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Pragmatic exercise and dietary interventions in overweight cancer survivors

Impact on body weight and other health outcomes

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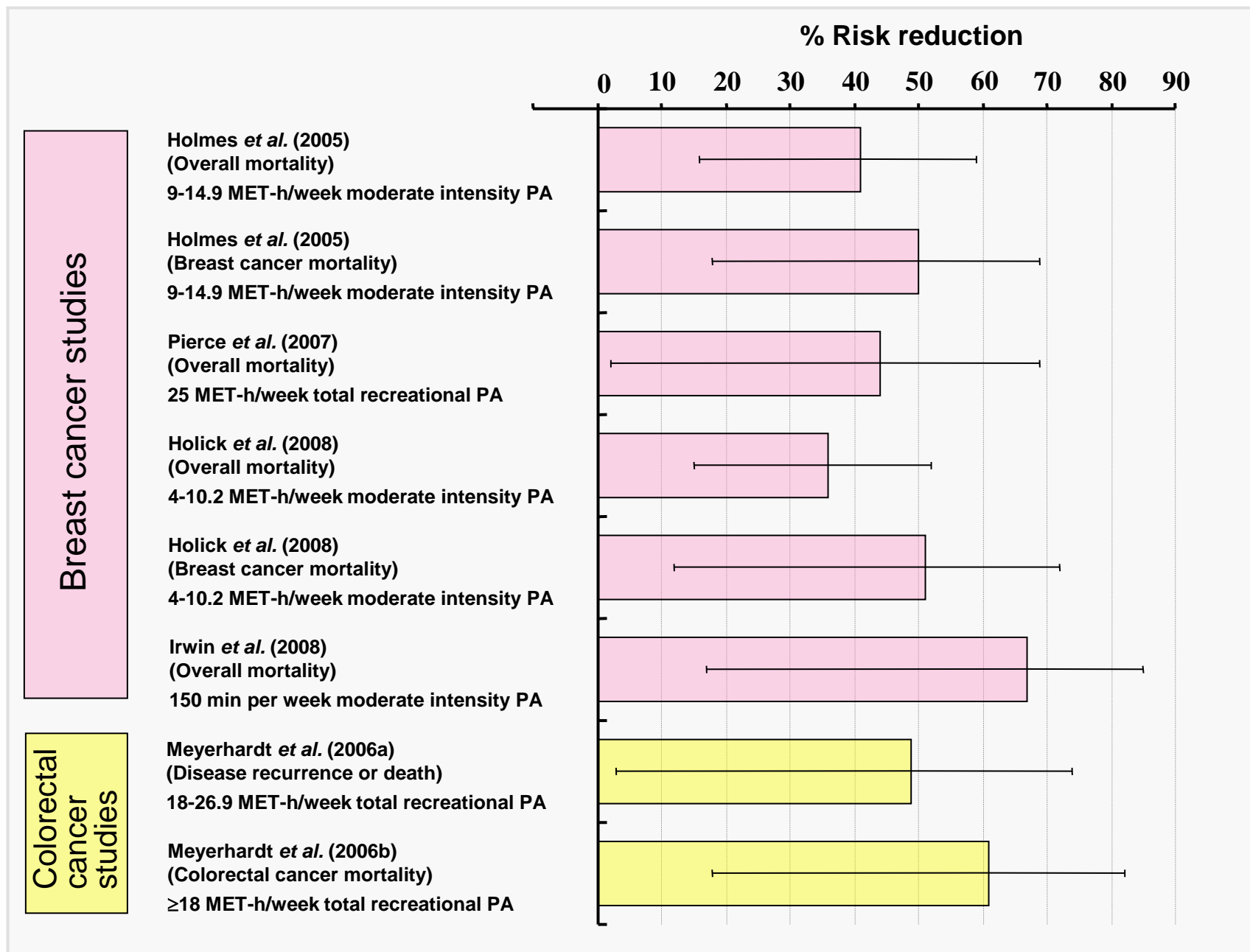
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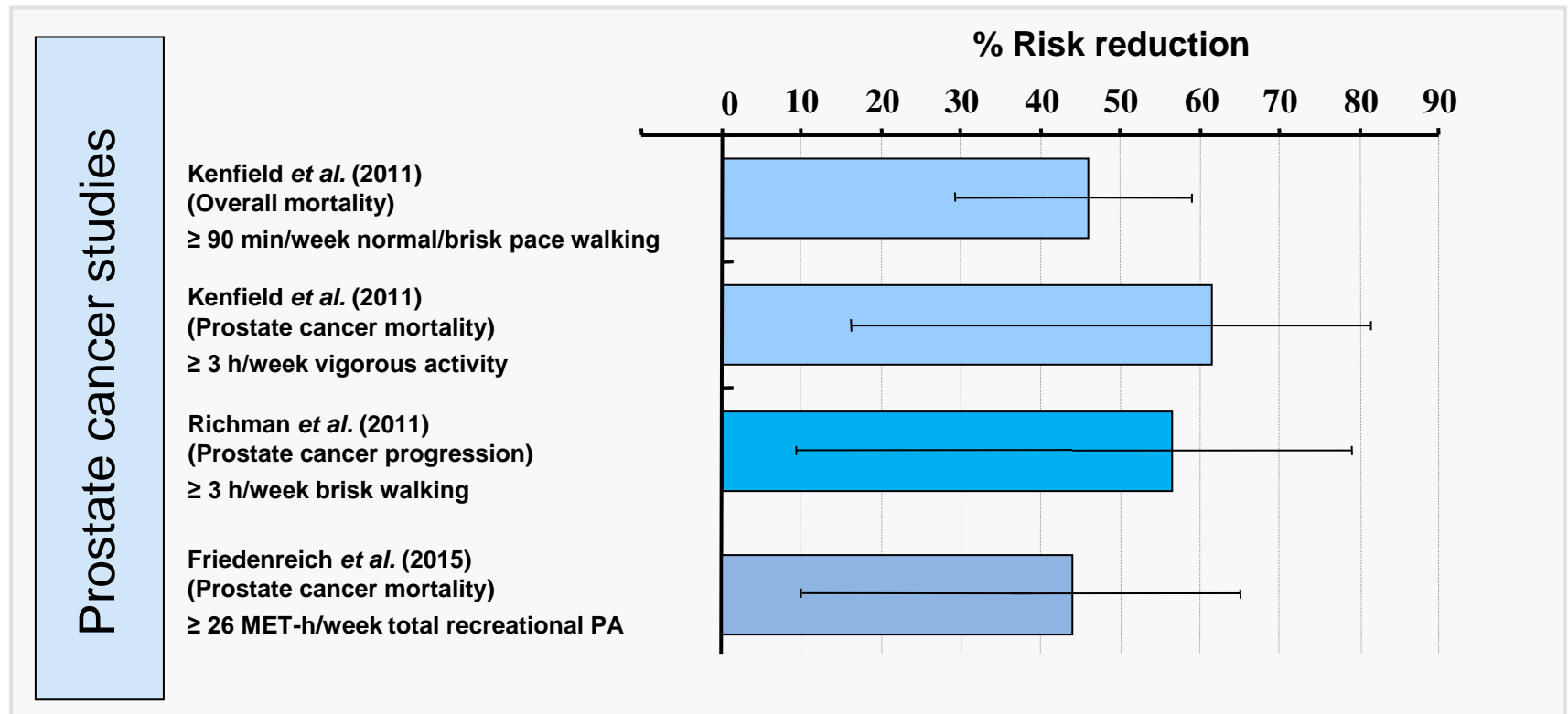
If we had a pill that conferred all the confirmed health benefits of exercise, would we not do everything humanly possible to see to it that everyone had access to this wonder drug? Would it not be the most prescribed pill in the history of mankind?

Robert E. Sallis 2009; Br J Sports Med 43(1), 3-4.

Physical Activity (PA) and survival outcomes after cancer treatment



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The Colon Health and Life-Long
Exercise Change trial: a randomized
trial of the National Cancer Institute
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The Alberta moving beyond breast cancer
(AMBER) cohort study: a prospective study of
physical activity and health-related fitness in
breast cancer survivors

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BMC Cancer 2012, **12**:525

Intense Exercise for Survival among
Men with Metastatic Castrate-Resistant
Prostate Cancer (INTERVAL-GAP4): a
multicentre, randomised, controlled
phase III study protocol

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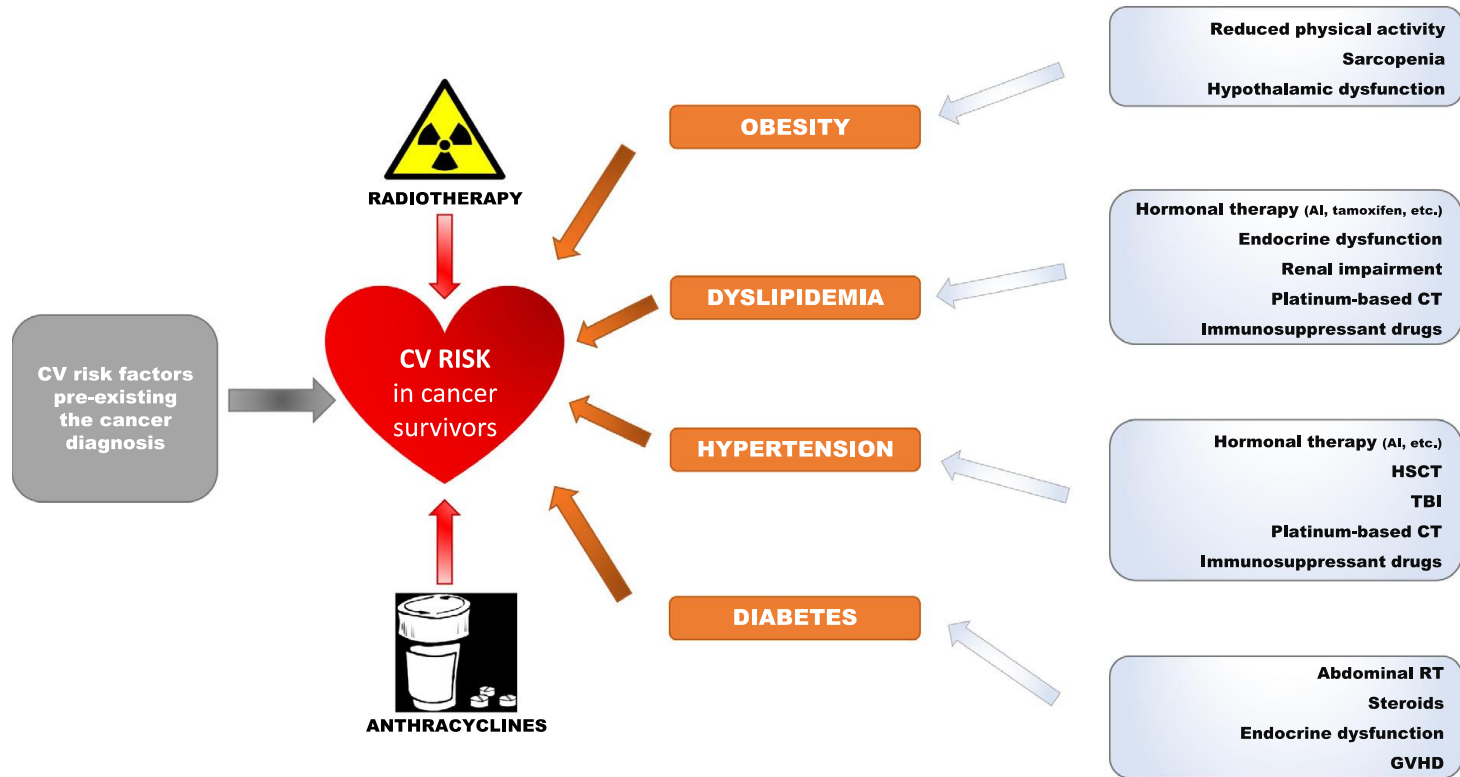
BMJ Open 2018;**8**:e022899.

Excess body weight and cancer survival

- *Each 5 kg/m² BMI increment <12 months after and ≥12 months after diagnosis was associated with an increased risk of 14% and 29%, respectively, for breast cancer mortality (Chan et al. 2014; Ann Oncol 25, 1901-14).*
- *Each 5 kg/m² increase in BMI was associated with 15% increased risk of prostate cancer mortality and 21% increased risk of biochemical recurrence (Cao et al. 2011; Cancer Prev Res 4, 486-501).*
- *Obesity prior to diagnosis was associated with 22% increased risk of colorectal cancer mortality and 25% increased risk of all-cause mortality; obesity after diagnosis was associated with 8% increased risk of all-cause mortality (Lee et al. 2015; PLoS One 10, e0120706).*

Cancer survivors: An expanding population with an increased cardiometabolic risk

Felicetti *et al.* (2018): *Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice* 143; 432-442.



Physical activity promotes negative energy balance and weight (body fat) loss – reducing general/central adiposity

Reduces circulating sex steroid hormones and adipokines (e.g. leptin); increases SHBG and adiponectin

Reduces systemic inflammatory markers (CRP, IL-6, TNF- α)

Crosstalk between growth-promoting pro-inflammatory microenvironment accompanying obesity and cancer-prone cells

Himbert *et al.* 2017; *Cancer Prev Res* 10, 494–506.

Improves insulin sensitivity - *reduces fasting insulin, C-peptide and (possibly) exposure to growth factor proteins and peptides (e.g. IGF axis proteins) implicated in breast, prostate and colon cancer*

Ballard-Barbash *et al.* (2012); *J Natl Cancer Inst* 104, 815–840.
Inoue and Tsugane (2012); *Endocrine-Related Cancer* 19, F1–F8.
Picon-Ruiz *et al.* (2017); *CA Cancer J Clin* 67, 378–397.
McTiernan *et al.* (2018); *Proc Nutr Soc* 77, 403–411.



Improves the anti-tumour defence system (enhanced immune system function)?

Fairey *et al.* (2002), *Cancer* 94, 539–551.

Hojman (2017), *Biochem Soc Trans* 45,905-911.

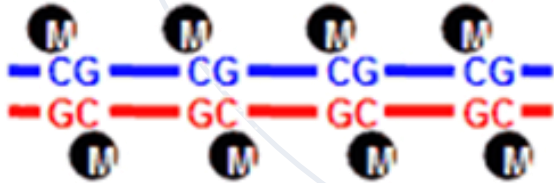
Reduces oxidative DNA damage and enhances anti-oxidant defences?

de Sousa *et al.* (2017), *Sports Med* 47,277-293.

Allgayer *et al.* (2008), *Scand J Gastroenterol* 43,971–978.

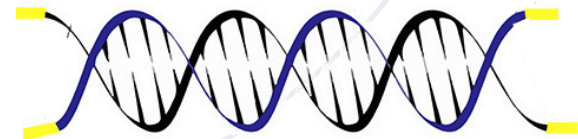


Weight loss-independent mechanisms?



Epigenetic changes - genetic control by factors other than DNA sequence?

Feroli *et al.* (2019), *J Cell Physiol*: Feb 14.



Reduces telomere attrition?

Nomikos *et al.* (2018), *Front Physiol* 9,1798.

Diet, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer: a Global Perspective

A summary of the Third Expert Report



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND CANCER: REDUCING YOUR RISK

GETTING REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
**EVERY DAY
IN ANY WAY**
LOWERS RISK FOR CANCER

WALK MORE AND SIT LESS

AIM TO GET AT LEAST
**150 MINUTES
A WEEK**

FOR MORE PROTECTION, BE ACTIVE FOR
45 - 60 MINUTES EVERY DAY

BEING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE
REDUCES RISK OF BREAST, COLON
AND ENDOMETRIAL CANCERS

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY MAY
DECREASE RISK OF LIVER AND
ESOPHAGEAL CANCERS AND
IMPROVE SURVIVAL AFTER
BREAST CANCER

ACTIVITY CAN HELP WITH WEIGHT
CONTROL AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

Resistance exercise?
For maintaining skeletal muscle mass

Lean body mass (skeletal muscle) represents a key determinant of the magnitude of resting metabolic rate and predicts total daily energy expenditure.

Cunningham (1996); *Am J Clin Nutr* 56, 460-461.

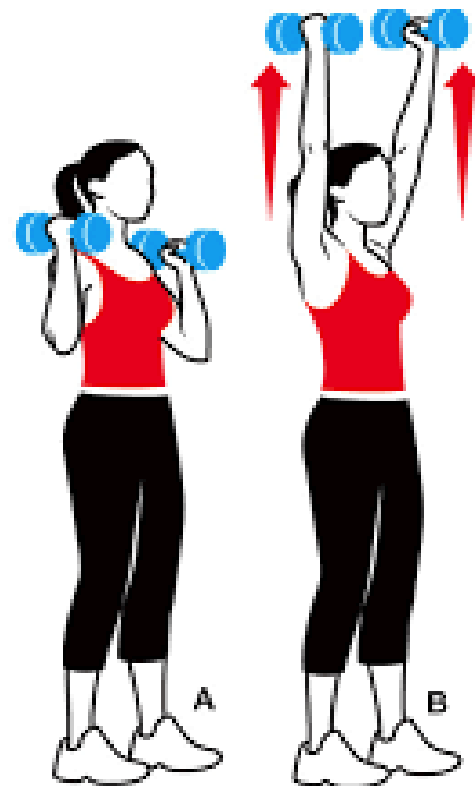
Stiegler & Cunliffe 2006; *Sports Med* 36, 239-262.

Resting metabolic rate is elevated for at least 12 hours after bouts of aerobic exercise lasting 20-80 minutes.

Bahr R, Newsholme E *et al.* (1985).

Greater reduction in body fat and preservation of lean body mass following 16 week aerobic + resistance exercise + daily 250 kcal deficit versus diet only intervention (daily 500 kcal deficit) in overweight, inactive postmenopausal women.

Van Gemert *et al.* (2015). *Breast Cancer Res* 17,120.



Physical activity and long-term body weight regulation

Clamp et al. (2018). *J Nutr Sci* 7, e20

- **Objective physical activity measures** in weight loss maintainers (≥ 15 % of body weight from a BMI $\geq 27 \text{ kg/m}^2$ for over 12 months) showed they engaged in more MVPA and spent less time in sedentary behaviours versus BMI-matched controls with no weight loss history.

Ostendorf et al. (2019). *Obesity* 27, 496-504

- Higher levels of **objectively measured PA** energy expenditure recorded in individuals maintaining a substantial weight loss (≥ 13.6 kg for ≥ 1 year) versus overweight/obese and normal weight controls.

Chaput et al. (2011). *J Obes* 2011. pii: 360257

- Appetite control; counteracting sedentary time and associated behaviours (e.g. snacking, over-eating); stress-reducing effects of PA – impact on comfort eating.

