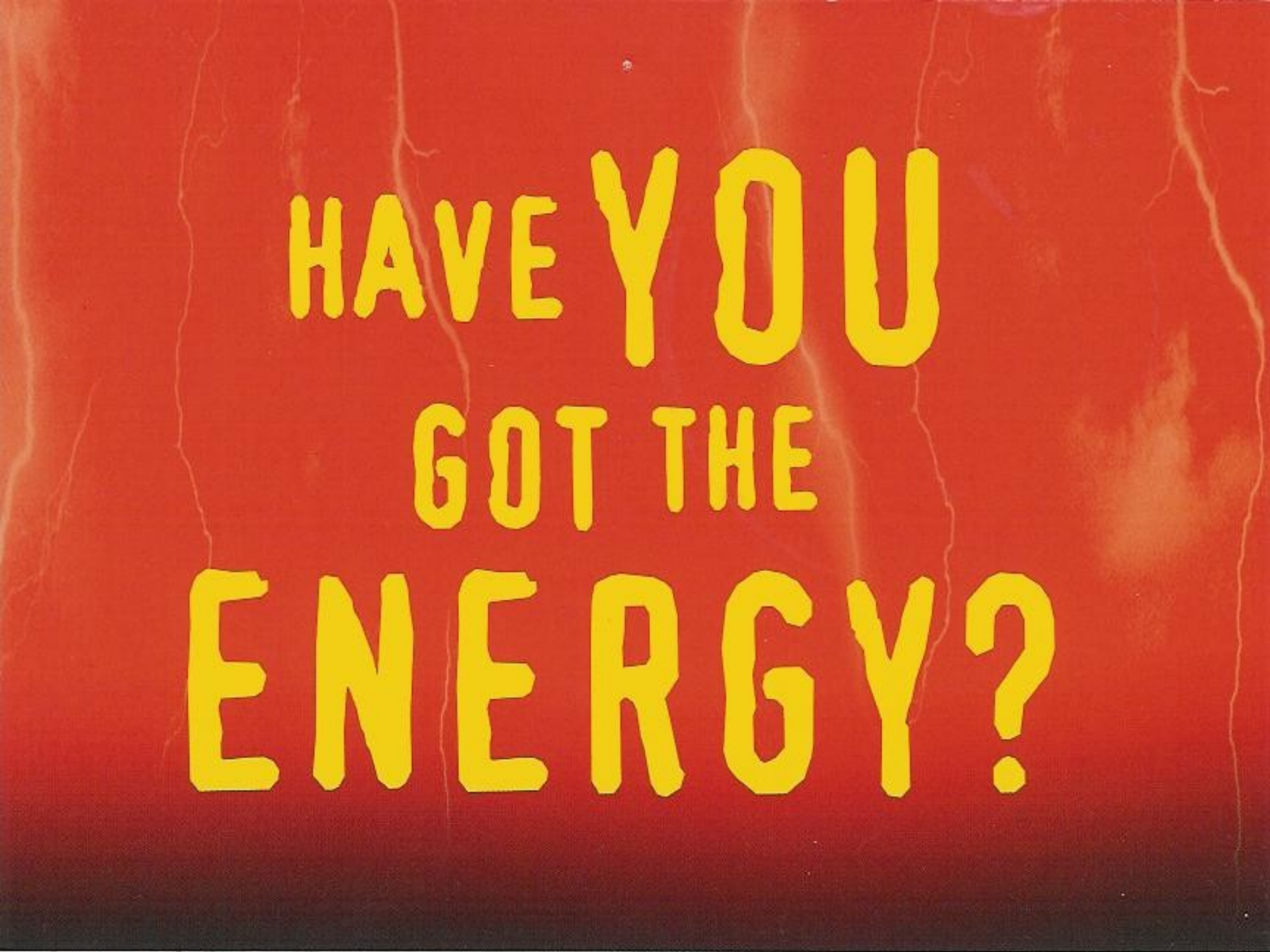


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HAVE YOU  
GOT THE  
ENERGY?

# Sports Nutrition???



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- The main aim is to allow athletes to train and compete as well as possible while providing enough nutrients for daily life.
- It can mean different things to different people depending on requirements, training status, underlying medical issues.

# Impact of Nutrition



## Focus

- **Athlete wellness** – strong immunity, reduced risk of injury and fatigue
- **Athlete performance** – fuel to train and perform, delay fatigue, enhance recovery
- **Athlete rehabilitation** – optimal healing and recovery from injury

## Performance Impact

- Less training and competitive time lost to illness
- Supports optimal physical adaptations from training programmes
- Accelerated return to training

# Different things different athletes



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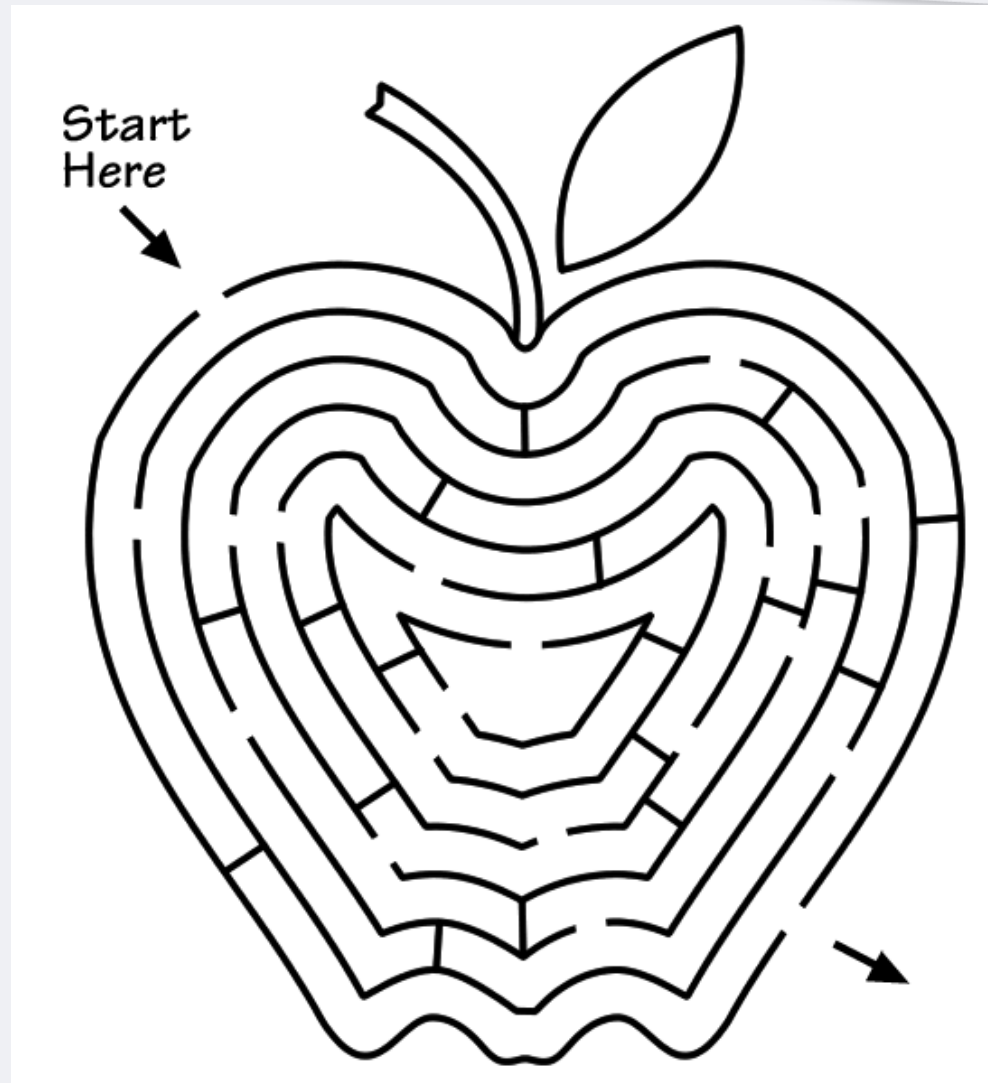


# Eating and drinking: what should you do



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# Lots of buzz areas out there



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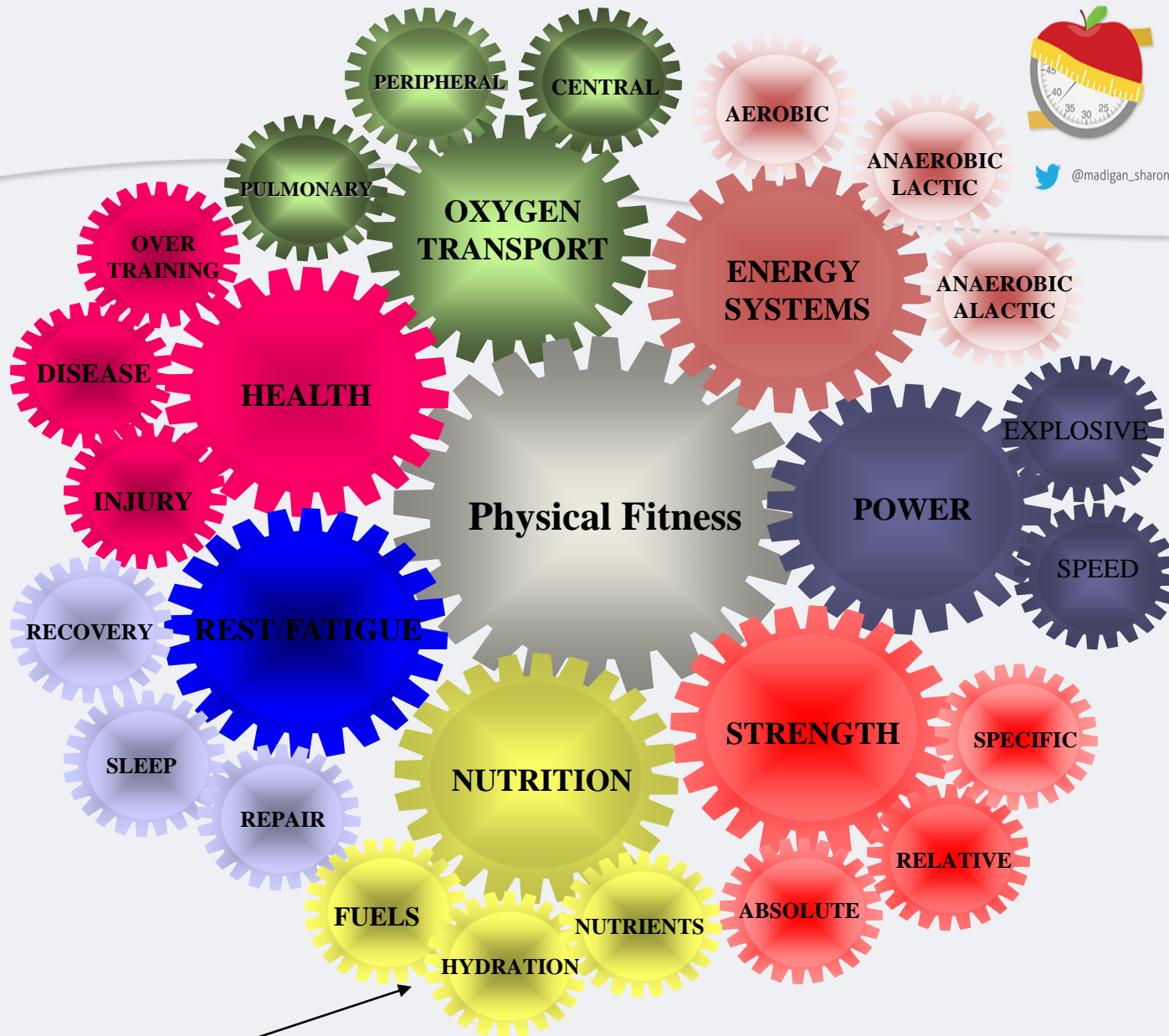
SUGAR

Vs

FAT

PALEO





Critical to health, growth and athletic Performance!

# What are the problem areas?



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- Not enough calories for the training load
- Too many calories: the scales are not balanced?
- Too much fat and sugar.
  - Types of fat.
- Too much salt.
- Alcohol?
- Weekends
- Eating out
- Drinks

# Quantity of food needs to reflect how much you are doing



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# Different requirements



# The energy equation



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- “Energy balance” is the relationship between “energy in” (food calories taken into the body through food and drink) and “energy out” (calories being used in the body for our daily energy requirements).
- We often find it difficult to balance this!

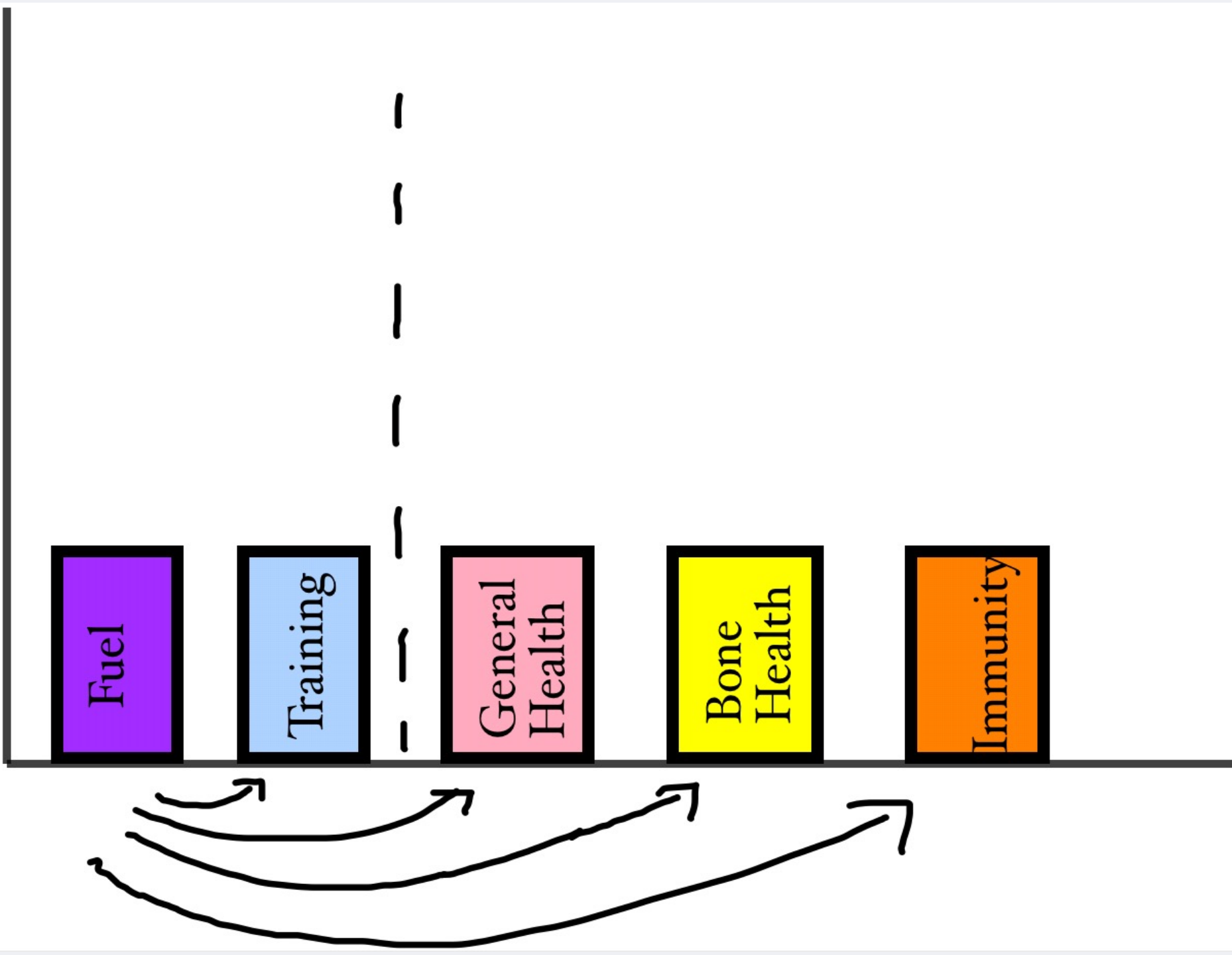


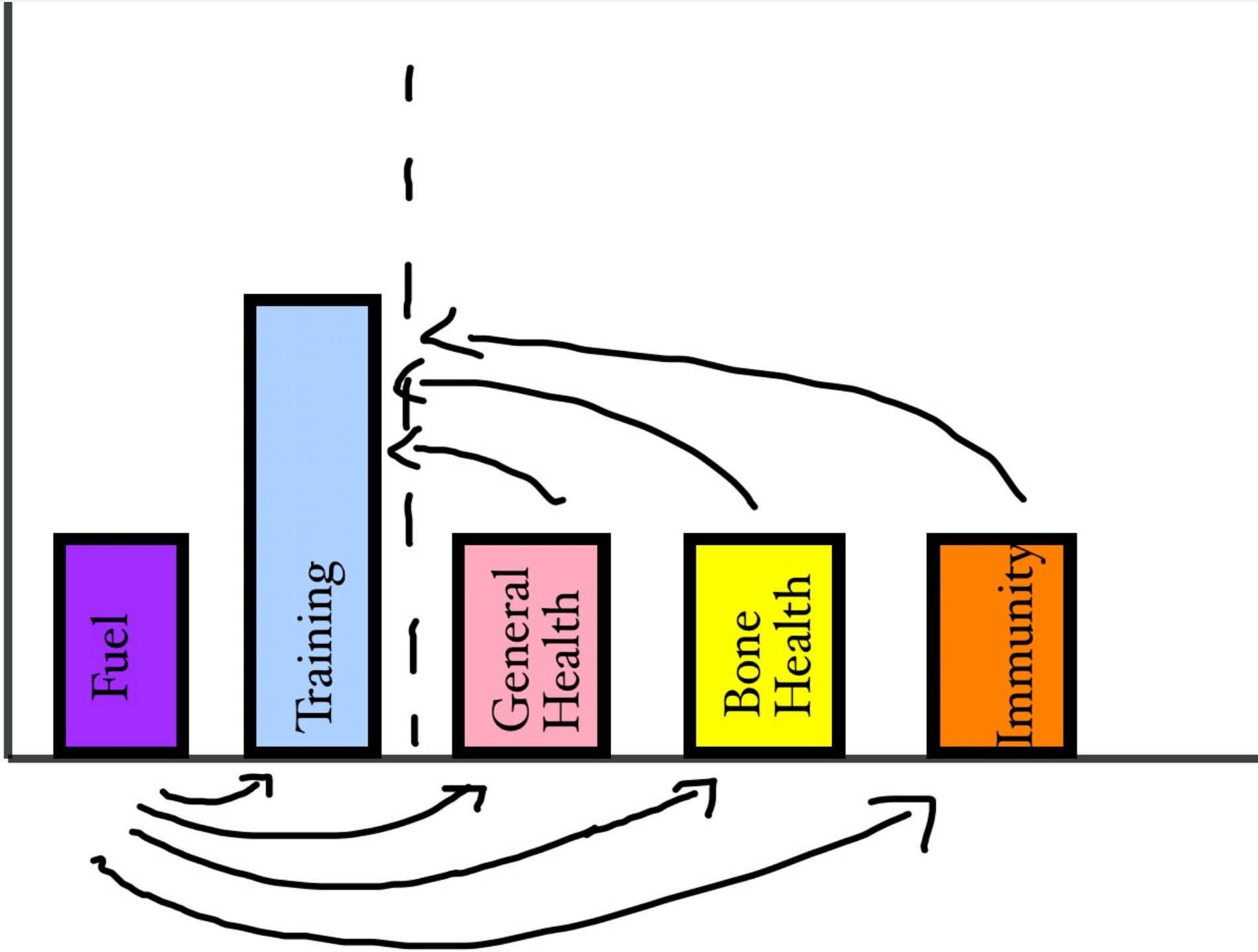
# Energy restriction and athletes

- Weight loss (fat) in the main can occur if done well.
- Often high training loads and energy restriction result in no changes in weight and there can be losses in muscle mass.
- Have seen significant increases in calorie and energy intakes resulting in weight loss:
  - Consistent and increased intensity in training
  - Less days lost to sickness which allows better training.

# Negative health effects of long term energy imbalance

- Low available energy and osteopenia, amenorrhea (female athlete triad)
- Drop in metabolic rate, reduced T3
- Risk of injury
- Abnormal bloods and increase in days sick (uRTI, anaemia)
- Cardiovascular changes : low blood pressure, low pulse, hypoglycemia
- Gastrointestinal symptoms
- Elevation in cholesterol
- Impaired sleep, fatigue, depression





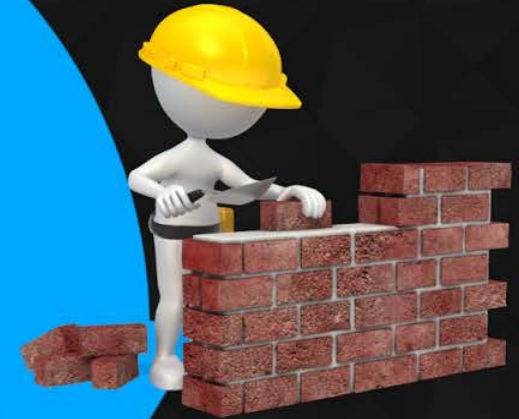
# THE 4 R'S OF RECOVERY

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## Refuel



## Repair

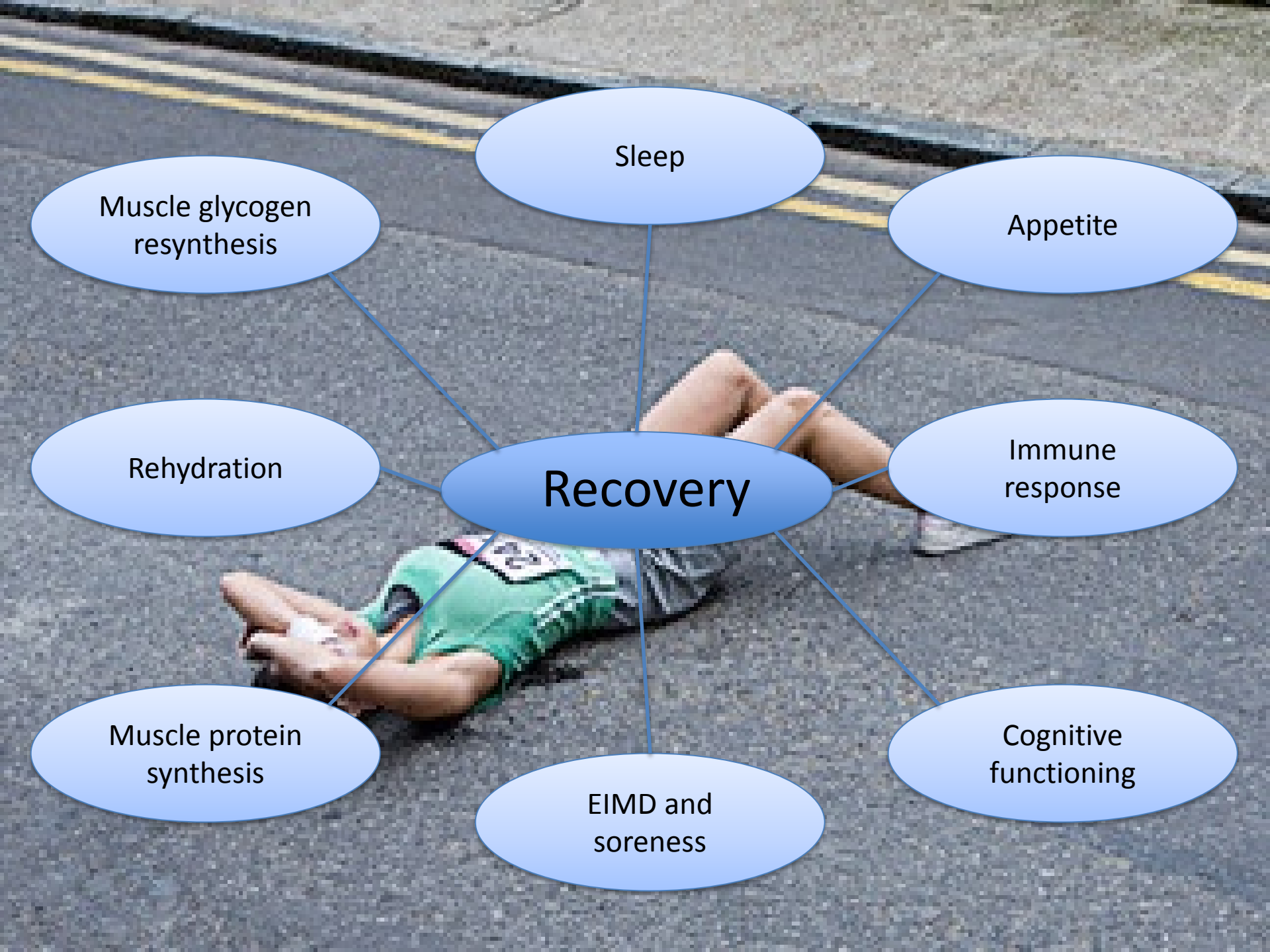


# THE 4R's

## Rehydrate

## Relax





Sleep

Appetite

Muscle glycogen resynthesis

Immune response

Recovery

Rehydration

Cognitive functioning

EIMD and soreness

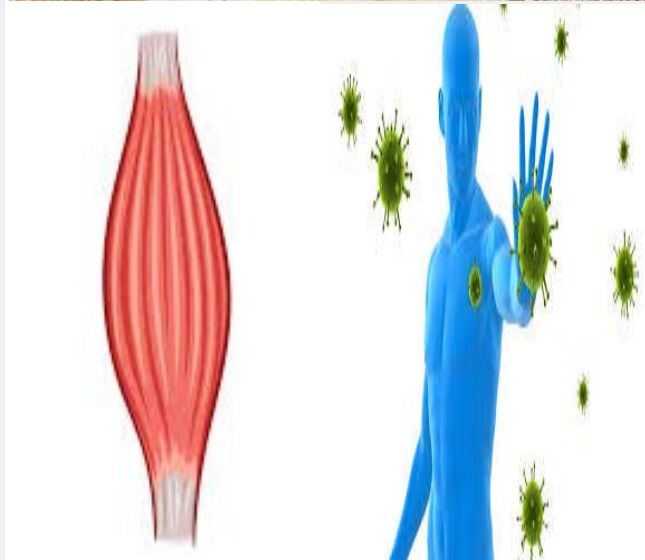
Muscle protein synthesis

# The post-exercise meal



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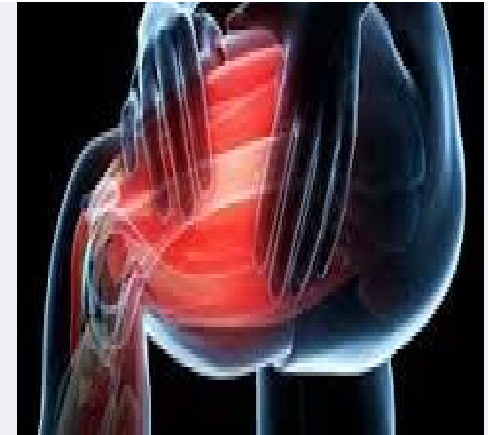
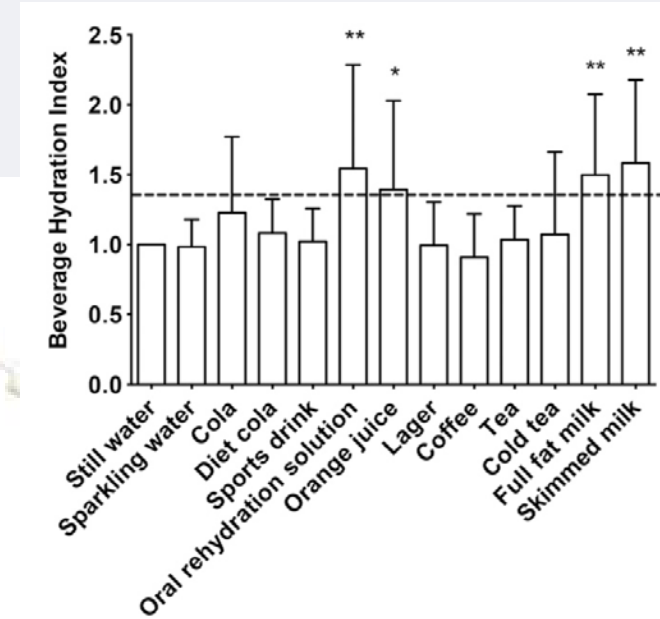


# Dairy and exercise recovery



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# Recovery from endurance exercise

- Studies have reported improved endurance capacity following milk-based products consumed during a short term recovery period (Thomas et al. 2009, Ferguson-Stegall et al. 2011)

European Journal of Clinical Nutrition  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41430-018-0187-x>

REVIEW ARTICLE



## Chocolate milk for recovery from exercise: a systematic review and meta-analysis of controlled clinical trials

Mojgan Amiri<sup>1,2</sup> · Reza Ghiasvand<sup>3,4</sup> · Mojtaba Kaviani<sup>5</sup> · Scott C. Forbes<sup>6</sup> · Amin Salehi-Abargouei <sup>1,2</sup>

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# Pre-sleep protein and recovery



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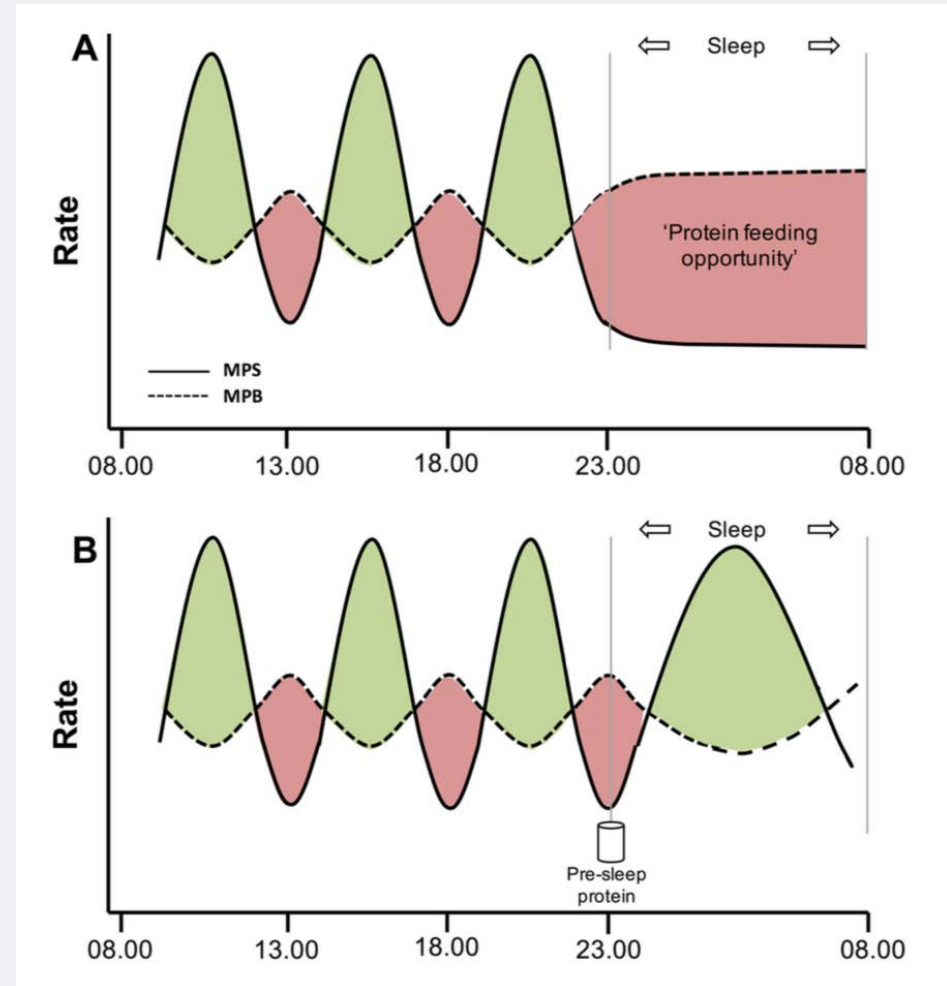
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Protein ingested prior to sleep is effectively digested and absorbed and thereby stimulates muscle protein synthesis rates during overnight recovery.



# What is Energy Availability?

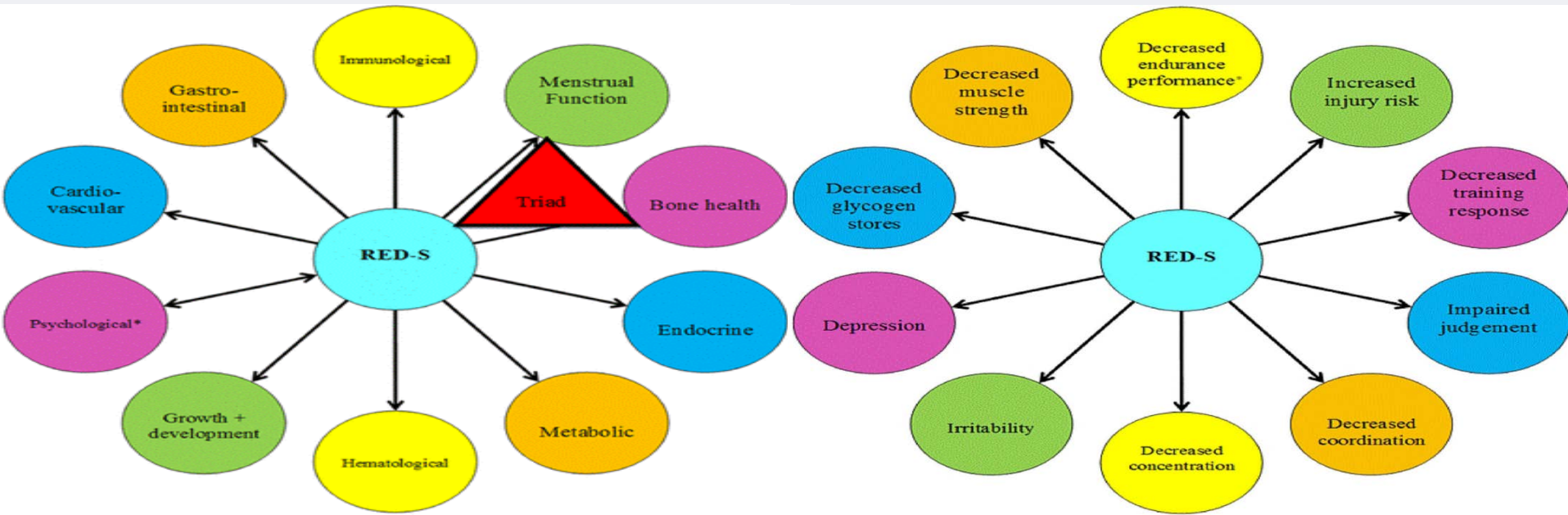
## Energy Availability (EA)

The amount of energy needed to optimally fuel your bodily functions **after** you subtract out the calories (energy) used during exercise

Low Energy Availability (LEA)  
**Insufficient** energy for normal body functioning

## LEA/RED-S Impact

Athletes present with **different** signs and symptoms



# > Calculating energy availability



$$(EI - EEE) / \text{kg FFM}$$

**EI** = Dietary intake

**EEE** = Exercise Energy Expenditure

**FFM** = Fat Free Mass (body composition assessment needed)

2000 kcal/day

800 kcal/day “x2 intensive training sessions”


FFM (60 kg with body fat @ 20% = 60 (BW) - 12 (FM) = 48 kg (FFM))

$$(2000 - 800) / 48 \text{ kg FFM}$$

**25 kcal/kg energy availability**

# Aim: to determine risk of LEA in active females in Ireland

- Insert details.
- Method:
- Online questionnaire



**Health and Performance Survey**

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An Chomhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn

A research group at University College Dublin in collaboration with Sport Ireland and the Irish Research Council are investigating the health and performance of active females in Ireland.

Some of the key factors considered to impact health and performance are injuries, illnesses and menstrual function.

There is limited research in this area from an Irish perspective, therefore we are conducting an online survey-based study which will take 10 minutes to complete.

**You can participate if you are:**

1. 18 years or older from the island of Ireland
2. Currently exercising
3. Not pregnant
4. **Not** suffering from any known chronic illness
5. Not menopausal

# Results:

International

162

Provincial/County

155

Competitive in Sport

281

Recreational

235



# Low energy availability risk in Ireland

40%



# What's the risk?

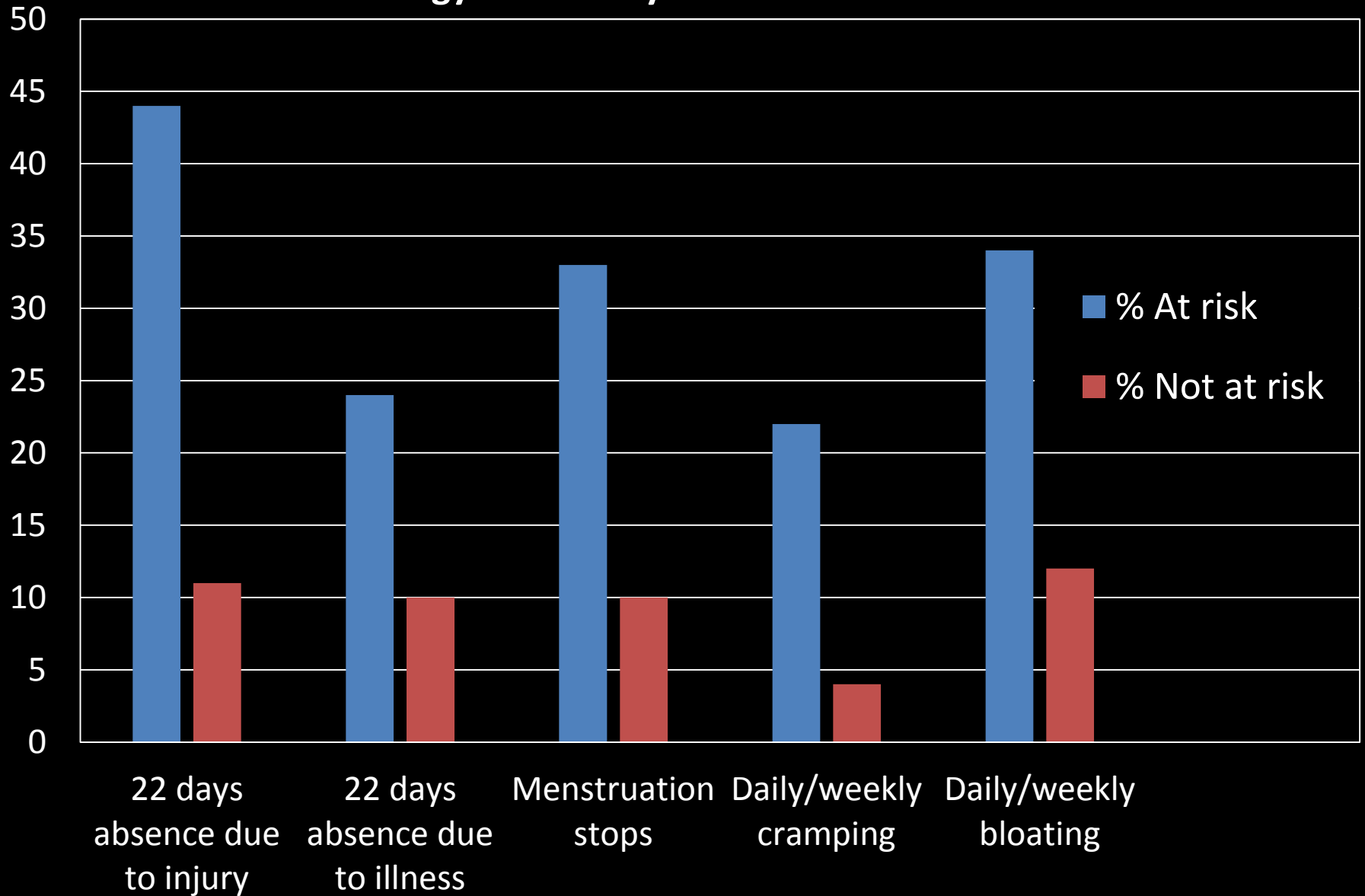


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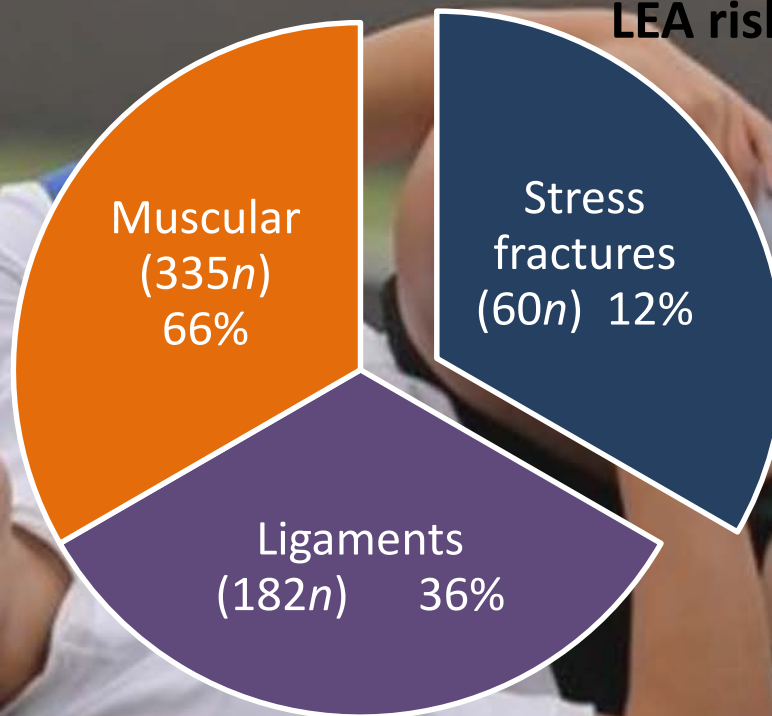
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# Low energy availability risk and health outcomes



## Types of Injuries reported:



LEA risk (46n) vs not at risk (14n)

# Risk of LEA in active Irish Females

Article Title: Screening for risk of low energy availability in athletic and recreationally active females in Ireland

Manuscript DOI: [10.1080/17461391.2018.1526973](https://doi.org/10.1080/17461391.2018.1526973)

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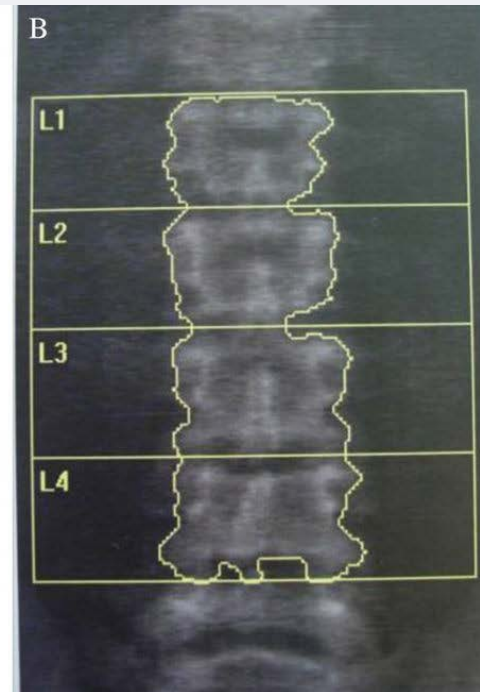
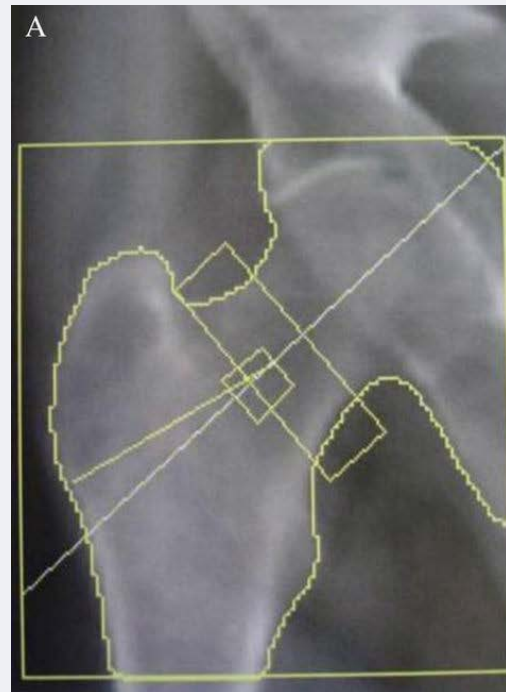
# Case History

- Elite endurance athlete
- Presented at 32years.
- Stress fracture of one foot previous season and then presents with new issue on other foot.

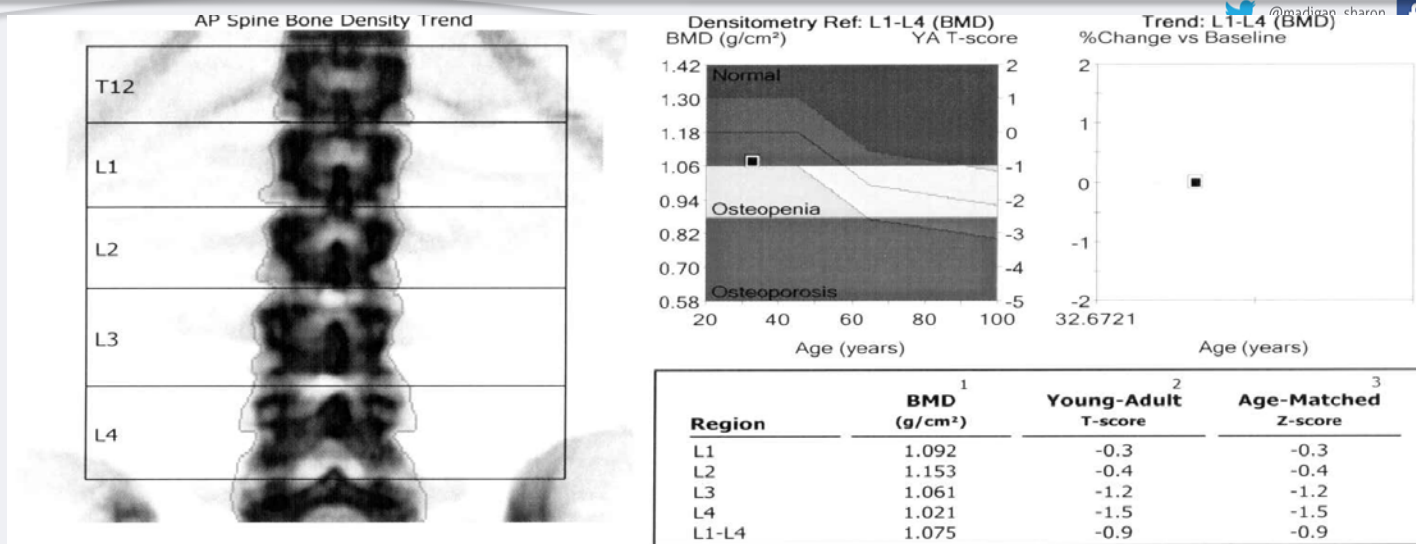


# Investigations -

- Blood tests
- Medical screen
- Physio screen and rehab
- DEXA
- Nutritional assessment
- Team and athlete interaction / discussion



# Case History



**DEXA 2011 NORMAL AND 2013 OSTEOPENIA IDENTIFIED**

Measured Date	Trend: L1-L4		Change vs Previous	
	Age (years)	BMD <sup>1</sup> (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Previous (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Previous (%)
18/02/2013	32.6	1.075	-	-

Body Fat % =  
**10.2%**

COMMENTS:

Image not for diagnosis

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18.9:%Fat=10.2%  
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1 - Statistically 68% of repeat scans fall within 1SD ( $\pm 0.010$  g/cm<sup>2</sup> for AP Spine L1-L4)

2 - UK (ages 20-40) AP Spine Reference Population (v112)

3 - Matched for Age, Ethnic

11 - World Health Organization - Definition of Osteoporosis and Osteopenia for Caucasian Women:  
Normal = T-score at or above -1.0 SD; Osteopenia = T-score between -1.0 and -2.5 SD;  
Osteoporosis = T-score at or below -2.5 SD; (WHO definitions only apply when a young healthy Caucasian Women reference database is used to determine T-scores.)



# Nutrition Assessment



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- Athlete was eating well below her requirements, particularly as she is engaging in 60-120 minutes of moderate intensity exercise everyday – erg, Xtrainer, cycle commute.
- Her energy intake is 52% of requirement and while her protein intake is within recommendations, her carbohydrate intake is only 205g and her fat intake was very low at 39g. This would explain the macronutrient deficits highlights in her abnormal biochemistry results and low body fat on DEXA. She is also at significant risk of menstrual irregularity though denied this initially.
- Both Calcium and Vit D were also lower than recommended and this again would link to the recent occurrence of osteopenia.
- This restrictive dietary intake is for the purpose of intentional weight loss. Her weight has reduced from 62kg to 60.9kg since DEXA in previous month.
- The athlete is concerned a prolonged period of reduced running will cause weight gain hampering a return to competition. However she does not use any objective means of weight monitoring such as a scales and so could not give any accurate history of reported weight fluctuations since becoming injured. Her goal weight is <57kg though her body fat was 10.2% at last DEXA.



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# WHY SIMPLE WORKS?



# Athlete case study



- Frequently sick
- Unable to sustain intensity in training for lengthy periods of time
- History of Injury

**DAY 2**

7.40 AM

GET UP

8.00 AM

Water

USN Whey Protein

Poliquin Complete Multi 2.0

Nordic Naturals Pro Omega D

Kiki Antioxidant Extreme

Muesli

Milk

Orange Juice +

Jarrow Formulas Super Green Foods Green Defence Powder

Boiled Egg

Brown Wholegrain Roll

250ml

1 Scoop

2 Caps

2 Caps

1 Cap

1 Very small bowl

Enough for cereal

1 Small Glass

1 Scoop/serve

1

1 Small

Water sipped through session

400ml

9.00 AM Aerobic Loops  
80 mins inc warm up

10.30 AM

Water

USN Whey Protein

Lactobin N Colostrum

White bread roll

Banana

Dried berries

250 ml

1 Scoop

10g

1 small

1 small

small handful

11.10 AM

Chocolate sweets - Kinder choc balls

4

12.10 PM

Water

Brazil Nuts

300ml

5 or 6.

12.45 PM

NAP for 50 mins.

13.50 PM

Brown Wholegrain Seeded Roll

Boiled Egg

Sausage Pate

Muller milk Cocunut Milk Drink

1

1

very small

400 ml

2.40 PM

Caffeine Gum

Water

1 Piece

200 ml

2.50 PM Technique Training  
100mins inc warm up

4.40 PM

Water

USN Whey Protein

Banana

Dried berries

250 ml

1 scoop

1

handful

6.30 PM

Salted wholegrain Pretzel sl (snacking for 1 hour)

90 grams

7.20 PM Physio Exercises  
40 mins

Shower - Armband off.

8.30 PM

Vietnamese Curry with Vegetables + Beef

Boiled Rice

Apfelschorle -(55% Apple Juice 45 % mineral water)

normal dinner size

Cupful

400 ml

10.45 PM

Poliquin Uber Lysine

2 Caps

11.00 PM

IN BED

# What changes were made?



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- Timing of food intake
- Not eating enough for training

# Example:



- Average 3 training sessions in a 15hr period.
- Could do 5 in a 30hr period.
- Habitual low ferritin (storage form of Iron)
- Lots of colds and flu
- Then started to pick up lots of Injurys!
- Sample of pre intakes and post food intakes

<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Calories</b>	<b>Carbs</b>	<b>Fat</b>	<b>Protein</b>	<b>Sodium</b>	<b>Sugar</b>
Flahavan's Irish - Porridge Oats 30 g, 60 g	232	0	0	0	0	0
Bee Products Active - *Manuka Honey, 1 tbsp=30 g	102	25	0	0	5	25
Raspberries - Raw, 1 cup	64	15	1	1	1	5
<b>Quick Tools</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Calories</b>	<b>Carbs</b>	<b>Fat</b>	<b>Protein</b>	<b>Sodium</b>	<b>Sugar</b>
Homemade - Chicken Curry With White Rice, 1 plate	577	69	13	36	44	14
Bread - Spelt Bread, 2 slice	106	18	3	3	183	1
<b>Quick Tools</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Calories</b>	<b>Carbs</b>	<b>Fat</b>	<b>Protein</b>	<b>Sodium</b>	<b>Sugar</b>
Chicken - Breast, meat and skin, cooked, roasted, 1 cup, chopped or diced	276	0	11	42	99	0
Potatos - Roast -, 1 cup	189	25	9	3	128	1
Homemade - Roasted Winter Vegetables - Squash, Parsnip, Turnip, Carrots, Sweet Potatoe, Olive Oil and Parsley, 1 cup	189	30	7	3	490	0
<b>Quick Tools</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Snacks</b>	<b>Calories</b>	<b>Carbs</b>	<b>Fat</b>	<b>Protein</b>	<b>Sodium</b>	<b>Sugar</b>
Lidl Fin Carre - Whole Nut and Fruit Chocolate, 25 g	142	12	9	2	30	11
Wholebake - 9 Bar Pumpkin (40g Bar), 40 g	204	11	14	9	0	9
Fruit - Banana, 126 g	110	30	0	1	1	19
<b>Quick Tools</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>bingobingo80 Daily Goal</b>	<b>3,795</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>77</b>

<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Calories</b>	<b>Carbs</b>	<b>Fat</b>	<b>Protein</b>	<b>Sodium</b>	<b>Sugar</b>	
Kinetica - Oat Gain (Correct Info), 160 G	620	78	14	47	0	6	
Flahavan's Irish - Porridge Oats 30 g, 60 g	232	0	0	0	0	0	
Linwoods - Flaxseed, Milled, Cocoa & Berries, 100 g	455	4	39	22	30	4	
Raspberries - Raw, 1 cup	64	15	1	1	1	5	
Bee Products Active - *Manuka Honey, 1 tbsp=30 g	102	25	0	0	5	25	
Tesco - Ground Cinnamon, 1 tsp	6	0	0	0	0	0	
Cereal - Granola, 1/2 cup	280	36	14	6	0	12	
Vitasoy - Rice Milk, 250 ml	125	24	3	1	162	15	
<b>Quick Tools</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>67</b>	

## Lunch

[Quick Tools](#)

## Dinner

Generic - Parmesan Chicken Filet, 1 Filet	270	8	13	31	340	0	
Fresh Garlic - Garlic Clove, 2 Medium Clove (4g)	8	2	0	0	0	0	
Maille - Whole Grain Mustard, 1 tsp, 5mL	10	0	0	0	100	0	
Cream - Half and half, 100 g	130	4	12	3	41	0	
<b>Quick Tools</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Snacks

Marks & Spencer - Mango Madness, 280 g	170	38	1	2	0	37	
Nature Valley - Sweet and Nutty Peanut, 1 Bar (30g)	148	15	8	4	100	9	
Belvita Breakfast - Wholegrain Breakfast Biscuit - Milk & Cereals, 4 biscuits	224	34	8	4	78	8	
Oo - Rice Cakes, 2 Cake	60	13	0	1	66	0	
M&S - Sour Cream & Black Pepper Wholegrain Snacks, 1 bag	290	34	15	5	0	4	
New York Bakery Co - Wholemeal Bagel, 100 g	248	41	3	12	400	5	
Sabroso - Serrano Ham Slices, 300 g	615	0	27	93	3,000	0	
Generic - Rocket Salad, 100 g	25	4	1	3	27	0	
Store Bought - Advocado, 150 g	240	13	22	3	11	1	
Hummus - Home prepared, 200 g	354	40	17	10	484	1	
Dubliner - Irish Cheese Slices, 40 g	158	0	12	10	320	0	
Tropicana.1 - Smooth Orange Juice - Pulp Free 250ml, 250 ml	120	25	0	2	0	25	
<b>Quick Tools</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>4,484</b>	<b>90</b>	

<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,954</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>5,163</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>bingobingo80 Daily Goal</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>-2,524</b>	<b>-119</b>	<b>-129</b>	<b>-169</b>	<b>-2,663</b>	<b>-108</b>

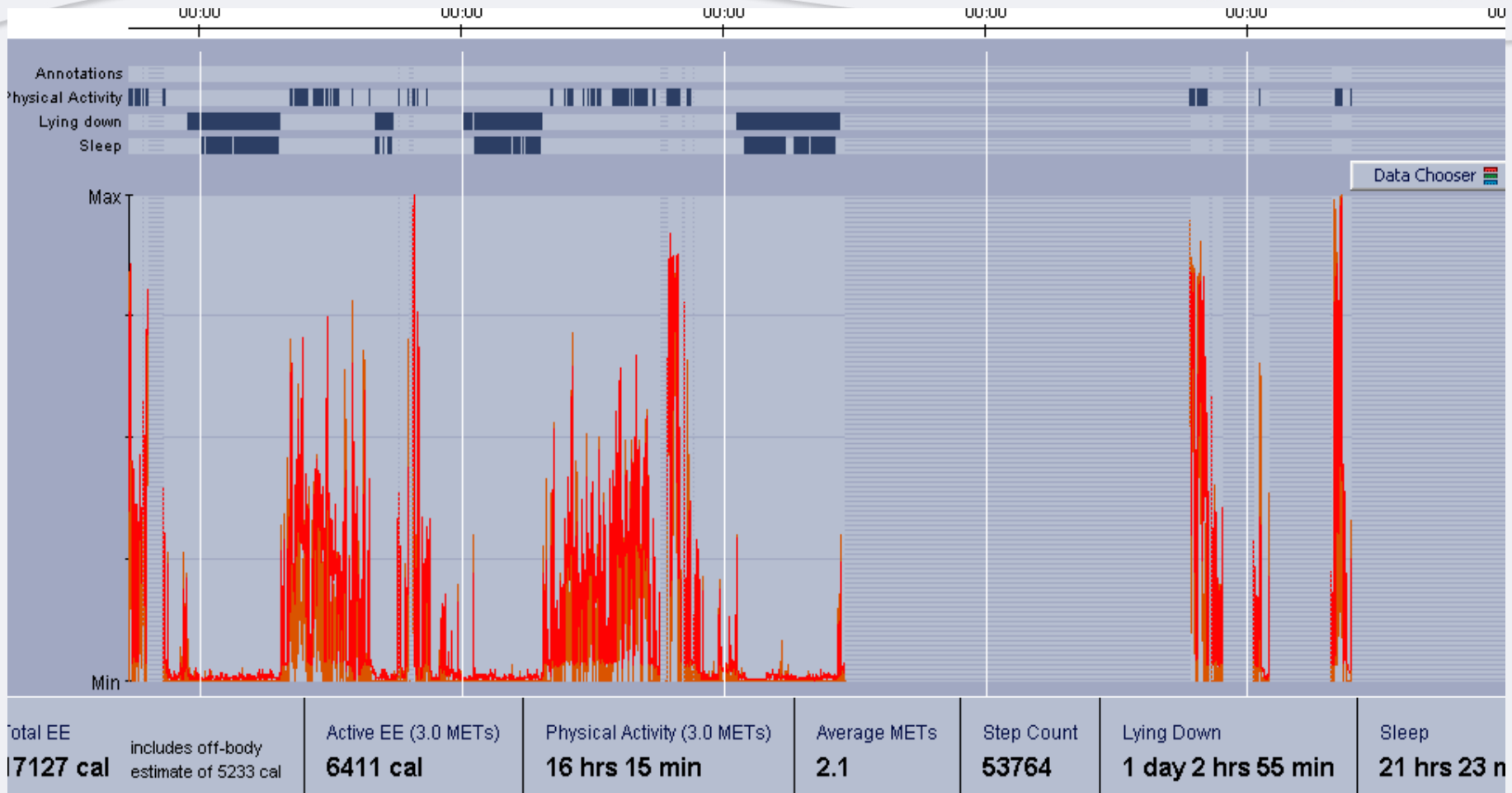
# What happens?



- Have seen food diaries where training for individuals with frequent training sessions over a short period of time.
- Have seen calorie intakes of 1200-1500 in a period from 1pm to 10am next day when 2 sessions have been done.
  - Especially GAA!
- People wonder why they are fatigued?
- Look at your training week: Plan it out



# Your energy needs are high



# Energy requirements



## Total Energy Expenditure

**21018 calories**

includes off-body  
estimate of 8788 cal

## Average METs

**2.0**

## Sedentary (up to 3.0 METs)

**55 hrs 35 min**

## Number of Steps

**54682 steps**

## Active Energy Expenditure (3.0 METs)\*

**6484 calories**

## Moderate (3.0 - 6.0 METs)

**12 hrs 58 min**

## Lying Down

**1 day 2 hrs 55 min**

## Physical Activity Duration (3.0 METs)\*

**16 hrs 30 min**

## Vigorous (6.0 - 9.0 METs)

**3 hrs 6 min**

## Sleep

**21 hrs 23 min**

\*Active Energy Expenditure and Physical Activity Duration  
require at least two consecutive minutes at 3.0 METs or  
higher.

## Very Vigorous (9.0 METs and higher)

**26 min**

Calorie Requirement average over 3 days = averaged 3800 calories  
Intake = Approx 2400 calories.

# Common mistakes

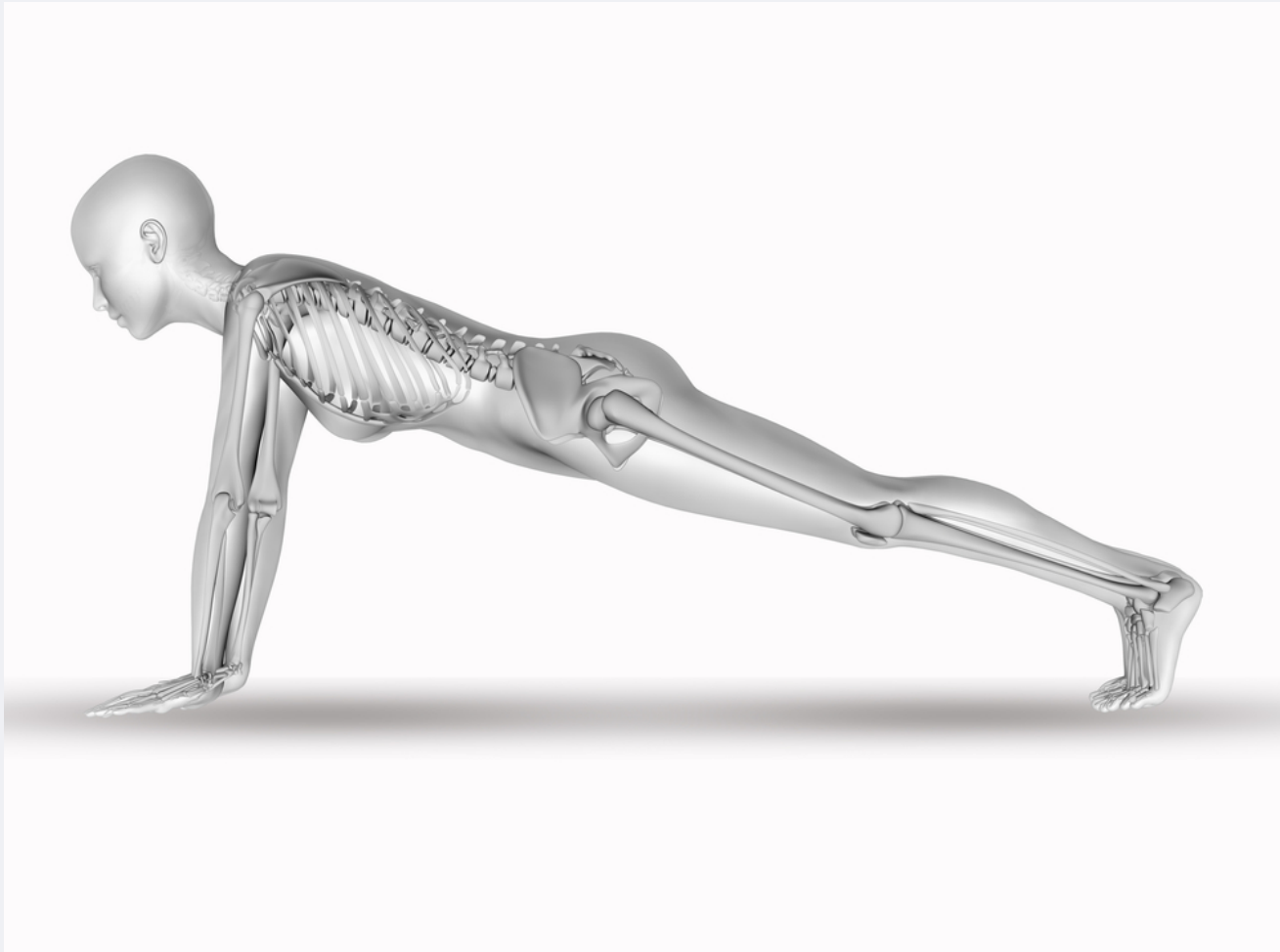
- Large gaps between eating and drinking, especially on training and comp days.
- Too many processed carbohydrates and fats.
- Not understanding that you need to play for **“YOUR”** requirements.
- Not understanding what “supplement” means
- LOW fat or Carb diets at the wrong time.
  - Player on low carb diet cramping:
- Over focus on some nutrients at the expense of others.
- Not enough sleep



# So how can you put simple strategies into practice?



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# Example: Protein supplements



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- Whey protein is a very popular strategy with athletes and players across many sports.
- It is also a popular strategy with the public
- Evidence linking recovery with adequate protein intakes but aim will be to split intakes into 20-25g (0.4g / kg) approx. 4 times per day.
- Amino acids involved in muscle protein synthesis.
- Evidence to suggest that as we get older it may help preserve muscle.

# Can everyday foods do a similar job?



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- Can it help with recovery?
- Could there be other benefits?
- Could there be a cost benefit?
- Safety?



## REHYDRATE

Fluid & Electrolytes (*e.g. potassium*)

## REFUEL

Carbohydrate  
(*lactose*)

## REPAIR

Protein  
(*whey and casein*)

### 3 R's of Post-Exercise Recovery

Calcium

Phosphorus

Potassium

Vitamin B12

Vitamin B2

Iodine



Natural source of vitamins and minerals

● Convenient

● Affordable

● Versatile

● Accessible

# Food focus: why is it useful?



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- Build from the base and then additions can be made as required.
- This cuts out the risk of sticky plaster approach.
- Over focus on certain nutrients usually leaves weakness in other places:
  - A focus on whey protein where an athlete just takes **whey** then rules out the opportunity to get calcium from a food.

# Food alternatives

- A number of strained yoghurts have significantly higher protein profile.



# Yoghurts



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Per 100g	Liberte	Chobani	Danio	Total 0%
Kcals	81	92	80	57
Protein	7.8g	7.3g	8.1g	10.3g
CHO	11.1g	11.8g	11.5g	4g
Fat	0.1g	1.6g	0.1g	0

# Comparisons



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per 100mls	Semi-Skimmed Milk	Choco milk	Enriched milk*	Kinetica Recovery	Kinetica Prorelease	Maxi Muscle Progain	Maxi Muscle Cyclone
<b>Kcals</b>	50	85	84	98	64	81	62
<b>CHO</b>	4.8	12.4	10.1	8.7	0.95	12.2	5.6
<b>Protein</b>	3.6	4.3	7.2	5.2	11.25	5.7	7.3
<b>Non-cariogenic</b>	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
<b>Calcium</b>	124	130	252	✗	✗	✗	120
<b>£</b>	6p	10p	10p	50p	50p	64p	69p

# Hydration: is it important?



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# Hydration



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- Focus
- Fatigue
- Practice now
- What do you drink?



# Salty sweat



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# Immunity



- While moderate training appears to boost the immune system, the functioning of the immune system is affected by strenuous exercise.
- Several other behavioural and lifestyle factors can influence immune function including;
  - Nutrition
  - Extreme environmental conditions
  - Rest and Recovery
  - Sleep
  - Psychological issues

# Immunity



- Carbohydrates and fluids are important in prevention of infection especially URTI.
- However increased intakes of CHO at the expense of protein is also an issue.
- No long gaps between eating and drinking while hard training.
- Bringing down your weight while training hard requires care and don't expect big losses

# Strategies to counter illness



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- Avoid getting a dry mouth both during training and at rest.
- Never share drinks bottles.
- Avoid rapid weight loss as this has been associated with adverse immune changes.
- Good sleep, 7hrs min.

# Planning: food and fluids



- What is your training day or match day plan?
- How does your training plan mirror your match / comp day?
- What difficulties arise when away from home?
  - Work, matches, training?
- Do you ever get nervous playing and your guts are not good or you feel sick and can't eat?
- What are you doing if you are doing manual work?


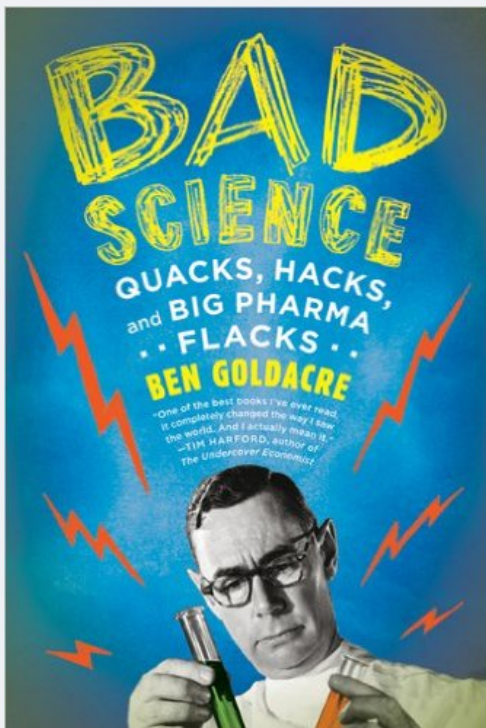
# What are the key points



- What is the magic bullet?
- Are the basics correct?
- Are you focusing on the right areas?
- A one size fits all approach does not work.
- Watch marketing : if something is being sold then be mindful of this.
- If it sounds too good to be true.....
- Watch social media as a source of information

# Be careful of sources of information

- Anyone can call themselves a “nutritionist”



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# Thank you and questions



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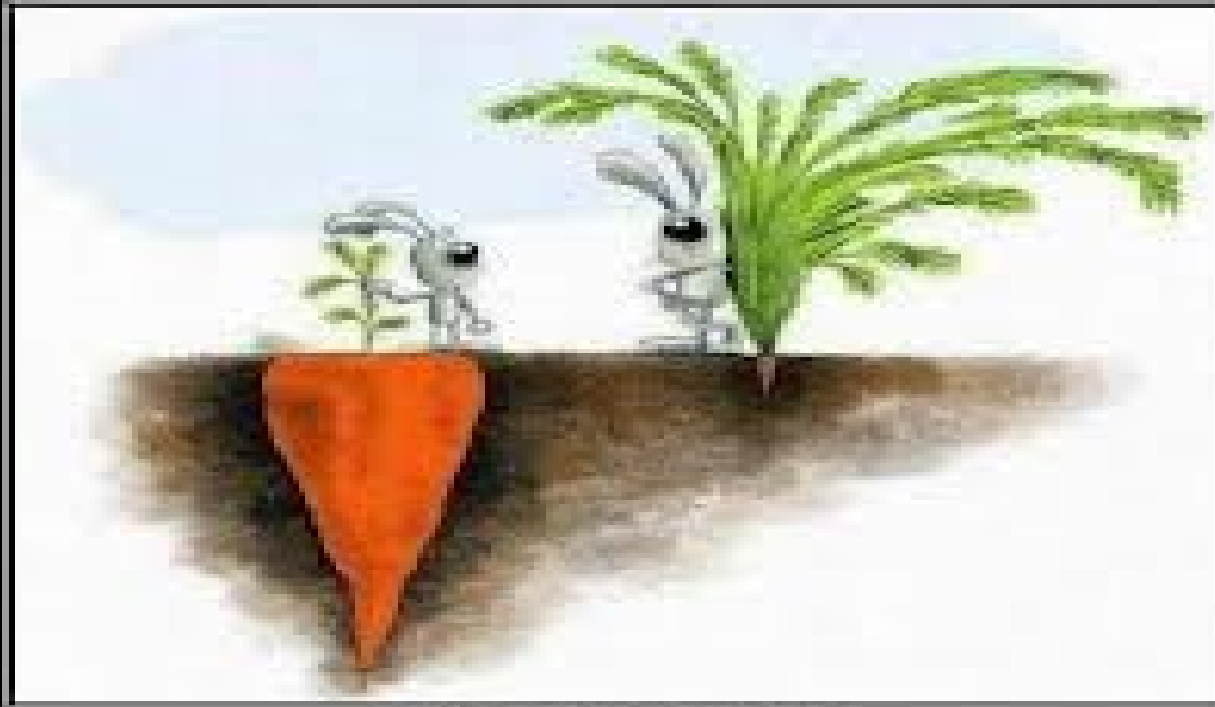
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