INSULIN RESISTANCE
— SOLUTION —
PRACTITIONER TRAINING

Fitness

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Exercise

✓ Trained muscle clears glucose more effectively than untrained muscle.

✓ Trained muscle is more efficient at using glucose and reducing insulin than untrained

Exercise

✓ 30 seconds of full intensity exercise elevates growth hormone more than 30 minutes of moderate intensity aerobics, and it stays elevated for 90 minutes.

✓ Repeated exercise bouts during the day, well-apart in time, produce significantly greater total GH secretion.*

Kanaley JA, Weltman JY, Veldhuis JD, Rogol AD et al. Human growth hormone response to repeated bouts of aerobic exercise. J Appl Physiol. 1997 Nov;83(5):1756-61

Effect of Exercise on Growth Hormone

- ✓ Upper curve is a 30-second all-out burst (sprint)
- ✓ Lower curve is 30 minutes of aerobics
- ✓ Notice the amount of GH secreted is higher with 30-second sprint
- ✓ A second sprint at 60 minutes does nothing to GH
- ✓ The optimal timing of sprints (bursts) appears to be 120 minutes
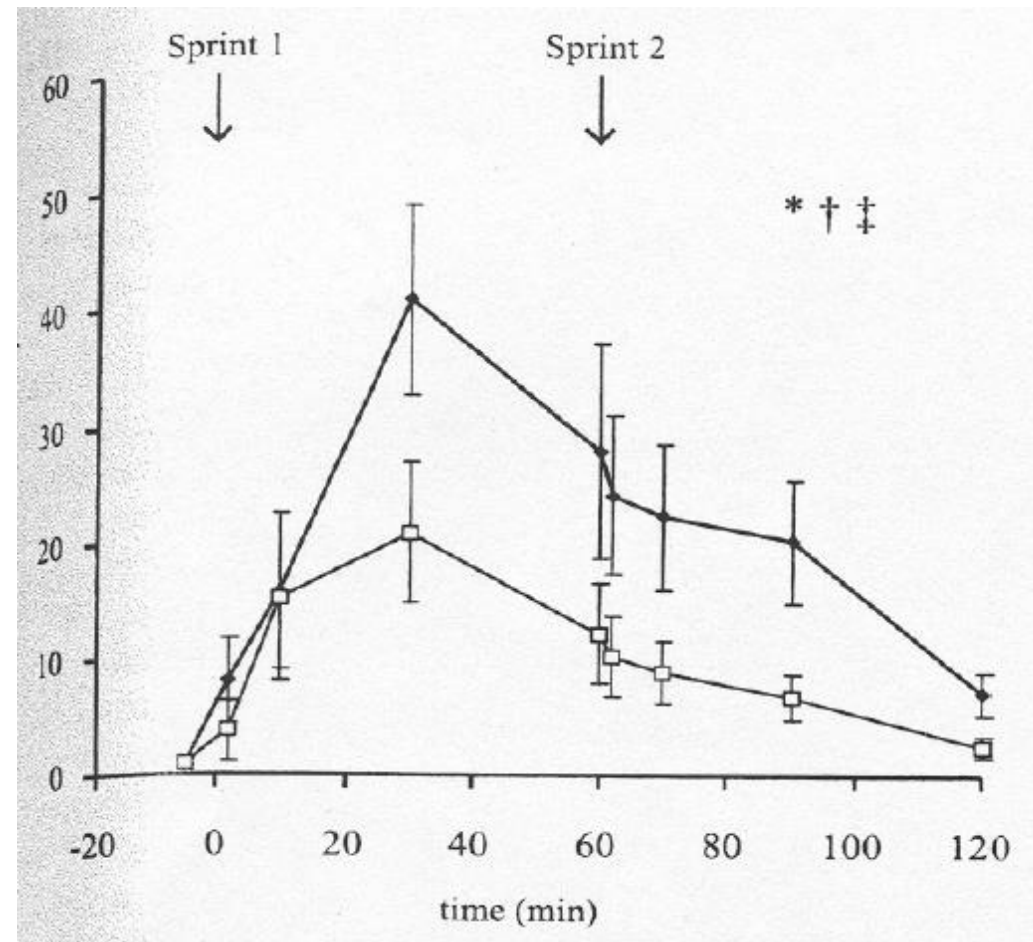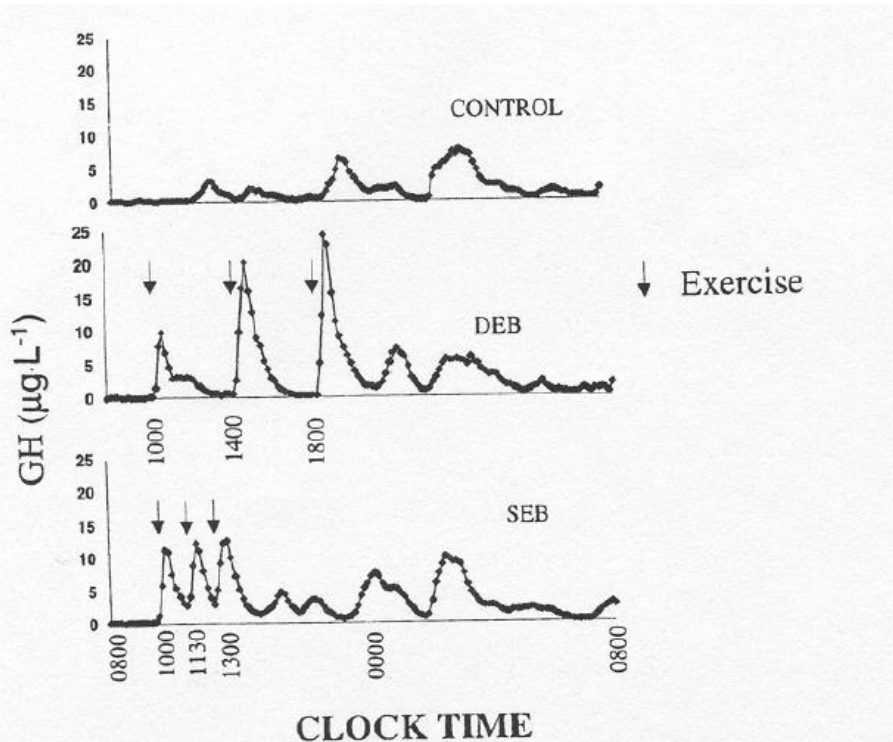
Growth Hormone Response to Intense Exercise

Fig. 2. Mean serum growth hormone (GH) concentrations during blood sampling at 10-min intervals over 24 h on C, SEB, and DEB days.

SEB = **sequential exercise bouts:** new exercise bout was begun at the 90-minute mark after the previous one

DEB = **delayed exercise bout:** new exercise periods were spaced at 4-hour intervals

GH = **growth hormone:** intensity increased with each successive bout when spaced 4 hours apart

NOTE: GH response to exercise is blunted in obesity

Walking and Aerobic Exercise: Effects on Insulin Resistance

- ✓ Walking does not appear to have much of an effect insulin resistance

- ✓ Aerobic exercise decreases cardiac risk through mechanisms other than insulin regulation

- ✓ 30-40 minutes of moderate walking reduces heart disease risk by 40% and cancer risk by about 35%, almost as much as more intense aerobic exercise

- ✓ The benefits of walking exercise are equal or better when it is broken up into multiple 10-minute sessions than if engaged in all at once

Exercise Guidelines for Blood Sugar Control

- ✓ Do **30-second all-out bursts** such as a sprint, bike sprint, or short bout with weights **every 4 hours** or so to maximize growth hormone.

- ✓ Do a short session of **burst exercise 2 hours after the evening meal** to clear nutrients from the blood and prepare for fat burning during sleep.

- ✓ Add **30-60 minutes of walking** most days at a "brisk but comfortable" pace.

- ✓ Adding 10- to 15-minute **intervals of brisk walking are easier** to work into a busy schedule and are just as effective as longer walks.

Growth-Hormone Maximizing Exercise Routine

- ✓ 2-3 minute burst-type exercise in AM on rising

- ✓ No-carb or lo-carb breakfast

- ✓ 30-60 minutes of walking during day in 10-15 minute segments if need be

- ✓ Add sprints to normal jogging, swimming, cycling routines

- ✓ 2-minute burst-type exercise at 2 hours after evening meal: reliably lowers after meal blood glucose by 20-40 points

- ✓ No food after exercise or before bed