Nutrition for Performance

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Why think about nutrition?

Maximize workouts (endurance, strength, focus)

Prevent or heal injury

Improve muscle repair & growth

Improve or prevent gastrointestinal problems

Prevent illness

Weight or body composition changes

Improve or maintain health parameters (blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure)
Daily vs Workout/Competition Fueling

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

-Aristotle

Our best results are with a consistent, balanced approach.
Factors to consider for fueling recommendations....

- What type of activity?
  - Endurance vs speed
  - Cardio vs strength
  - Individual vs team

- What is the frequency?
  - Daily vs twice daily vs 3-4 days per week

- What is the intensity?
  - Low vs moderate vs high

- What is the goal?
  - Weight loss vs weight/muscle gain
  - Improved strength vs improved endurance vs increased speed
  - Competition vs recreation
# The Basics of Energy Use in the Body

## ATP

### Phosphagen System (ATP/phosphocreatine)
- **< 10-15 second bursts**
- **Needs time (minutes) to replenish**

### Anaerobic (glycogen/glucose)
- **15 second – 2-3 minutes**
- **Limited by lactate threshold, stored carbs, & ongoing intake**

### Aerobic (glucose/fat)
- **Continuous**
- **“Endless” supply from fat**

## Activities
- **Sprints**
- **Weight lifting**
- **“Fast breaks”**

- **Tempo work**
- **HIIT**
- **Intermittent team sports (soccer, basketball)**

- **Walking**
- **Endurance run/cycling/swimming**
- **Daily life – organs, etc.**

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How to fuel depends on the system used, and the system used depends on the type of activity.
Energy Needs of Individuals

- **Basal Metabolic Rate (BMR)**
  - Genetic
  - Altered with body composition
  - Decreases with age
  - Basic body functions (respiration, heart rate, etc.)

- **Thermic Effect of Food**
  - Energy cost for food metabolism
  - Effected by type of macronutrient

- **Involuntary/Spontaneous Activity**
  - Fidgeting, shivering, etc.

- **Exercise/Activity of Daily Life**
  - Planned exercise
  - Movements necessary for daily living (dressing, walking to class, etc.)

Adapted from Clinical Sports Nutrition, Louise Burke and Vicki Deakin
Determining Energy Needs
(Harris Benedict)

Females BMR (kcal):
655 + 9.56 (weight in kilograms) + 1.85 (height in centimeters) – 4.68 (age)

Males BMR (kcal):
66.5 + 13.75 (weight in kilograms) + 5.0 (height in centimeters) – 6.78 (age)

(\text{weight in kilograms} = \text{weight in lbs/2.2})
(\text{height in centimeters} = \text{height in inches \times 2.54})

\textbf{Total Daily Energy Needs} = \text{BMR} \times \text{Activity factor}

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<td>Hard exercise/sports 6-7 days/week</td>
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<td>1.9</td>
<td>Very hard exercise/sports and physical job or daily double workouts</td>
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The Plate Guideline

A visual proportion guide of nutrient needs
The Active Individual’s Plate

- Endurance activities: marathon, century cycling, half/full IM triathlon, 2+ hours of team sport
  - Twice daily workouts
  - Smaller individual trying to gain weight

- Endurance activities: 5k-10k running, sprint triathlon, 1-2 hours team sport
  - Larger individual trying to lose weight

- Recreational activities: walking, 30 min cardio 3-4 times weekly
  - Smaller individual trying to lose weight
  - With reduced calories, need higher protein
Quality Carbohydrates

- Energy source
- Essential for bursts of energy
- Delays fatigue
- Aids focus (blood sugar)

Carbs stored as glycogen in muscle and liver, but limited capacity.
Quality Carbohydrates

- Potatoes/sweet potatoes
- Brown rice
- Quinoa
- Barley
- Whole grain pasta
- Whole grain bread
- Oatmeal/cereal
- Fruit (fresh, frozen, or canned in fruit juice)
- Tortillas
- Corn
- Butternut or acorn squash
- Beans
- Low-fat dairy (milk, yogurt)
Power-Packed Protein

- Very “specialized”
- Muscle and tissue growth and repair – Recovery!
- No storage
- Protein is the building block – carbs are the energy that allow the muscle to do the work to grow

Ex. 150lb runner → 95-105 grams/day

3-4 oz 20-30 grams protein
Fish
Chicken, turkey
Lean cuts of pork or beef
Low-fat dairy (milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, cheese)
Soy (tofu, soy milk, edamame)
Beans, lentils
Nuts, seeds
Eggs
Vitamins
Minerals (electrolytes)
Fiber
Water
Phytochemicals (antioxidants)

Help access energy, muscle contractions, heart rate
Vegetables

- Spinach
- Broccoli
- Carrots
- Tomatoes
- Cauliflower
- Asparagus
- Peppers
- Green beans
- Celery
- Mushrooms
- Cucumber
- Cabbage
- Eggplant
- Zucchini
- Onion

- On a sandwich
- In pasta dishes or lasagna
- On a pizza
- Grilled, sautéed, roasted

~1 cup

~1-1 ½ cups

~1 ½ - 2 cups
**Healthy Fats**

- Olive oil
- Canola oil
- Walnuts
- Avocado
- Almonds
- Flax seeds/oil
- Fatty fish (salmon, mackerel, sardines)

✓ Aim for more monounsaturated and omega-3s (polyunsaturated)

✓ Minimize:
  - Packaged baked goods, full-fat dairy, fried foods, “fatty” meats
Meals that take less than 10 minutes...
Hydration

Understanding fluid needs
Hydration Around Workouts & Races

- I’m a recreational exerciser
- I do races and workouts < 1 hour in length

- Drink based on thirst

- I do races and workouts > 1 hour in length
- I’m a heavy sweater
- I do more than one workout per day
- I have a strenuous job and I work out

- Drink based on schedule
Hydration Around Workouts & Races

- Individualize your fluid needs
  - “Sweat test”
  - Changes with environmentals
  - Avoid dehydration OR hyponatremia

- Replace electrolytes
  - Sodium lost the most (genetic, temps)
  - 500 mg – 2000 mg per liter (2 lbs) of sweat

- Carbs and electrolytes help retain fluid (pre, during, and post)

- Every 1 lb lost during workout, replace with 20-24 oz

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**Personalized Hydration Plan**

This plan is designed to help you as an athlete identify your hydration needs surrounding training and competition. This plan does not identify your specific hydration needs throughout the entire day, but by using the contained urine color chart you can start to recognize when you are properly hydrated (please note urine color can also be affected by certain supplements such as B vitamins).

Most athletes daily fluid needs are somewhere in the range of 0.5-1.0 oz per pound of body weight but this can vary widely based on weather, training, and sweat rates. Keep in mind, rapid weight loss during training periods could be attributed to inadequate hydration status.

**Step 1:** Weigh yourself without clothing immediately prior to a workout roughly 60 minutes in length. Record weight below.

\[
\text{Weight} = \text{_______ lbs (Pre-Workout)}
\]

**Step 2:** Record any fluid consumption during the workout.

\[
\text{Fluid consumed during workout} = \text{_______ oz consumed}
\]

**Step 3:** Wipe off excess sweat, remove sweaty clothing, and weigh yourself immediately following the workout. Record weight below.

\[
\text{Weight} = \text{_______ lbs (Post-Workout)}
\]

**Step 4:** Subtract your post-workout weight from your pre-workout weight to determine weight lost during the workout and record below.

\[
\text{Post-Workout weight} \quad \text{Pre-Workout weight} = \text{_______ lbs lost during workout (Pre-Workout) (Post-Workout)}
\]

**Step 5:** Convert lbs to oz to determine fluid lost. (1 lb = 16 oz)

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\text{_______ lbs lost during workout (lbs lost during)} \quad 16 = \text{_______ oz lost during workout (oz lost during)}
\]

**Step 6:** Account for any fluid consumed during the workout by adding it to what you lost.

\[
\text{Total lost during workout} = \text{_______ oz TOTAL lost during workout (oz consumed)}
\]

**Note:** If your workout was longer than one hour than you must divide the total lost by the number of hours (ex. For a 2 hour workout divide the total lost by 2); otherwise, the total lost is your sweat rate per hour.
Daily Hydration

• Most active individuals need 0.5 – 1 oz per lb
• Varies based on workouts, environmentals, genetics
• Keep *desirable* fluids accessible throughout the day
• Keep sports drinks for workouts or strenuous outdoor work in the heat (not general fluid intake)
• Monitor urine color
Fueling Around Races and Workouts

Timing your fueling needs
Race & Workout Fueling

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<td>&quot;Balanced&quot; meal – carb, fat, protein</td>
<td>Carbohydrate-rich snack (strength workouts may benefit from some protein)</td>
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<td>Limit high fiber or fat content if experience GI problems</td>
<td>Avoid high fat or fiber</td>
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<td>Hydrate → 16-20 oz over 1-2 hours or ideally individual plan</td>
<td>Hydrate as necessary → 8-12 oz or per plan</td>
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<td>Use sports drinks or salty items if heavy sweater or hot environment</td>
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Example:
Fig Newtons, sports drink, English muffin with jam, banana, yogurt, bagel

Practice your plan!
Workout-specific Pre-Fueling

- **Length of workout**
  - <75 minutes: Carbs before not as important
  - >75 minutes: Carbs before important

- **Time of day**
  - Morning: Challenge to eat before workout
  - Afternoon: May have missed meals/snacks with daily schedule

- **Type of workout**
  - High intensity: Carbs before important
  - Low intensity: Carbs before not as important (unless length of workout)

- **Gastro discomfort**
  - Eating before may or may not bother stomach – individualized

_Not eating carbs directly before a workout may contribute to using more fat for energy – okay with low intensity & shorter workouts. This requires adaptation. Pay attention to fatigue._
Race & Workout Fueling

**During (Workout > 60 minutes)**

- Electrolytes

- Hydrate based on sweat rate (or 4-8oz per 15 min)

- Sports drinks, gels, chews (for workouts greater than 60 min or if didn’t fuel well *before*)

- Sports drink may be most practical (carb, electrolytes, fluid)

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**Example:**

Sip water bottle at the gym, carry small handheld bottles on long runs (refill at fountains)

**Practice your plan!**

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<td>90 minutes – 2.5 hours</td>
<td>30-60 g/hr</td>
<td>16 oz sports drink + 1 gu (hourly)</td>
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<td>&gt; 2.5 hours</td>
<td>60-90 g/hr</td>
<td>24 oz sports + 1 cup pretzels</td>
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Race & Workout Fueling

Recovery (within 30-60 minutes)
- Roughly 0.5 grams carbohydrate per lb of body weight (endurance)
- 20-30 grams protein
- 20-24 oz fluid for every lb lost

- Critical for muscle recovery and immune system
- Fluid and electrolytes important
- Endurance vs strength only changes carb recommendation

Ex. 150 lb runner
8 oz chocolate milk + ½ PB&J sandwich + apple
# Sample Daily Plan

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<th>(150lb Runner)</th>
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<td>Pre-Workout (run)</td>
<td>1 English muffin</td>
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<td>1 tsp jam</td>
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<td>Post-workout/Breakfast</td>
<td>2 eggs</td>
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<td>1 cup oatmeal made with milk</td>
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<td>1 cup melon</td>
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<td>Black bean veggie burger in whole wheat pita</td>
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<td>Spinach, onions, tomatoes</td>
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<td>½ Avocado</td>
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<td>1 orange</td>
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<td>Small handful almonds</td>
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<td>12 oz chocolate milk</td>
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<td>Pear</td>
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<td>Dinner</td>
<td>4 oz salmon (made with olive oil)</td>
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<td>1 large sweet potato (with 1-2 tsp butter)</td>
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<td>1 cup steamed broccoli</td>
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Body Composition & Weight
Creating healthy change
Healthy Weight Gain

Protein (amino acids) + Strength work = Energy (carbs, fats)

A ton of “bricks” doesn’t build muscle – it requires carbs to do the strength work

Carbs SPARE protein from being used as energy
Healthy Weight Gain

- Roughly same protein intake
- Increase carbohydrates, healthy fats
- Eat frequently throughout the day (every 2-3 hours)
- Add calories to foods/meals you already like
  - Extra peanut butter, additional slice of bread, double rice in a burrito
- Look at genetics
Healthy Weight Loss

- Fast weight loss (>1-2 lbs/week) results in more muscle loss
- Avoid fads, eliminating entire food groups, or restrictive approach → contribute to “yo-yo” dieting

Calorie deficit (500-750 cal/day) + Strength and cardio training + Adequate protein intake
Healthy Weight Loss

- Slightly higher protein intake
- Decrease carbohydrates, time intake around a workout
- May decrease fats
- Avoid skipping meals – aim for something every 3-4 hours
- Look at genetics
Dietary Supplements

Being a smart supplement user
Dietary Supplements Defined

A dietary supplement is “a product (other than tobacco) intended to supplement the diet that bears or contains one or more” dietary ingredients.

21 USC 321(ff)

- A vitamin, mineral or amino acid (whether a concentrate, metabolite, constituent, extract, or combination)
- An herb or other botanical (whether a concentrate, metabolite, constituent, extract, or combination)
- Enzymes, organ tissues, glandulars

It CANNOT contain a drug as defined by the FDA.
Regulation

- Company is responsible for safety and substantiation of claims
- No pre-market approval or testing by FDA
- FDA responsible for proving *unsafe* once on the market

 Variety of inspection and safety programs conducted by FDA, USDA, and state/local inspection teams
One cannot subsist on supplements alone...
Concerns

• Contains ingredient NOT on the label
• DOES NOT contain ingredients listed on the label
• Toxins/chemicals from manufacturing process
• Scientifically unsubstantiated health claims
• Medication interaction
• $$$$$
Only take a supplement if both:

**Safe**
- Stick with 3rd party tested supplements
  - NSF Certified for Sport
  - USP
  - Informed Choice
- Talk to a dietitian or physician before starting a supplement
- Human Performance Resource Center: [http://hprc-online.org/dietary-supplements/opss](http://hprc-online.org/dietary-supplements/opss)

**Effective**
- Talk to a dietitian
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- Office of Dietary Supplements: [https://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/list-all/](https://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/list-all/)
- Consumer Labs, research studies
- Few researched, effective (safe) supps:
  - Caffeine
  - Creatine
  - Whey protein
  - Leucine
  - Beta-alanine
  - Sodium bicarbonate
  - Vitamins/minerals (if deficient)
Questions?

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Survey

It is requested you go to the link below and complete the short 7 question survey.

- [https://surveys.uscg.mil/Community/se.ashx?s=6F20F7743AEEFAEA](https://surveys.uscg.mil/Community/se.ashx?s=6F20F7743AEEFAEA)

If you have any questions or concerns about this webinar, or the CG Health Promotion Program, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

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