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**2017**



# The 15-Minute Fitness Revolution

Get More From Less & Have Fun Doing It



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# Why Exercise In the First Place?

- It's not necessarily about getting fitter, getting stronger, or more flexible (though those are great side benefits)
- The Gabriel Method objective is to create a “positive stress”
- Positive stress from exercise done right leads to greater insulin and leptin sensitivity that effectively switches on the get thin hormonal response



# The Get Thin or Get Eaten Response

- Intense exercise mimics intense experiences in nature
- Immediately, you are less hungry
- Your body is energized and ready to run, hide, and escape
- Hormonally, your body “listens” to leptin and insulin better
- Your body clearly understands that to be thin and fast is to be safe (rather than the opposite) and it responds and adapts quickly



# Tabata Training – Fitness Research

- Professor Izumi Tabata pioneered the research on high intensity exercise and its benefits in 1996
- Discovered that short, high intensity exercise had many benefits over long, slow workouts for certain goals
- Dozens of future studies confirmed this to be the case – high intensity, short workouts are superior for fat burning and metabolic balance



# The Death of Cardio?

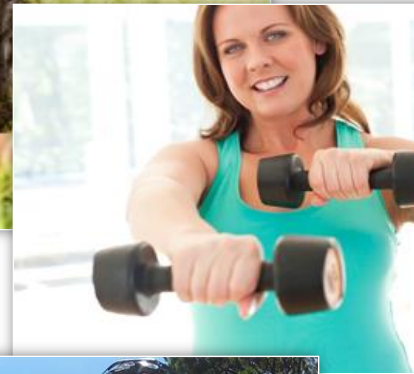
- Any kind of exercise you enjoy is great—so don't stop!
- But research shows long cardio is not optimal for weight loss like we thought for decades
- If weight loss is your goal, the good news is that exercise can be simpler, shorter and more fun than you can imagine





# Instead of Working Out, “Work In!”

- GM focuses on the hormonal impact of exercise, not the “calories burned”
- We incorporate visualization, just like top-performing athletes, to see your outcome in advance & set the stage for success
- We use resistance training to mimic nature (aka lift heavy things!)
- We believe that intensity is great & want you to have brief moments of intensity throughout your work-in, while being safe with your joints



# 5 Principles of GM Fitness



- Brief
- Intense
- Playful
- Bendy
- Plenty of Rest



# Principle #1 – Keep it Brief!

- Overtraining can be a huge problem, especially when you first begin training
- Overtraining can actually increase your stress response in the body, reduce your energy, and lead to hunger cravings
- GM Fitness is in short, controlled bursts, think a sprinter rather than a marathon runner



# Principle #2 – It's Got to Be Intense

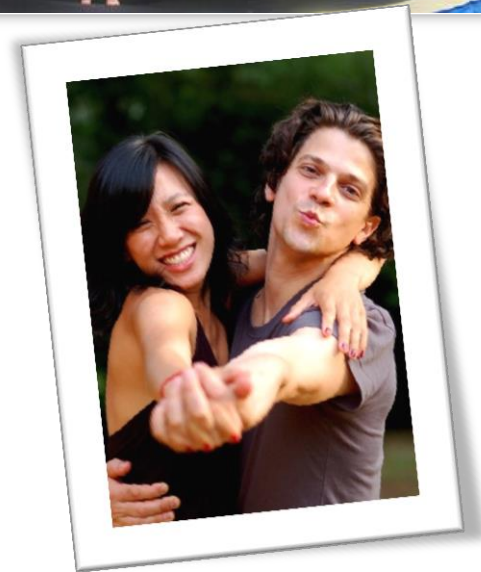
- To activate primal hormonal responses, we need a primal movement in the body—like running from a tiger!
- Intensity does not mean reckless or dangerous—it just means intense!
- Protect your back & joints by using a steep inclined hill to run up, or by adding tons of resistance on a stationary bike
- You want to get tired really quickly, complete, wonderful exhaustion



**Before You Start:** get a check-up and/or stress test from your doctor, to determine if high intensity is suitable for you

# Principle #3 – Make it Playful

- Have fun or don't bother, exercise should be some activity you love
- Structured routines like a stationary bike is fine, but free form exercise like improvisational dance is just as good
- Enjoy yourself: dance, run, play with your dog or your kids, swim, ride a bike
- Blast some music, act silly & have a laugh



# Principle #4 – Stay Bendy!

- The length & elasticity of your connective tissues directly correlates with your body's ability to move electrical energy—a flexible body is a super conductor!
- Stretching reduces inflammation and encourages hormonal balance
- A flexible body is less prone to injury and more prone to spontaneous movement and fitness (when you're loose, exercise just feels better)



# Principle #5 – Plenty of Rest

- Recovery is as important as training—perhaps even more so
- During rest, your body has time to repair and also to rebalance itself hormonally
- Many professional athletes actually have rest hours written into their legally-binding contracts because their coaches know rest is essential for top performance—it is for you too!



# Add High Intensity to Your Life!

- Out for a walk? Every minute or two, take 20 strides with everything you've got—then go right back to walking
- Listening to music at home? At the end of every song, go completely wild, twist and jump, squat and lunge!
- Playing with your kids in the park? Play “tag” or “hide and seek” and every once and awhile, run full out





# Adding Power to Your Posture

- The way you stand affects the way you feel—and that affects your hormonal response
- Try “Wonder Woman Pose” while waiting in line: hands on hips, chest lifted, proud and confident
- Midday, take a 10 second break: stand up, stretch your hands to the sky and say “yes!” out loud
- Get a good chair while at your desk so you can sit up tall and proud



# Stay Bendy at Work

## STRETCH #1 - Seated Piriformis Stretch

- Put your ankle on top of the knee
- Gently lean forward with your hands on your leg, you should feel a stretch deep in your bum



# Stay Bendy at Work (cont'd)

## STRETCH #2 - Seated Spinal Twist

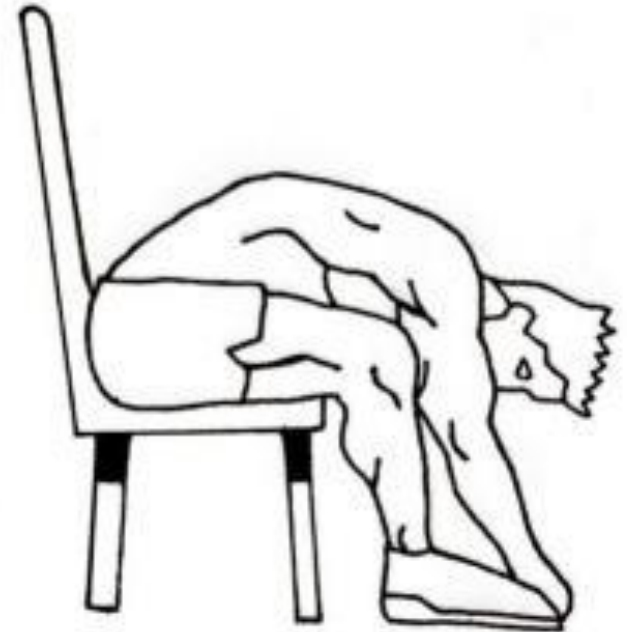
- Spine long, chin lifted, gently turn and twist
- Use your hand to reach behind and help you go deeper



# Stay Bendy at Work (cont'd)

## STRETCH #3 - Seated Lumbar Stretch

- Legs apart
- Fold forward & let your body flop onto your legs



# Break Free from “Fitness Myths”

- “No pain, no gain” is not true—you can have fun, and stay pain-free all while making huge gains in strength, flexibility & weight loss
- The “fat burning zone” does not require 20+ minutes of cardio, it simply requires you to exercise for hormonal balance, then you’re in fat burning zone all day long
- Never too old, too out of shape, or too heavy—start exercising today!



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