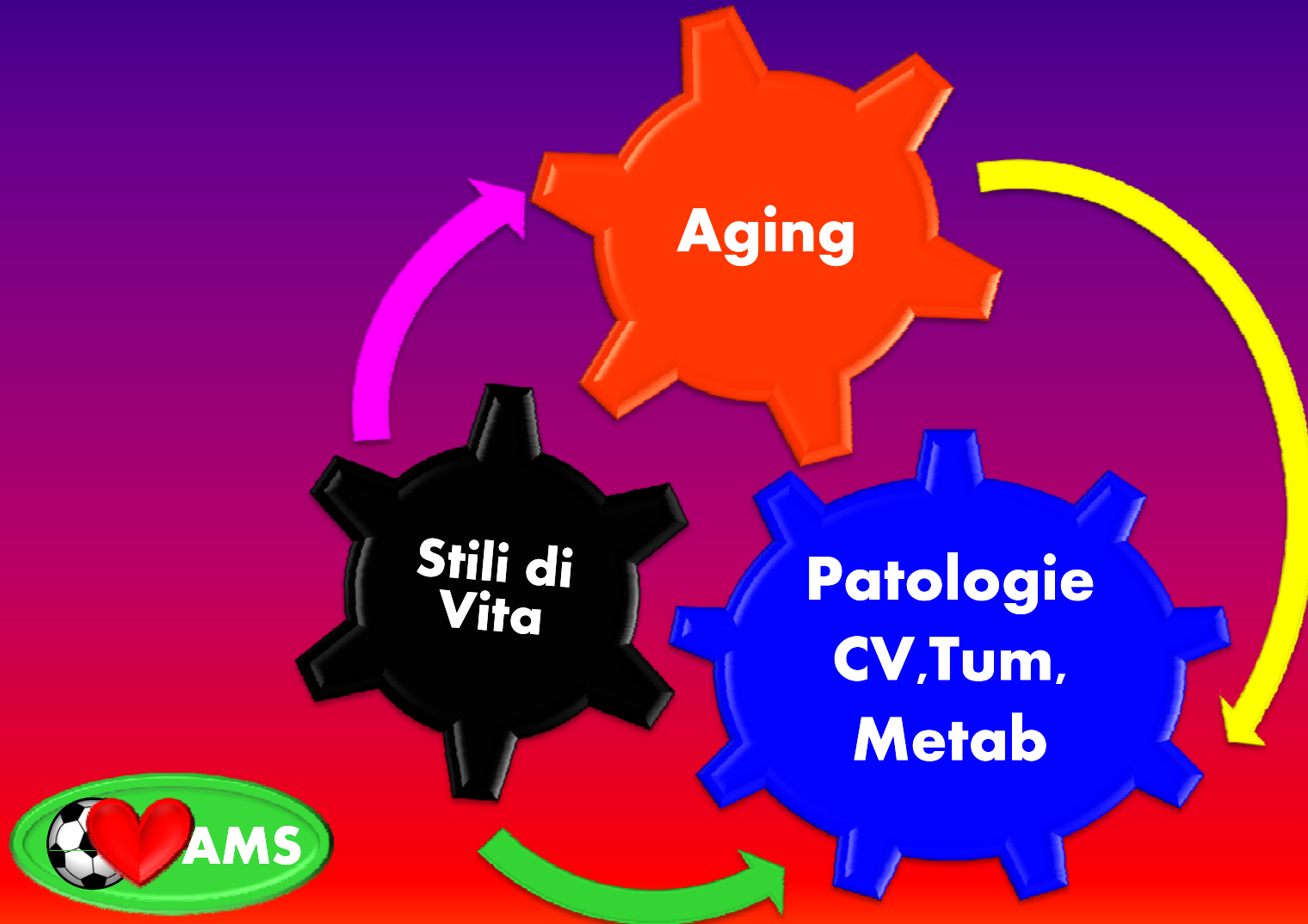
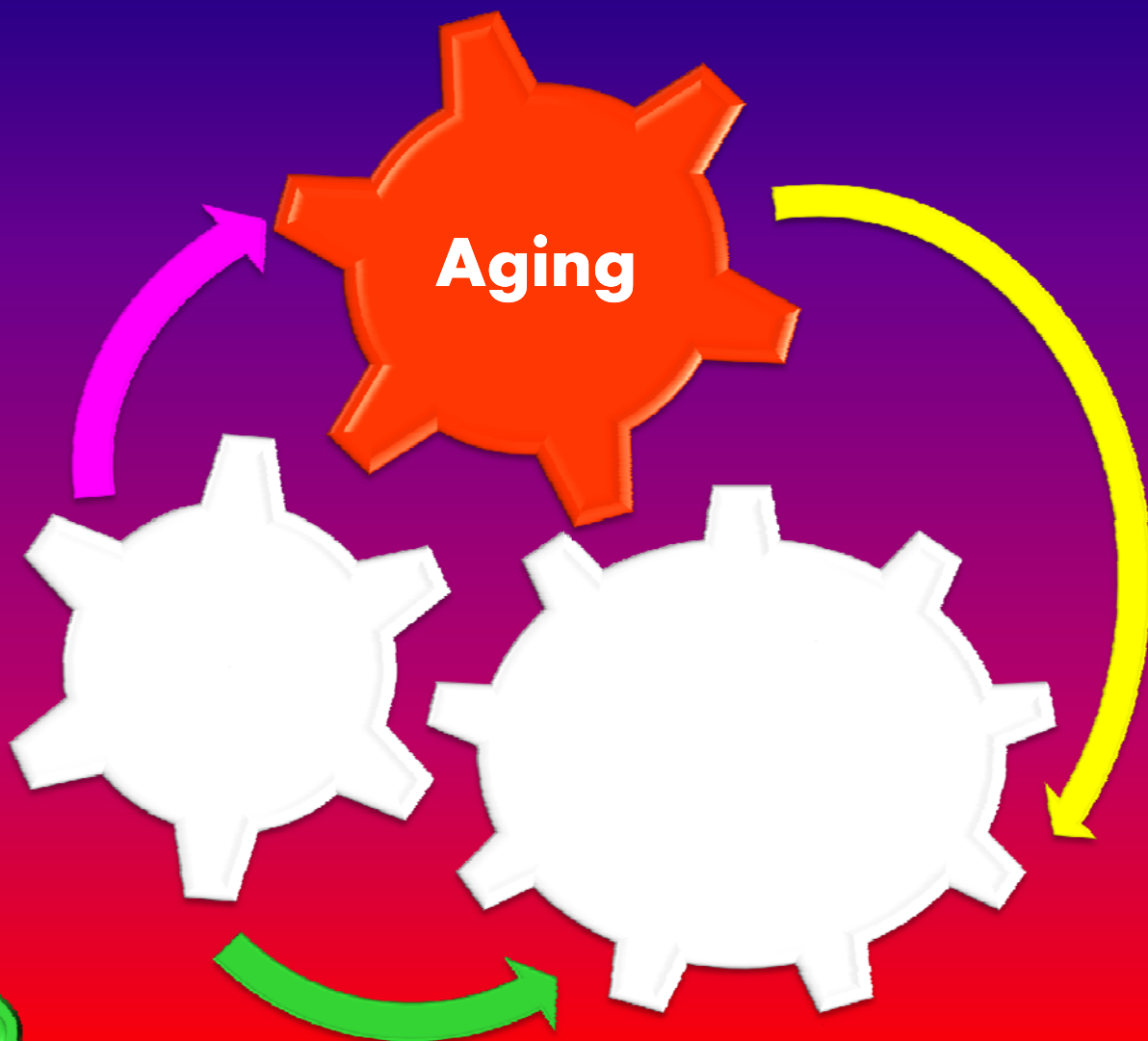




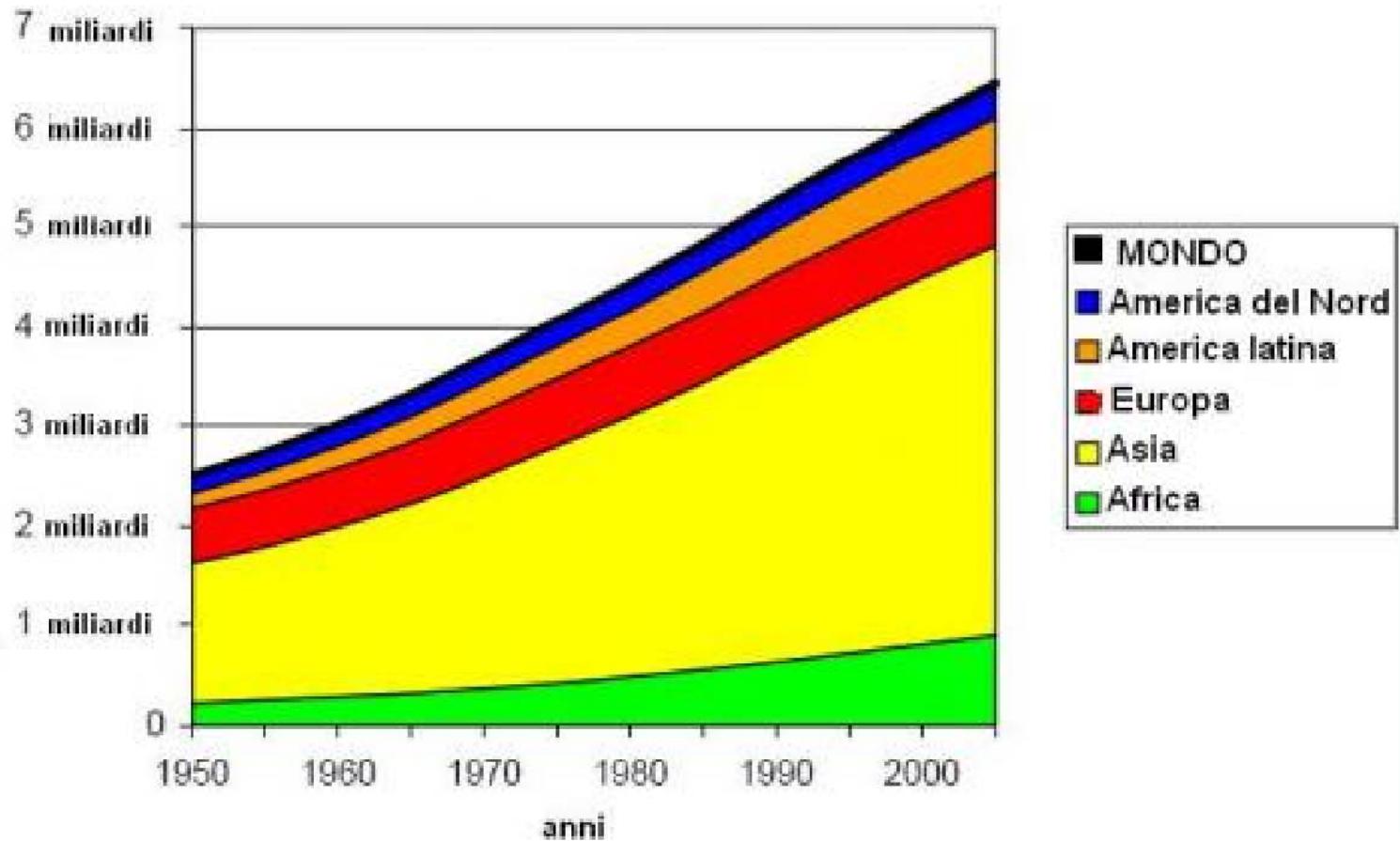
L'evoluzione, la medicina, lo sport

Campi di azione dell'attività fisica

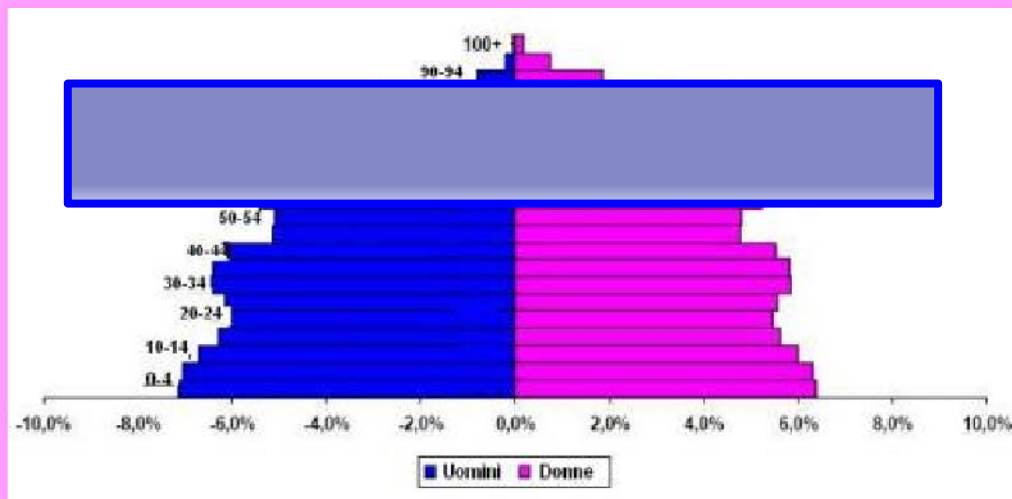




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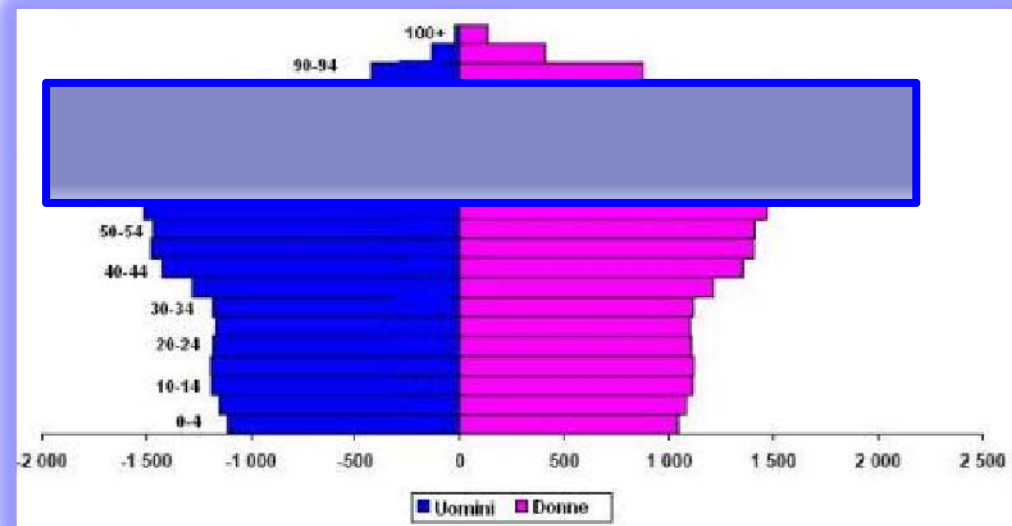


Piramide delle età nel 2050

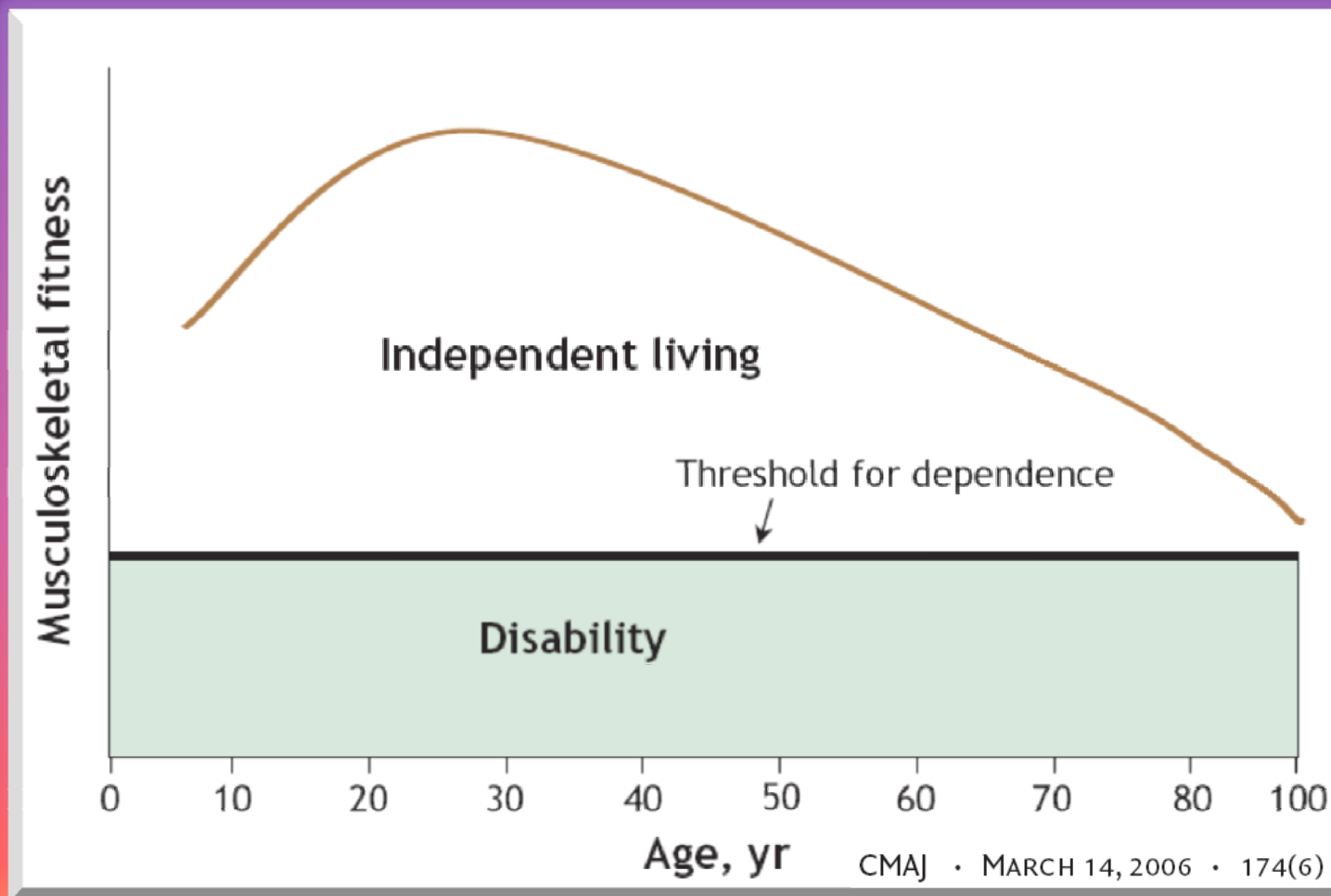


Europa

Italia



Theoretical relation between musculoskeletal fitness and independent living across a person's lifespan



The Association Between Physical Activity in Leisure Time and Leukocyte Telomere Length

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Conclusions: A sedentary lifestyle (in addition to smoking, high body mass index, and low socioeconomic status) has an effect on LTL and may accelerate the aging process. This provides a powerful message that could be used by clinicians to promote the potentially antiaging effect of regular exercise.

The normal age-associated decline in cardiovascular performance

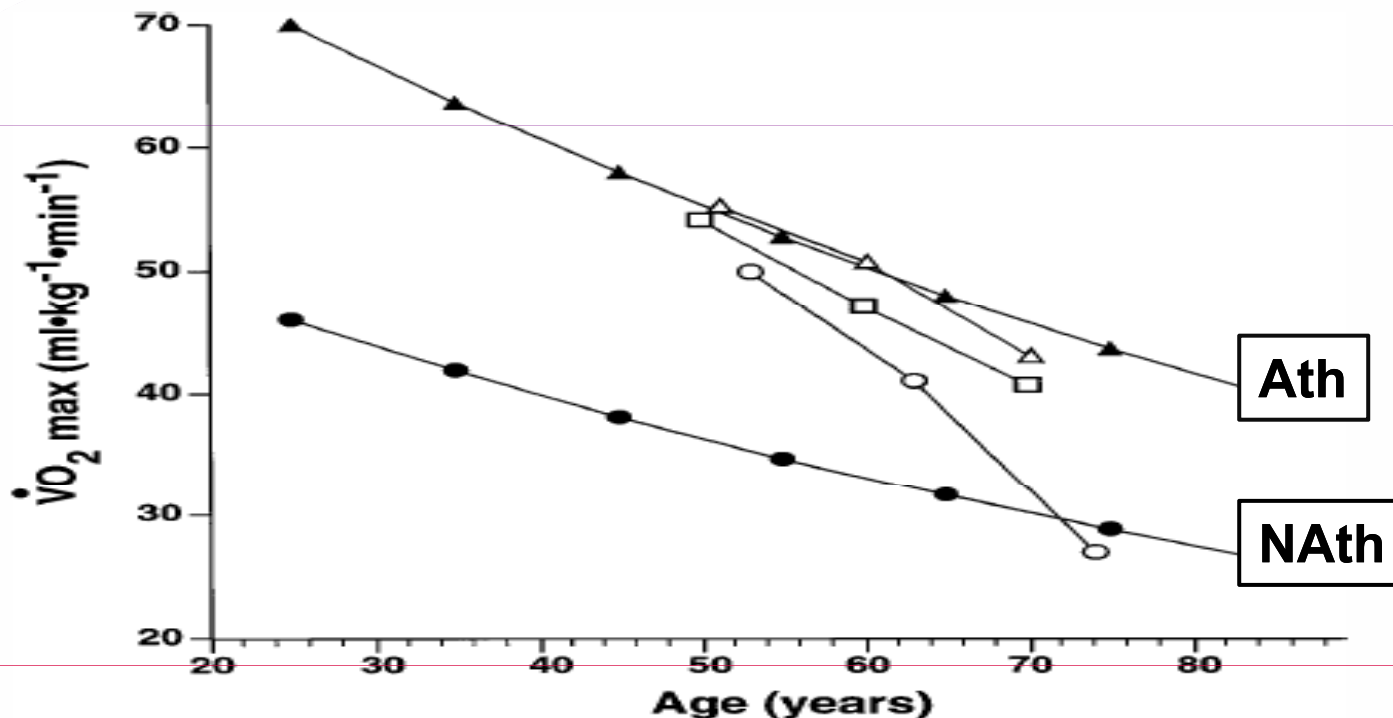
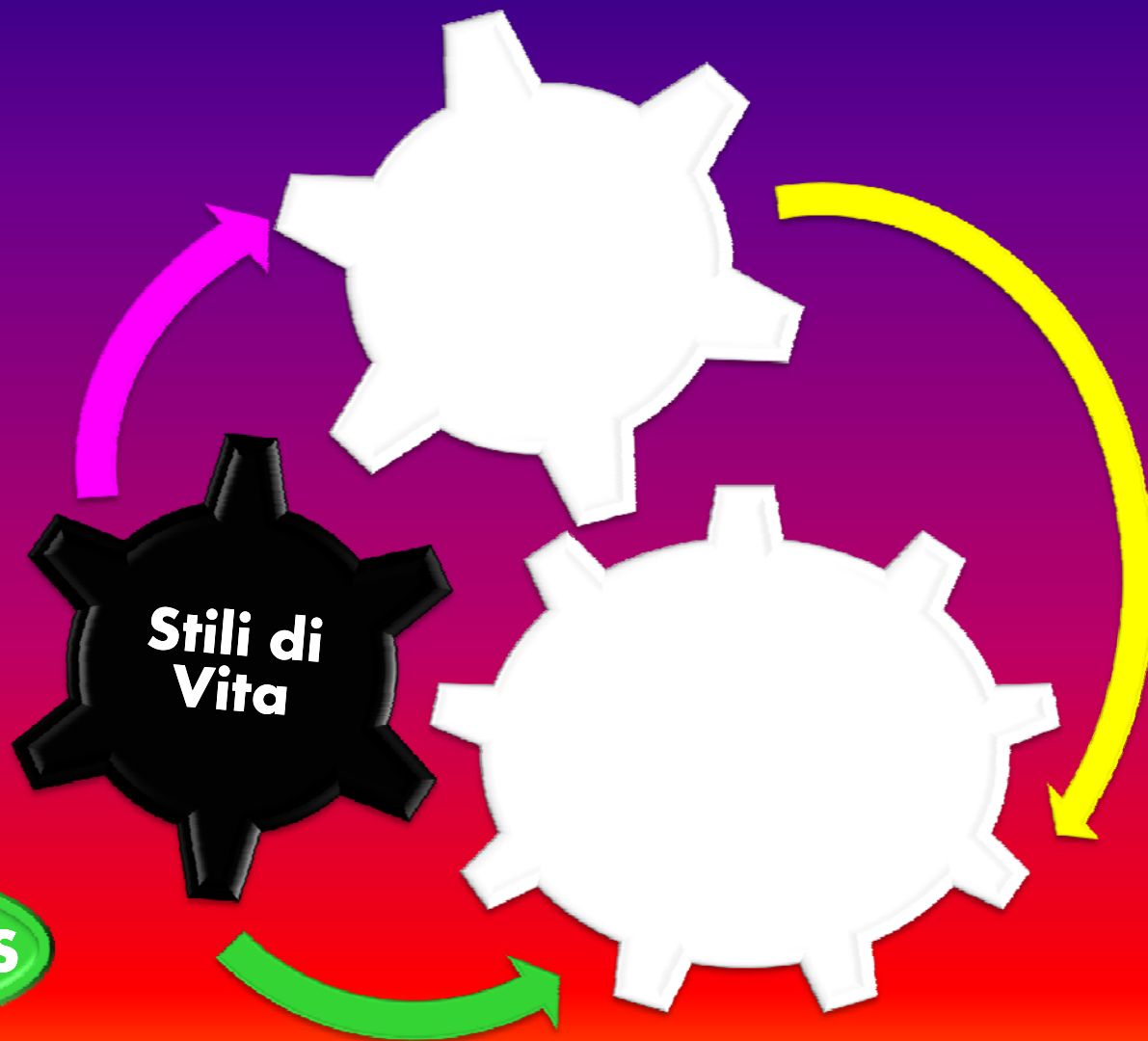


Fig. 1. Maximal oxygen uptake ($\dot{V}O_{2\text{max}}$) of older endurance athletes who continued to train at a high (Δ), moderate (\square), or low intensity (\circ) after 10- and 20-yr follow-ups (present study). Curves for athletes (\blacktriangle) and untrained healthy persons (\bullet) are cross-sectional norms from Heath et al. (9).

Importanza dell'attività fisica



Evidence

There is incontrovertible evidence that regular physical activity contributes to the primary and secondary prevention of several chronic diseases and is associated with a reduced risk of premature death.

There appears to be a graded linear relation between the volume of physical activity and health status, such that the most physically active people are at the lowest risk.

However, the greatest improvements in health status are seen when people who are least fit become physically active.

The Harvard Alumni Health Study

Age-adjusted incidence rates and relative risks of first heart attack
in men according to physical activity

Physical Activity (Kcal per week)	Number of events	Incidence rate (per 10.000)	Relative risk
≤ 2000	307	57.9	1.64
≥ 2000	122	35.3	1.00 (ref)



The Aerobics Center Longitudinal Study

Age-adjusted rates and relative risks of cardiovascular disease mortality in men and women according to physical fitness

Physical fitness	Mortality rates (10.000)	Relative risk
Men		
1.....	24.6.....	1.00 (referent)
2 and 3.....	7.8.....	0.32
4 and 5.....	3.1.....	0.13
Women		
1.....	7.4.....	1.00 (referent)
2 and 3.....	2.9.....	0.39
4 and 5.....	0.8.....	0.11

JAMA 262:2395-2401, 1989

The Lipid Research Clinics

Mortality Follow-up Study

Rates and relative risks of cardiovascular disease mortality
in men according to physical fitness

Physical Fitness	Mortality rates (x 100)	Relative risk
1	221	8.5
2	156	6.0
3	130	5.0
4	26	1.00 (referent)

N Engl J Med 319:1379-1384, 1988

Mortality amongst participants in Vasaloppet: a classical long-distance ski race in Sweden

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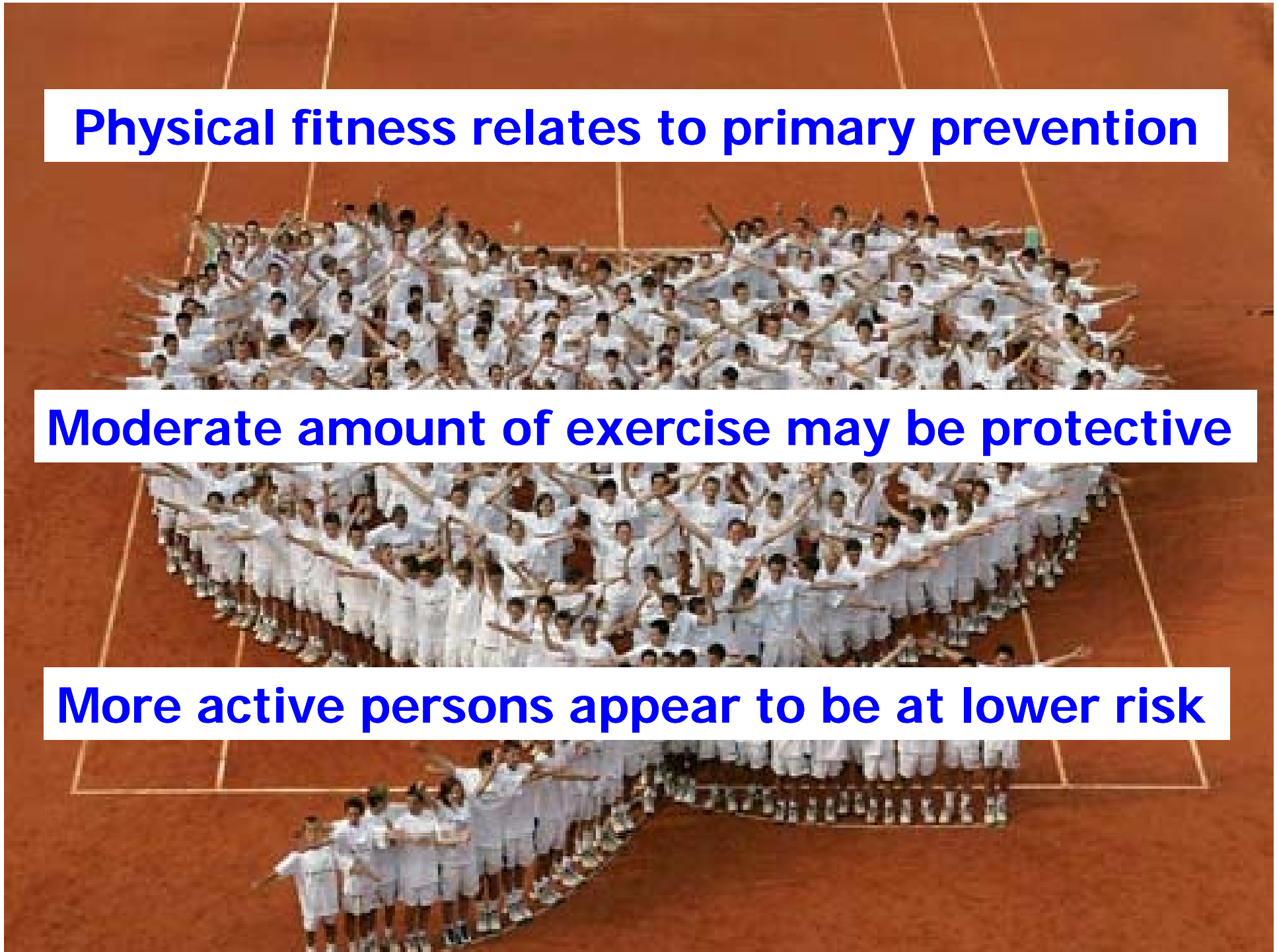
Conclusions. We conclude that participants in long-distance skiing races, which demand prolonged regular physical training, have low mortality. The extent to which this is due to physical activity, related lifestyle factors, genetics or selection bias is yet to be assessed.

J Intern Med 2003; 253: 276-283.

Physical fitness relates to primary prevention

Moderate amount of exercise may be protective

More active persons appear to be at lower risk





3. L'attività fisico-sportiva degli italiani nel 2003

Dati Istat 2003 su 55,5 milioni di cittadini di 3 anni e più

pratica sportiva con continuità:

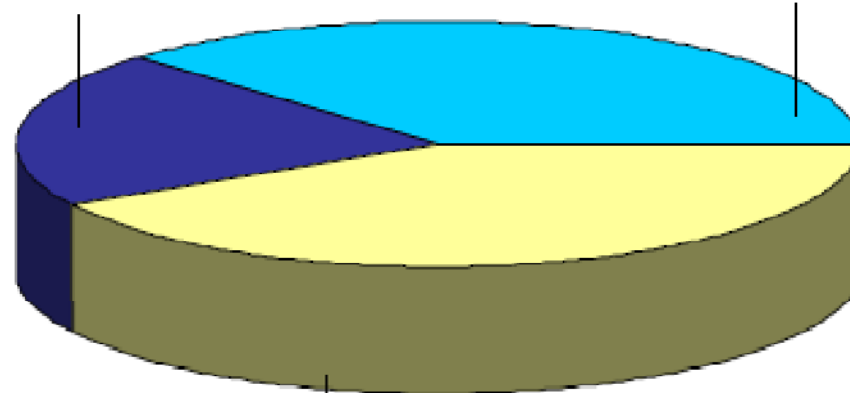
circa 11 milioni e mezzo (20,8 %)

in aumento rispetto al 1999 (2,7% in più)

**attività sportive
saltuarie/occasional
o qualche
attività fisica:**

circa
21 milioni
(37,6 %)

*in diminuzione
rispetto al 1999
(9,1% in meno)*



**nessuna attività fisica nel tempo libero,
sedentarietà: circa 23 milioni (41,6 %)**

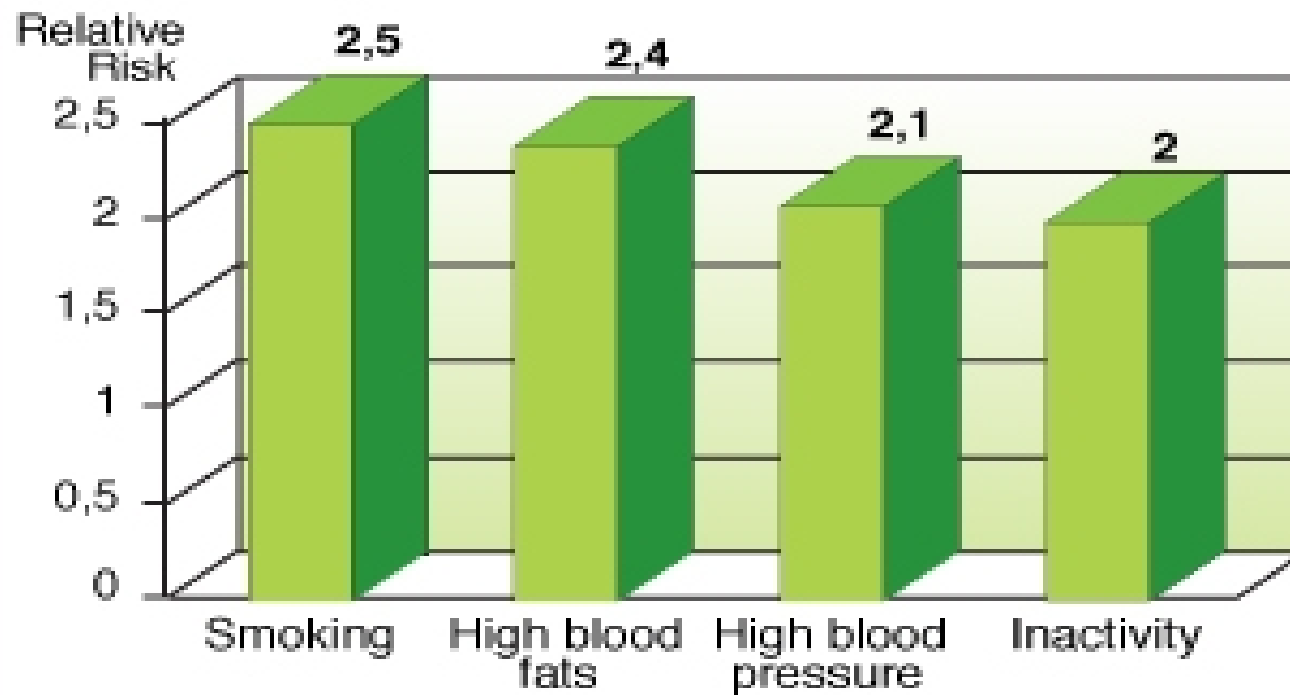
in aumento rispetto al 1999 (6,4% in più)

La pratica delle attività fisico-sportive oggi

L'area totale dei cittadini attivi stimata dall'Istat-circa 36 milioni nel 1999-si è ridotta nel 2003 a circa 32 milioni e mezzo, mentre l'area della sedentarietà è salita da 19,5 a 23 milioni (sugli abitanti da 3 anni in su).



PHYSICAL INACTIVITY: The 4th primary risk factor



**Association of physical inactivity with components of
metabolic syndrome and coronary artery disease
The Chennai Urban Population Study**

**V. Mohan, K. Gokulakrishnan, R. Deepa, C. S. Shanthirani
and M. Datta***

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Epidemiology, The Tamil Nadu Dr M.G.R. Medical,
University, Chennai, India**

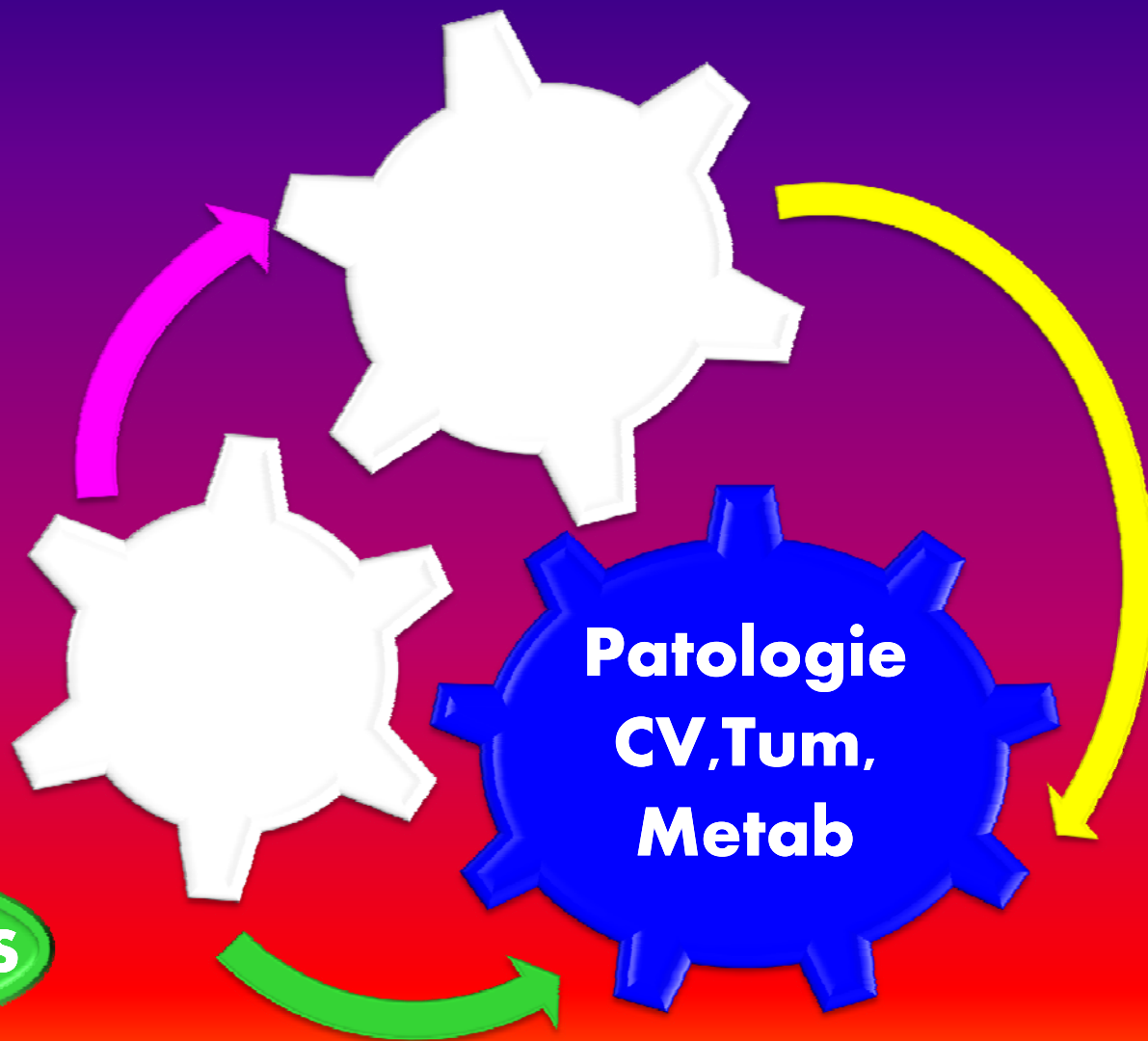
**Physical inactivity is associated with the components of MS and CAD in this urban
south-Indian population.**

**Lifestyle changes focusing on increasing physical activity could help to prevent the
exploding epidemic of MS and CAD in India.**

Diabet. Med. 22, 1206–1211 (2005)

Physical inactivity increases the relative risk of CAD by 45%, stroke by 60%, hypertension by 30%, and osteoporosis by 59%. Our sedentary lifestyle annually produces ~334,000 deaths in the United States and more than 2 million deaths worldwide, representing one of the 10 leading global causes of death and disability

Benefici dell'attività fisica



Although the underlying mechanisms require additional clarification, it has been suggested that the human genome evolved within an environment of high physical activity for survival. In the current hypokinetic state, inherited metabolic pathways and maladaptive responses may produce metabolic derangements and varied chronic diseases



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Stone Age

An evolutionary perspective on human physical activity:
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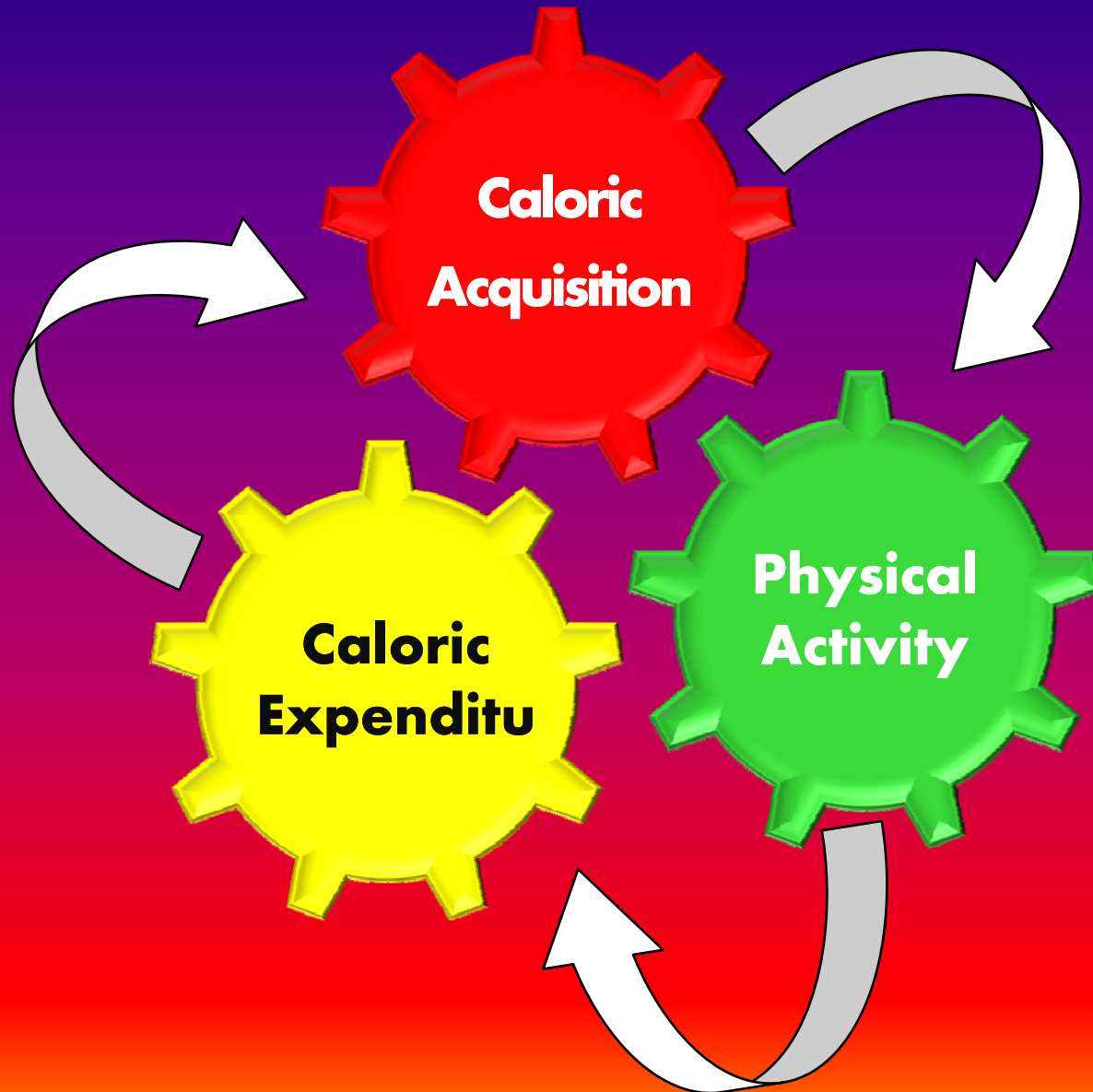
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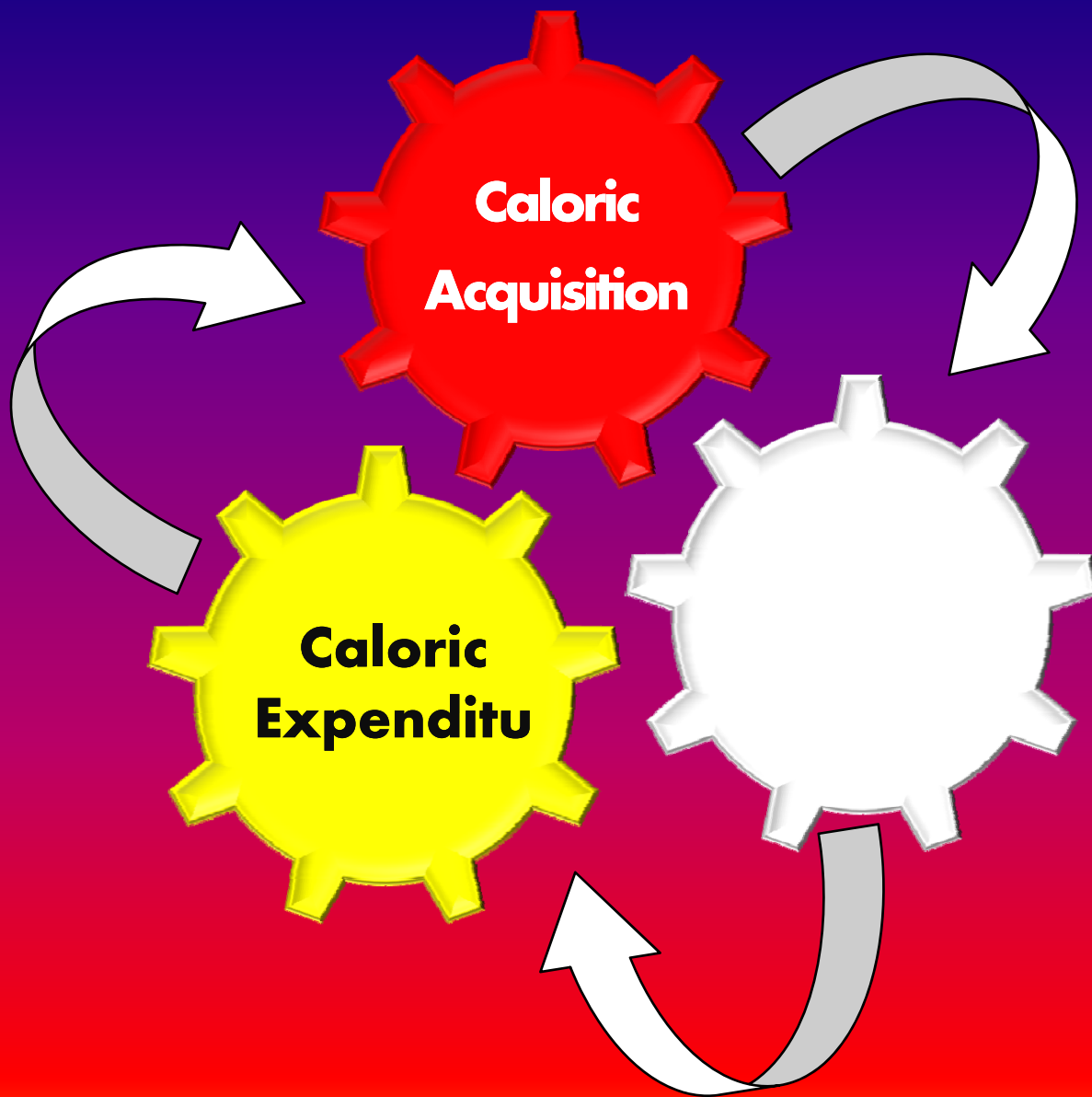
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An energy utilization equation





AN EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVE ON HUMAN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

BEFORE DOMESTICATION



CALORIC
ACQUISITION
(AS FOOD ENERGY)



CALORIC
EXPENDITURE
(AS PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY)



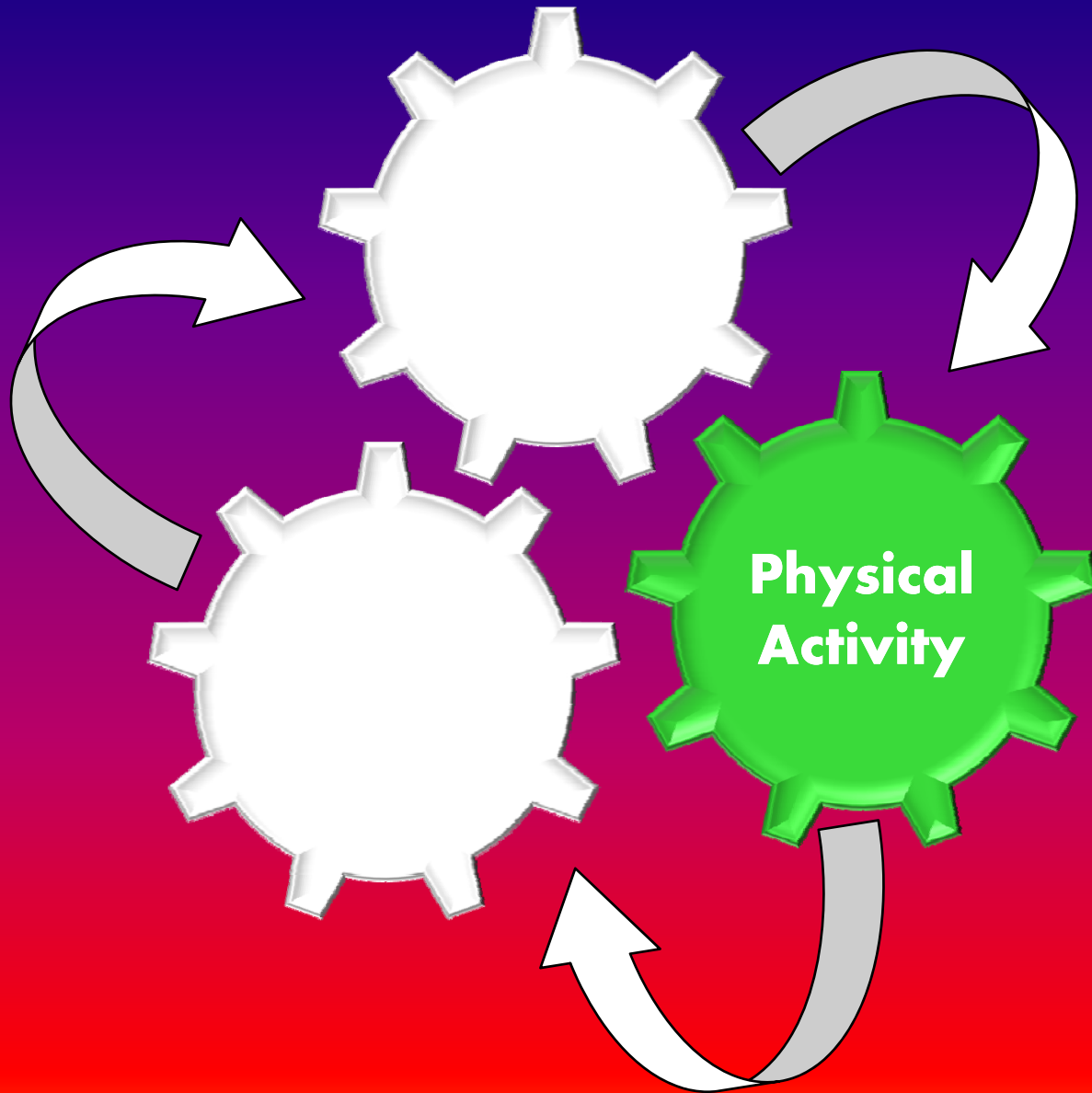
INTERRELATED AND INTERACTIVE INFLUENCES ON INSULIN SENSITIVITY AND/OR RESISTANCE

$$\text{INSULIN SENSITIVITY} = \frac{(\text{SMM}) \times (\text{SMMA})}{(\text{FM})}$$

SMM=SKELETAL MUSCLE MASS

SMMA=SKELETAL MUSCLE METABOLIC ACTIVITY

FM=FAT MASS



Cardiovascular Function

There are numerous physiological mechanisms that, acting collectively, presumably explain why individuals with greater endurance should be protected. Aerobic exercise elevates blood levels of 'good' high density cholesterol, lowers blood pressure and resting heart rate, decreases platelet aggregability as well as the tendency for vasoconstriction, and enhances endothelial health as determined by post-ischemic brachial artery vasodilatation

Conditioned Heart

Deconditioned Heart



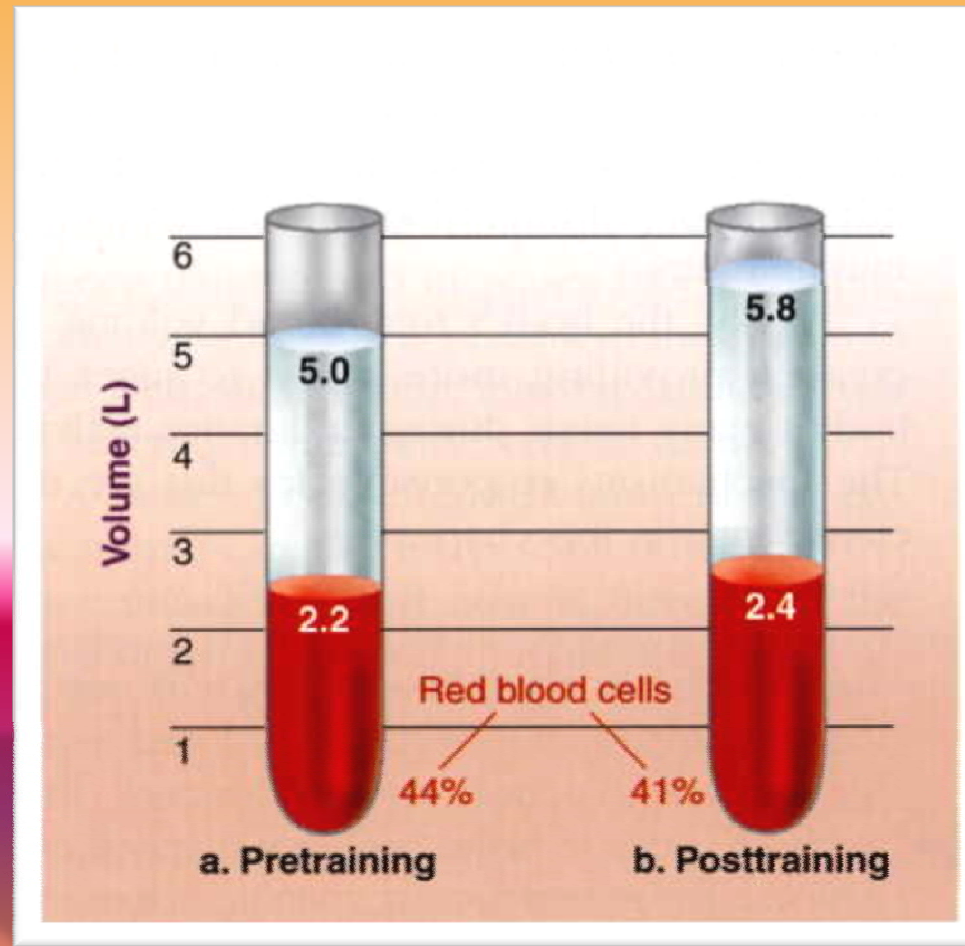
*Diastolic Vol. 120 ml. • Systolic Vol. 50 ml.
Stroke Vol. 70 ml.
Ejection Frac. 58%*

Conditioned Heart

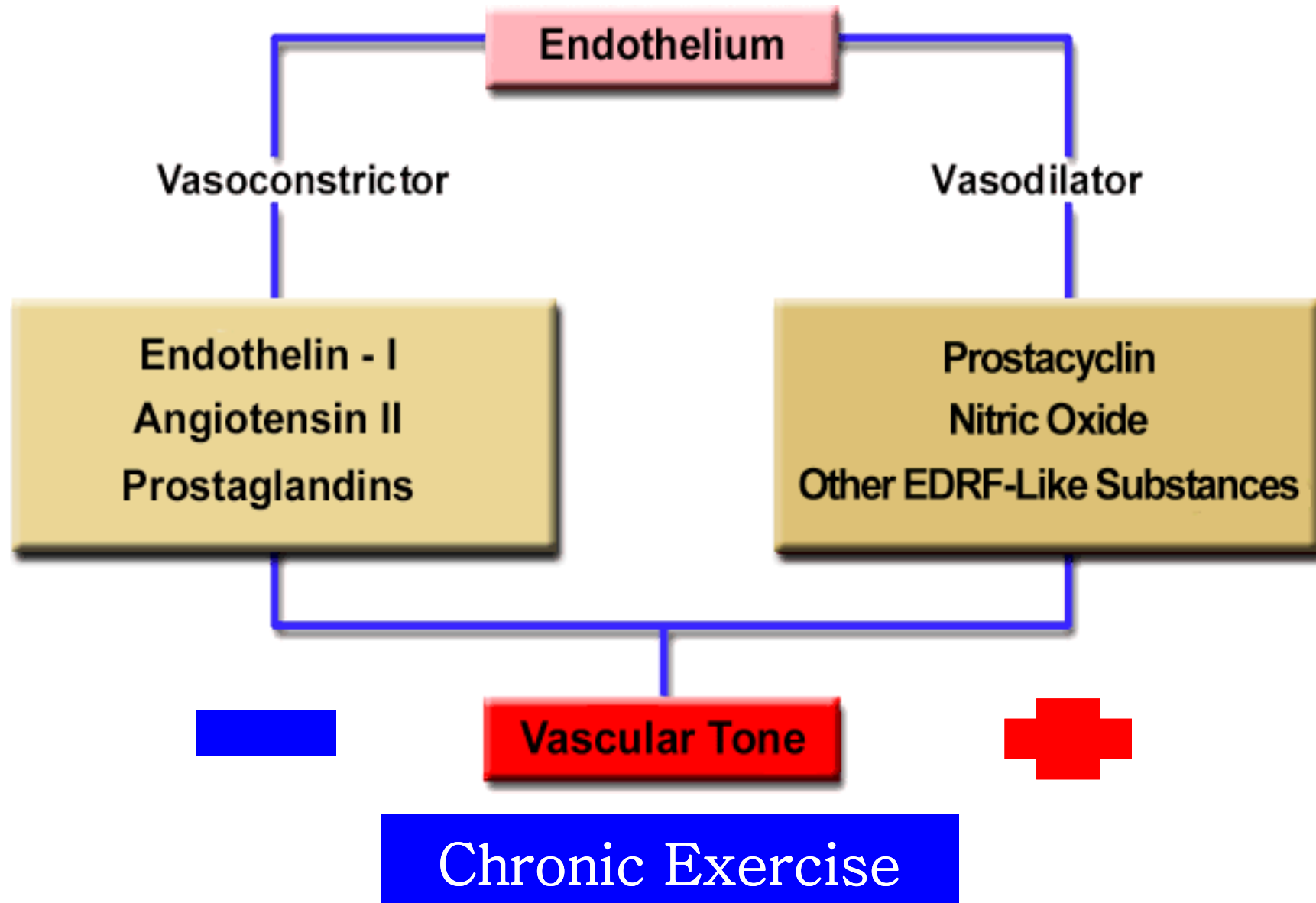


*Diastolic Vol. 160 ml. • Systolic Vol. 30 ml.
Stroke Vol. 130 ml.
Ejection Frac. 84%*

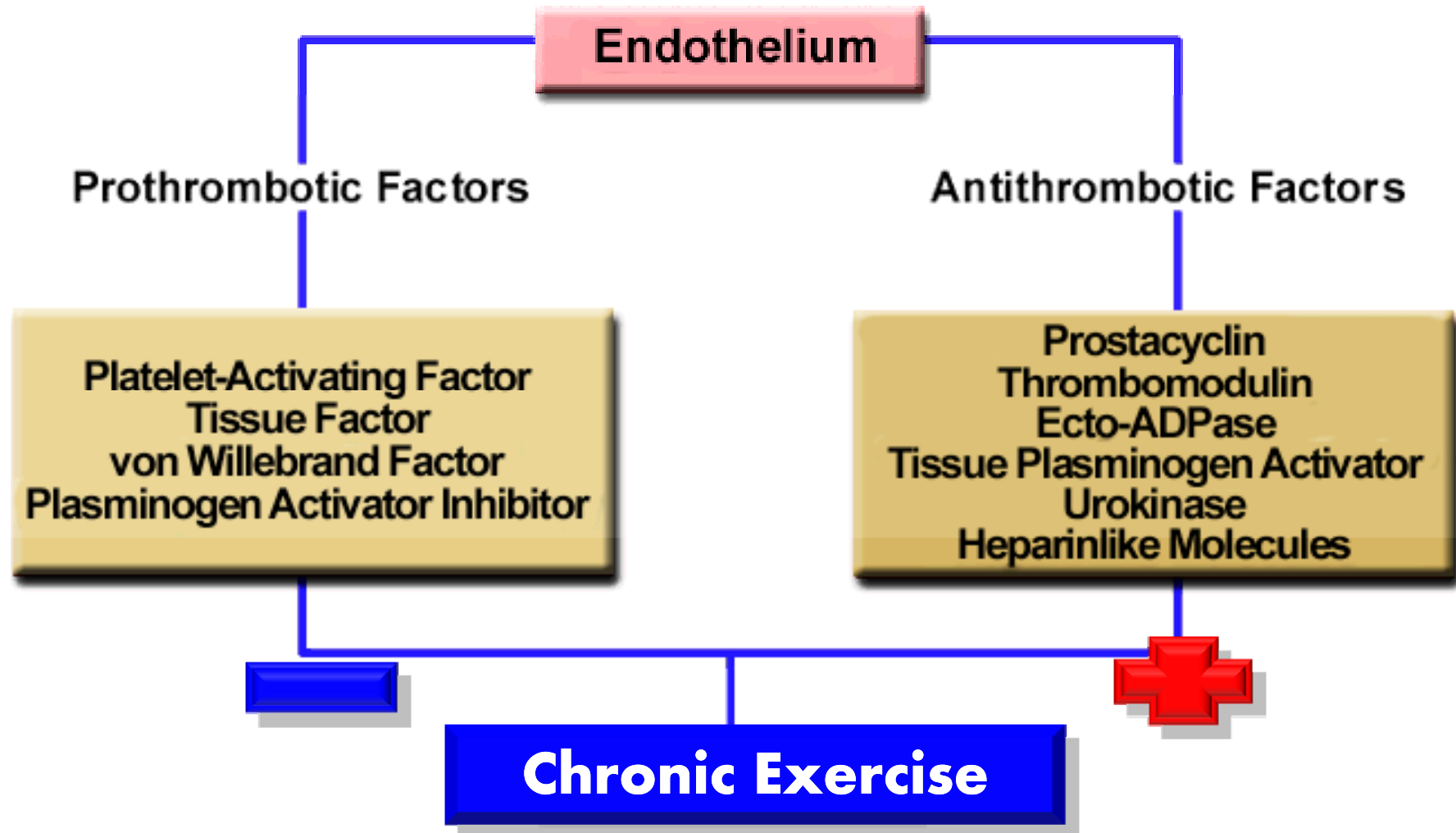
RBC Adaptation to Exercise



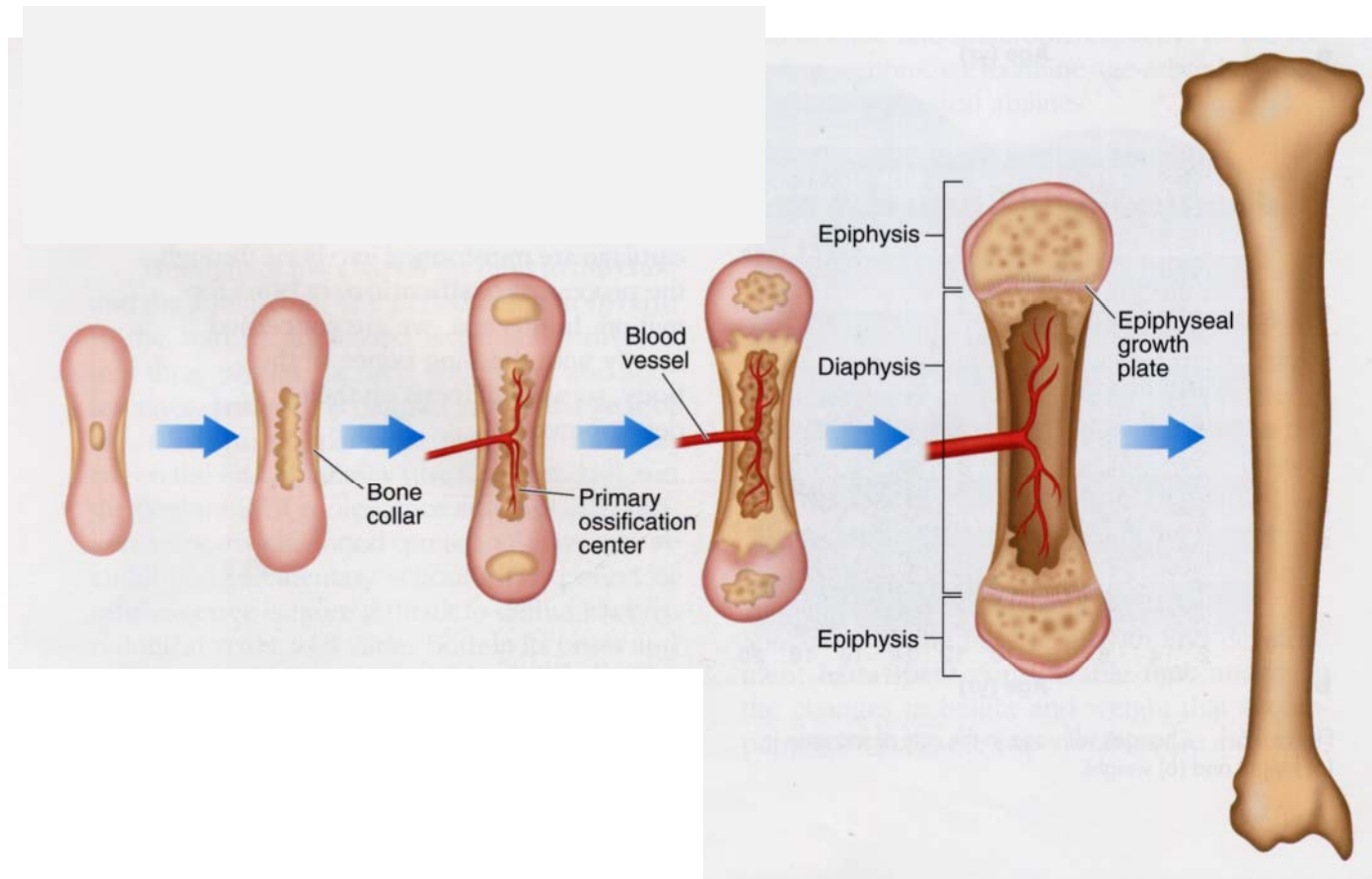
Endothelium and Exercise



Endothelium and Exercise



Osteoporosi



Physical fitness

The ability to carry out daily tasks with vigor and alertness, without undue fatigue, and with ample energy to enjoy leisure-time pursuits and respond to emergencies.

Physical fitness includes a number of components consisting of cardiorespiratory endurance (aerobic power), skeletal muscle endurance, skeletal muscle strength, skeletal muscle power, flexibility, balance, speed of movement, reaction time, and body composition.

Heredity
Other Lifestyles
Environment
Personal Attributes

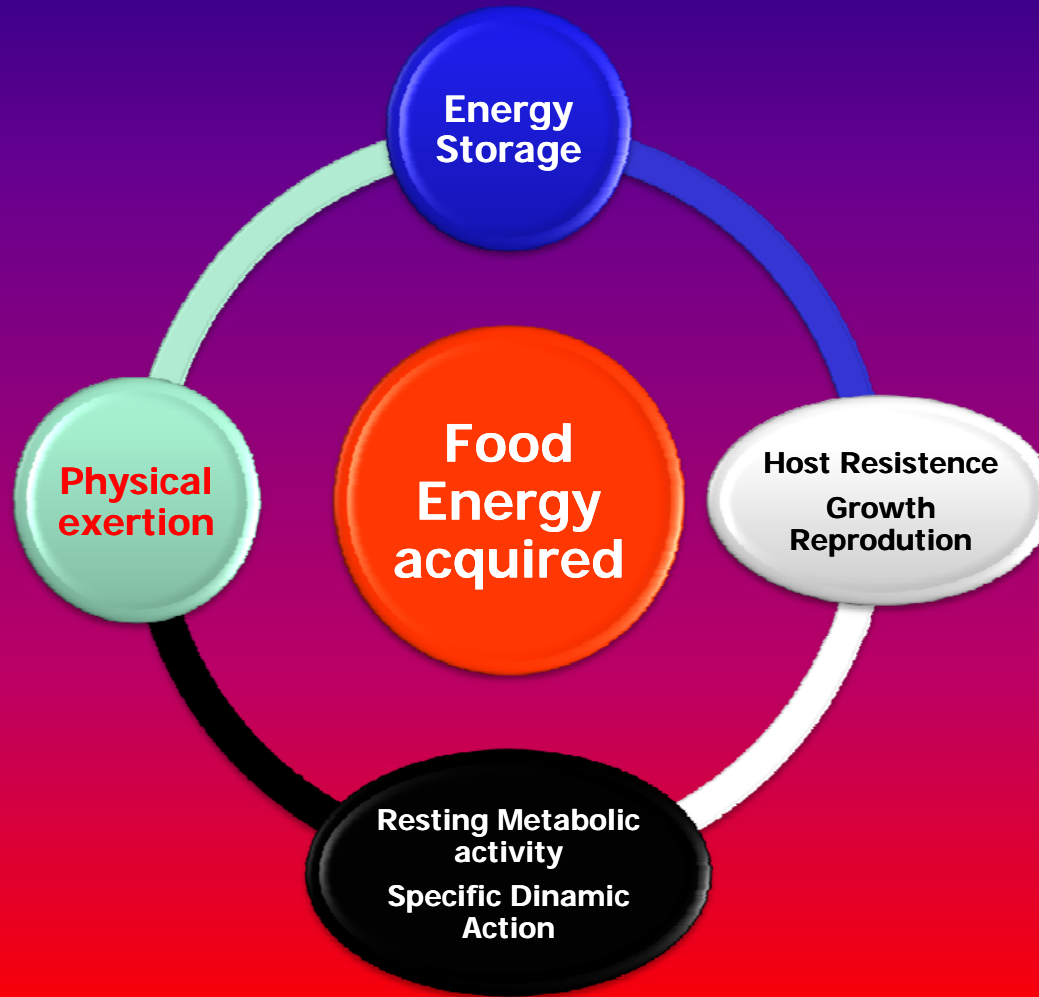
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**Physical
Fitness**

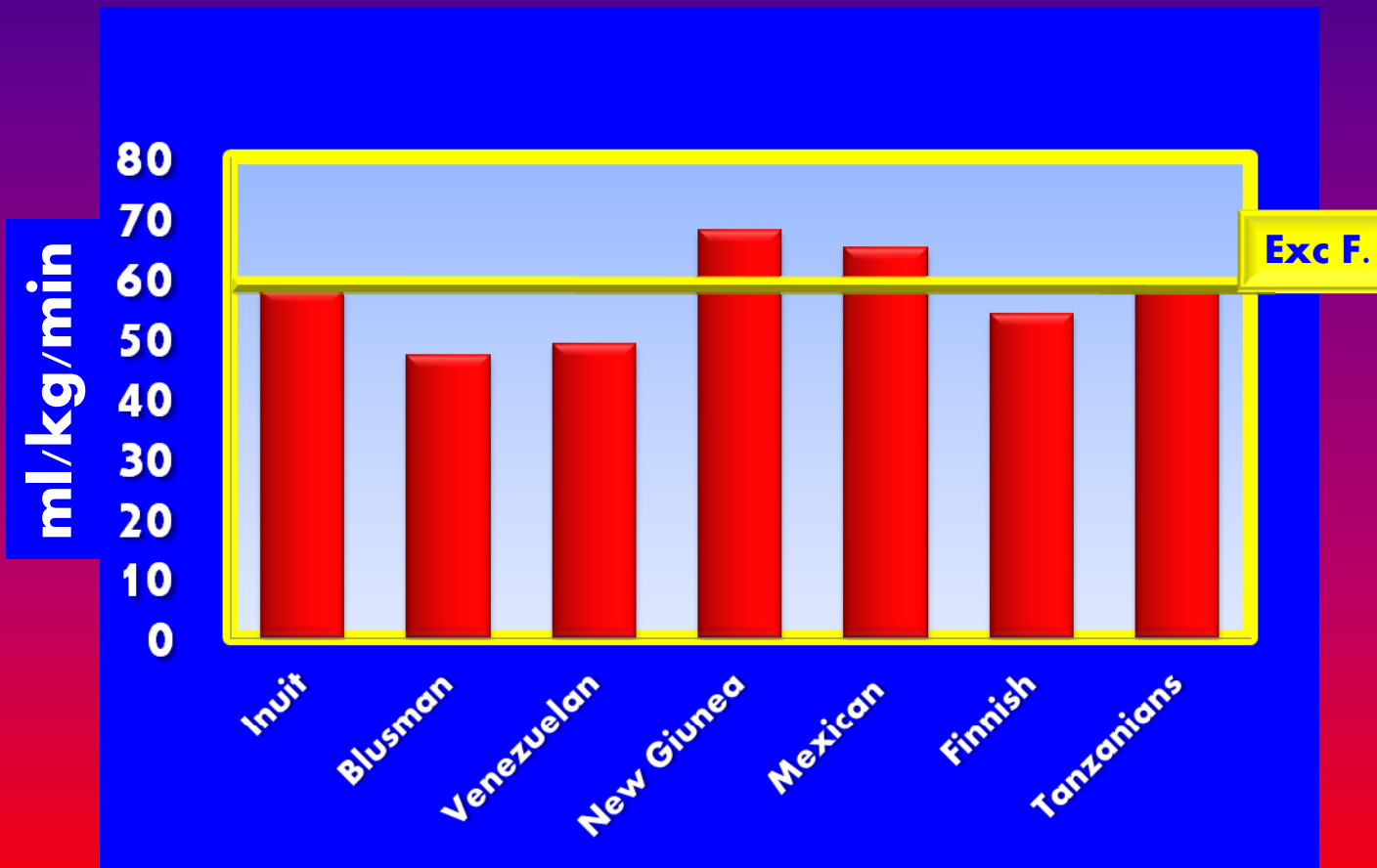
**Physical
Activity**

**Health
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An energy utilization equation



FITNESS IN NATIVES





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21th Century

An evolutionary perspective on human physical activity:
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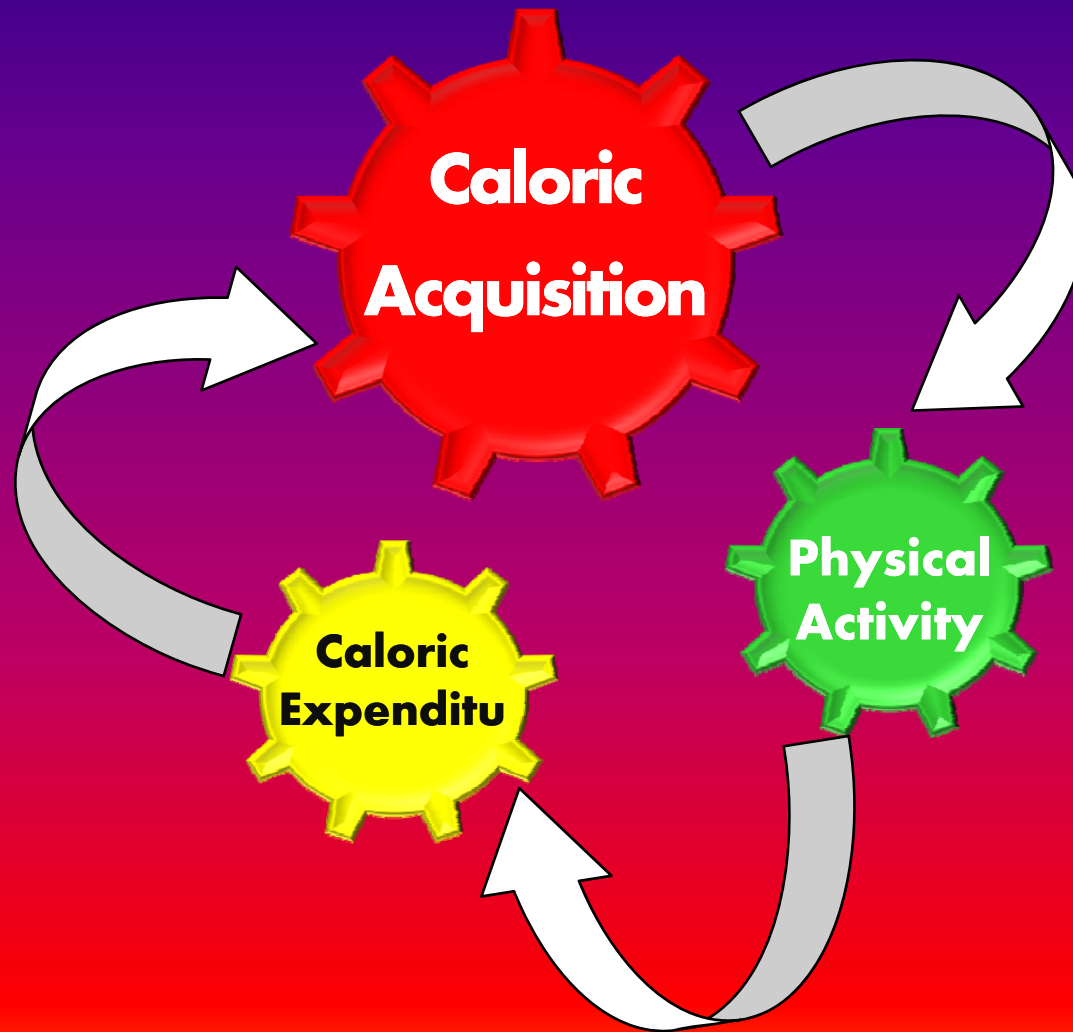
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Physical activity is no longer a requirement for daily living; the relationship between eating and physical work has been abrogated. However, genetic evolution has been wholly unable to match the rapidity of cultural change and our genes remain adapted for conditions that existed during their selection by Darwinian mechanisms

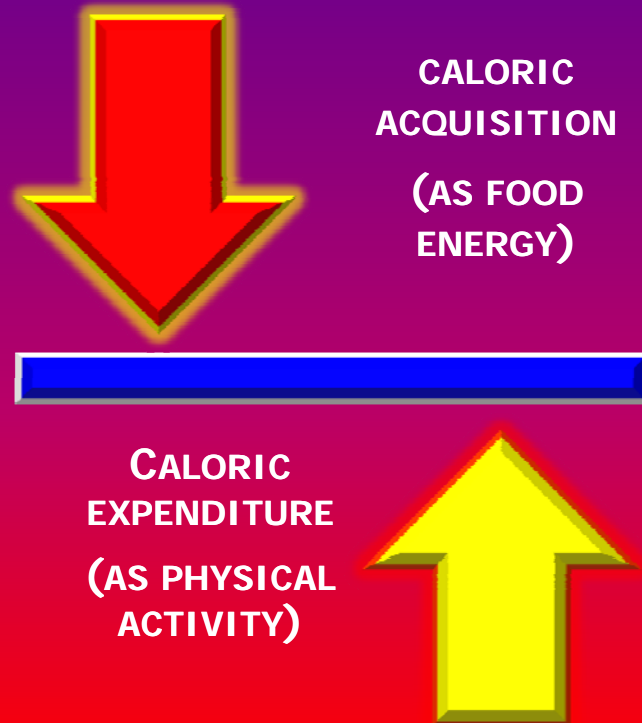
This discordance or mismatch between our contemporary lives and our genetic makeup has important pathophysiological implications: coronary atherosclerosis, age-related fractures, obesity and 'syndrome x' disorders related to insulin resistance are all promoted by physical inactivity

An energy utilization equation

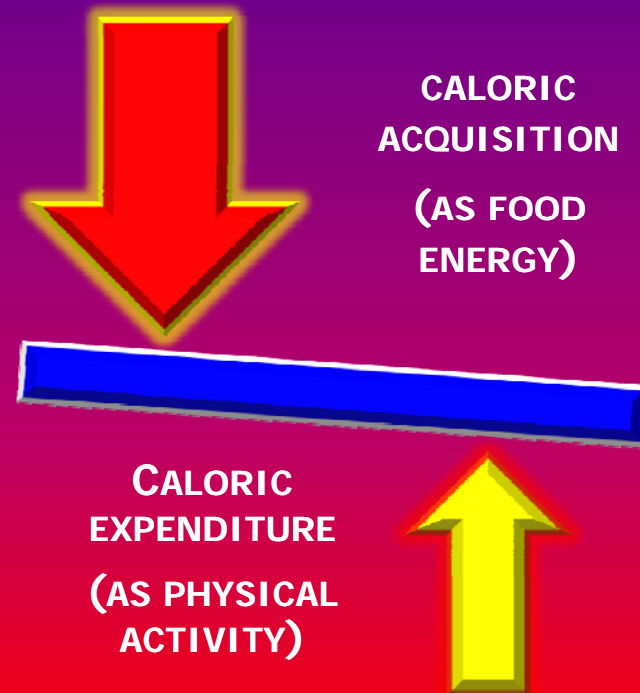


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BEFORE DOMESTICATION



20° CENTURY



Maximal Oxygen Consumption

Capacity

ml/(kg x min)

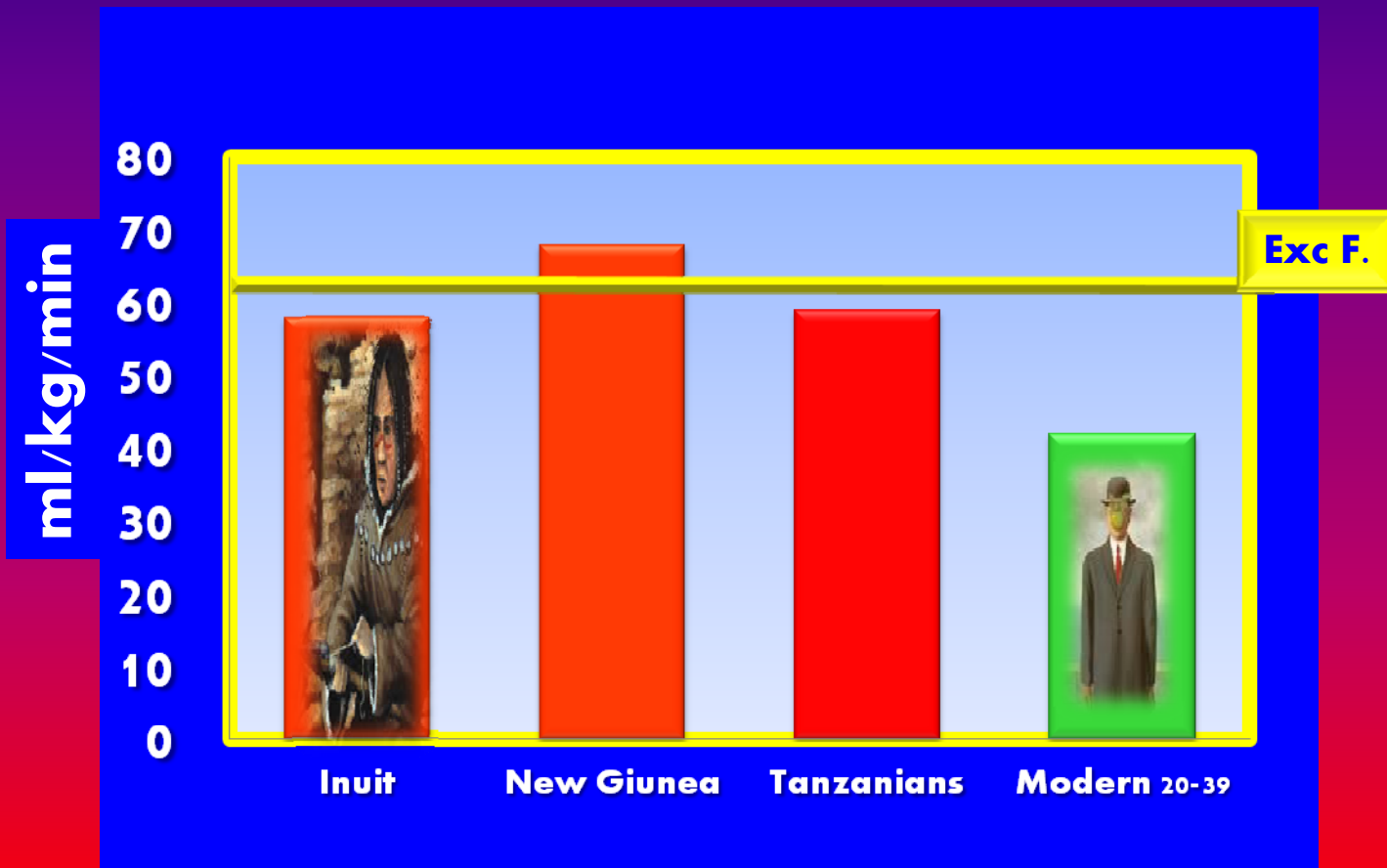
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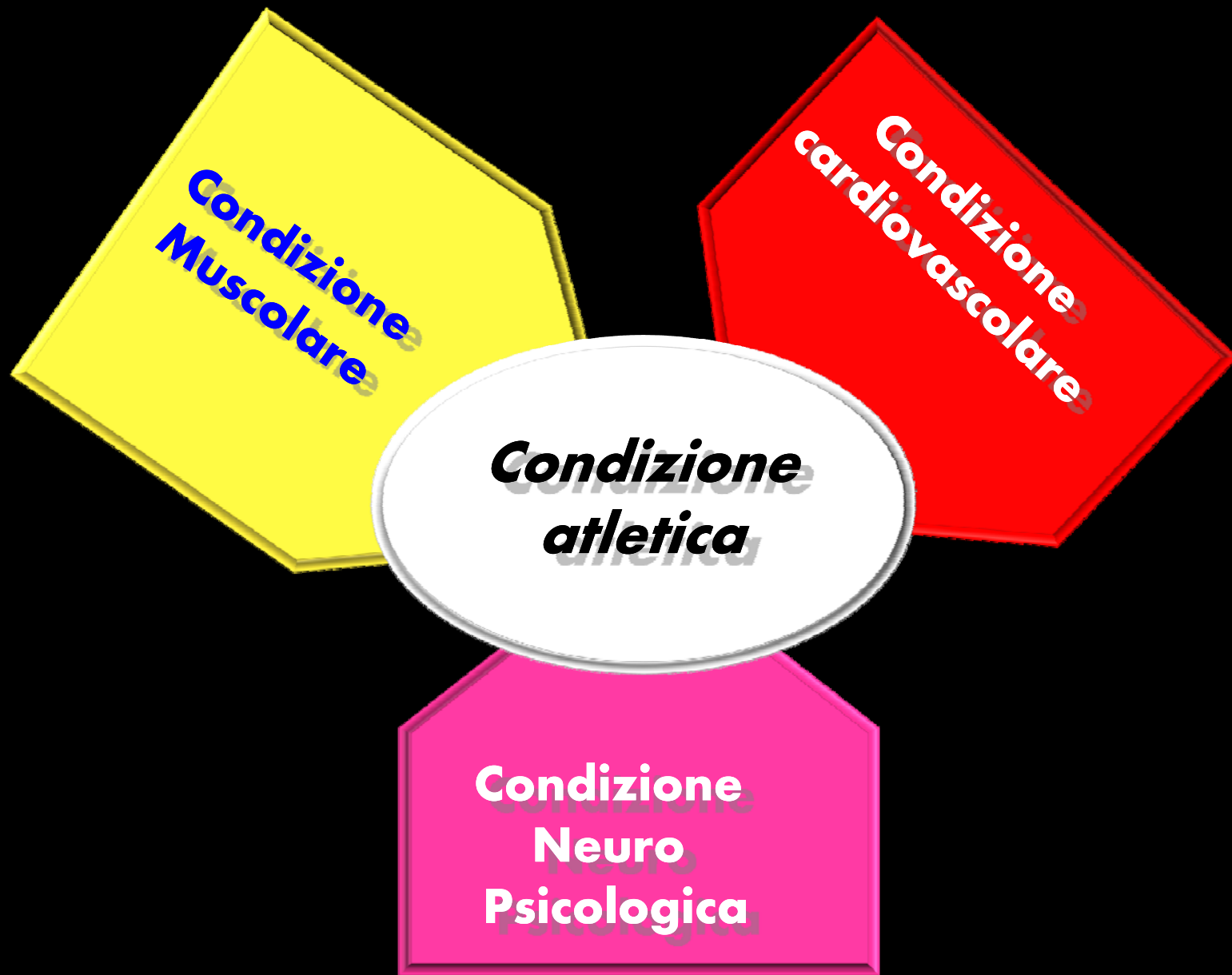
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FITNESS IN NATIVES AND IN URBAN MALE

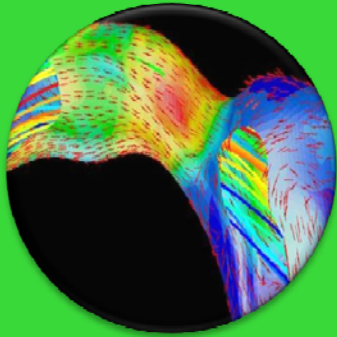


“Condizione Atletica”

L'insieme di caratteristiche cardiorespiratorie, neuromuscolari e psicologiche naturali od acquisite, che permettono all'atleta di effettuare la prestazione sportiva con il massimo rendimento e con il minimo pericolo di infortunio.



An obligatory and natural linkage



**Caloric
Acquisition**



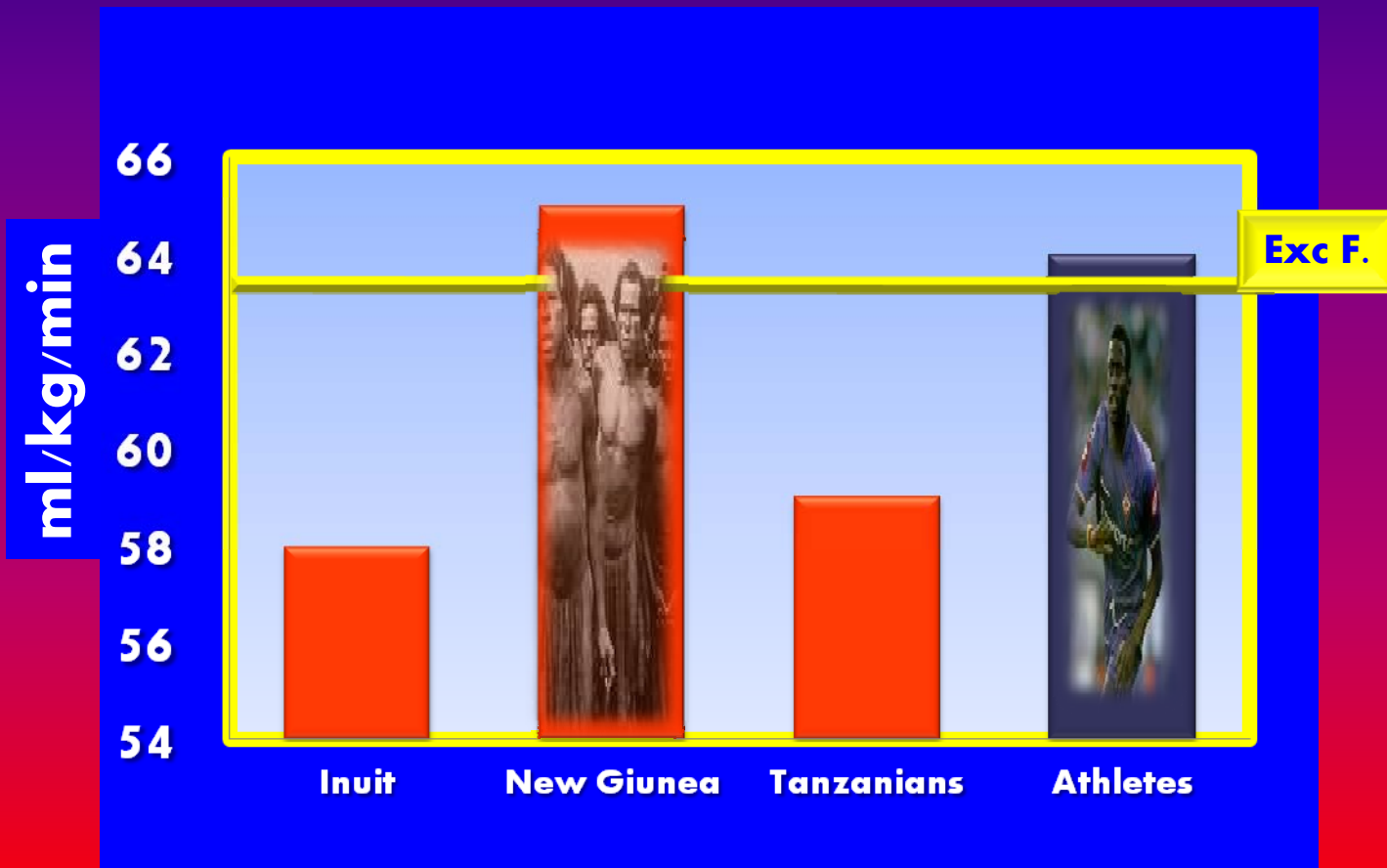
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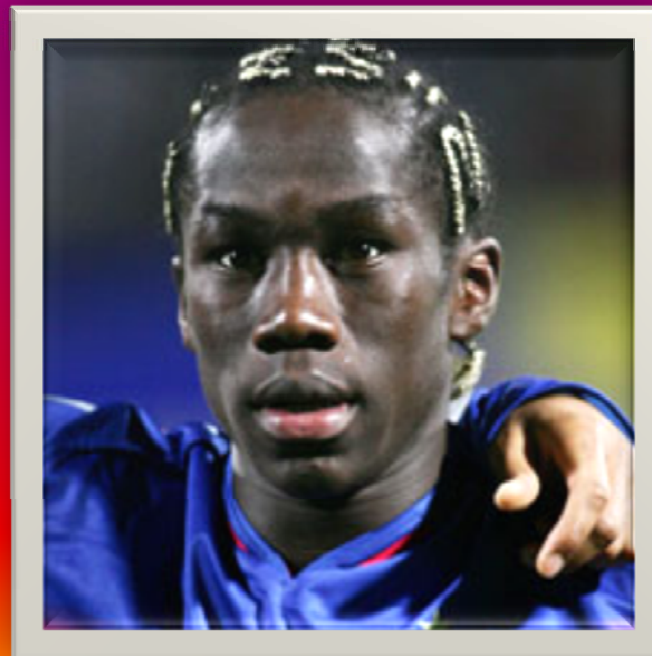


**Caloric
Expenditu**



FITNESS IN NATIVES AND IN ATHLETES





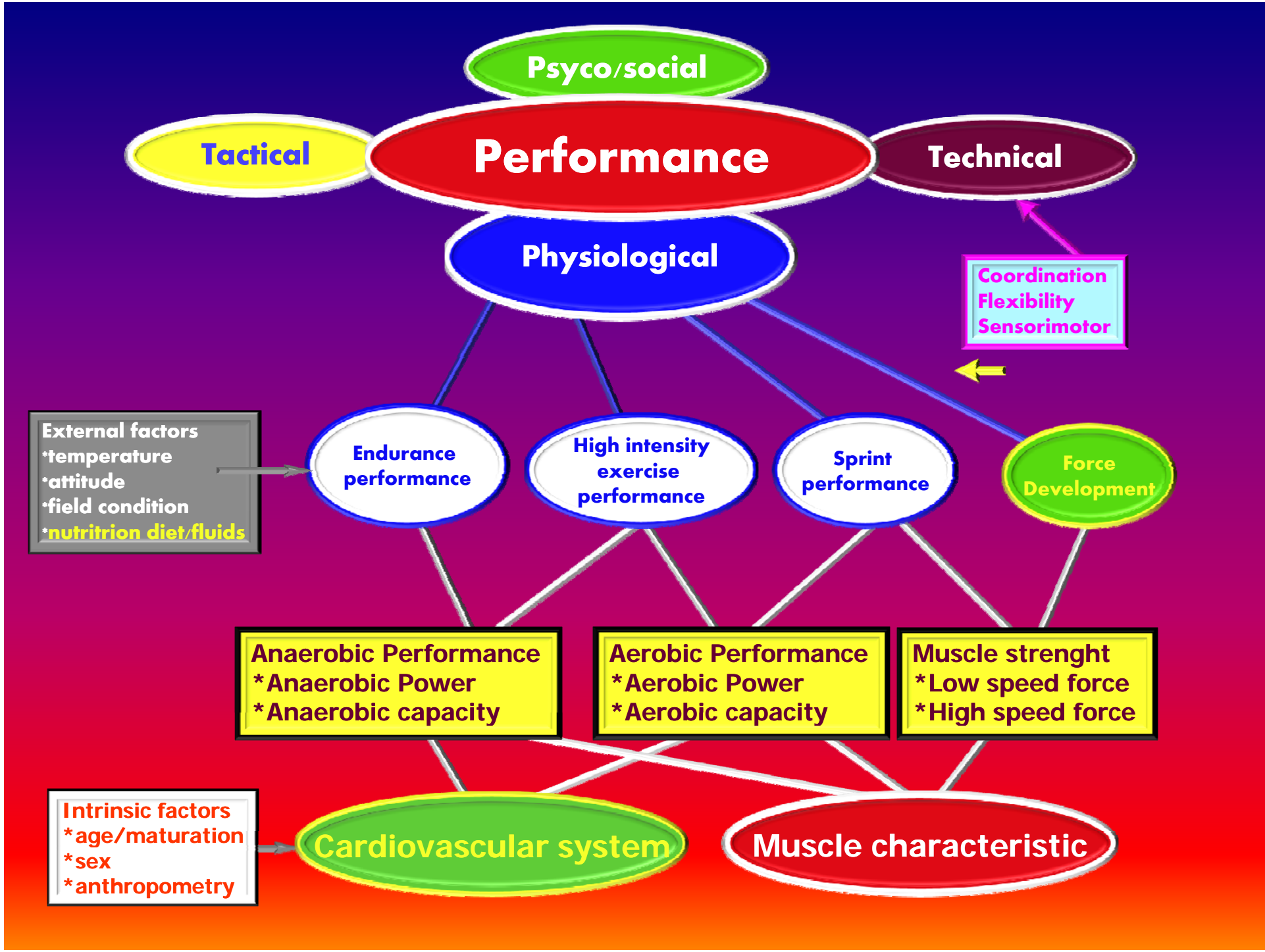
**Condizione
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Performance

Tattici

Tecnici

Psico/sociali



Sports Performance

Resistance or Drag

Gravity

Drag

**Surface
friction**

**Barbell
Mass**

Body mass

**Opponent's
body mass**

Air

Water

Snow

Ice

Asphalt

Sustainable power output

**Neuromuscular
Skill**

**Mechanical
Efficiency
Or
Movement
economy**

**Muscle
efficiency**

**Aerobic
power**

**Sustainable
Energy
expenditure**

**Lactate
threshold**

**Anaerobic
Power
And
Anaerobic
capacity**

