

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY II
EDKP 449-001

COURSE OUTLINE, Fall 2017

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Class Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays 2:35-3:55

Locale: Currie 305

Course Description:

This course reviews the pathophysiology of selected clinical disorders involving skeletal muscle dysfunction, with a particular focus on the integrative physiological response to acute and chronic exercise. The scientific basis of how the disease process impacts the ability to exercise is reviewed. In addition, we will address whether exercise training can positively impact the disease process itself and/or whether exercise training can reverse some of the effects of physical inactivity that is associated with chronic conditions. Special emphasis will also be put on novel exercise-based interventions and their scientific rationale.

General Objectives:

- To acknowledge and understand the essential elements of pathophysiology of selected disorders affecting skeletal muscle function in humans
- For each disorder, to acknowledge and understand the impact of the pathological condition on the acute response to dynamic and resistance exercise
- For each disorder, to acknowledge and understand the positive and potentially negative effects of chronic exercise (training) on the disease process
- For each disorder, to apply the knowledge of the exercise response and limitations into the design and implementation of exercise programs for therapeutic purposes

Course Evaluation:

| Evaluation Measure: | Percent of mark (out of 100): |
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| Midterm (during class time) | 30 |
| Research paper presentation | 15 |
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| Class participation | 5 |
| Final Exam (during exam period) | 35 |

Research paper & presentation:

Students will be put in teams of 3 to 4 per group, and work collectively to prepare a presentation on the topic of exercise treatment for a disease condition associated with skeletal muscle dysfunction. Through a review of the literature, combined with theoretical knowledge learned throughout this course (and perhaps others), you will propose a unique treatment strategy based on exercise or exercise-related adaptation for one of the neuromuscular conditions covered in class or a condition related to that covered in class. This treatment strategy can NOT be conventional endurance or resistance training, or exactly the same as a strategy covered in one of the class lectures; but it can be a variant of what has been discussed, or it can be an exercise mimetic that affects a cellular signalling pathway involved in exercise adaptation.

Your topic (disease condition and strategy) is due on October 1, 2018; and you will get feedback and/or approval from the course instructor during the following week. You will present your topic on an assigned date between November 21 and December 4 (see schedule below). Class participation is expected during these presentations and will be graded.

Guidelines for Research Paper: 12 point font, 1.5 line spacing, 10-15 pages. Use at least 15 references. In your paper, be sure to discuss the following: the disease process of your selection neuromuscular condition, describe the population for which the strategy will be most relevant; what are the main limitations to exercise in your chosen disease population? What has been previously attempted in terms of exercise training, or if nothing, why? What is the rationale for the exercise strategy chosen and what physiological and/or cellular adaptations will the strategy induce? How will the strategy be done? What if any are the risks involved in the strategy? What are the published studies on this topic and what are the results of using the strategy on the neuromuscular population? If there are no published studies, what would you expect as an outcome of the strategy? Also, be sure to integrate what you have learned from class into your presentation. Can this strategy be applied to another neuromuscular disease covered in this course? Please include a page where the contributions of each team member are clearly listed.

Guidelines for Paper presentation: 20 min presentation using Power Point. Minimum 10 slides; maximum 20 slides. Each team member must be present and participate in the presentation of your paper. There will be a 5-minute question period following the presentation.

Grading for Research paper will include marks for originality, clarity of writing, appropriate review of literature and statement of purpose, use of appropriate references, organization and flow of material, and paper content (clear description of chosen neuromuscular condition, statement of rationale and hypothesis if appropriate; proposed methodology for how strategy will be done, clear presentation of results, discussion of positives and negatives of chosen strategy, and any limitations of chosen strategy, any future direction to propose?).

Grading for Research presentation will include marks for clarity of presentation; clear description of chosen clinical condition, statement of rationale and hypothesis if appropriate; proposed methodology for how strategy will be done, clear presentation of results, discussion of positives and negatives of chosen strategy, and any limitations of chosen strategy, any future direction to propose?

Reference Material:

- Skeletal muscle structure, function and plasticity – the physiological basis of rehabilitation. Richard L. Lieber, 3rd edition. 2010: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (Chapters 1,2,4,5 and 6)
- Clinical Exercise Physiology (3e) Ehrman, Gordon, Visich, Keteyian. 2013: Human Kinetics
- ACSM Exercise Management for Persons with Chronic Diseases and Disabilities (3e) 2009: Human Kinetics
- Journal articles: TBA

Anticipated Course Schedule: (Note: schedule and content may be subject to change)

| Date | Lecture Content |
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| Wednesday, Sept 5 | Intro to course |
| Monday, Sept 10 | Inflammation and skeletal muscle |
| Wednesday, Sept 12 | Cancer |
| Monday, Sept 17 | Cancer |
| Wednesday, Sept 19 | Short and long term effects of chemo/radiation therapy |
| Monday, Sept 24 | Cachexia and implications of cancer on muscle mass |
| Wednesday, Sept 26 | Diabetes |
| Monday, Oct 1 | Election Day: NO CLASSES |
| Wednesday, Oct 3 | Diabetes |
| Monday, Oct 8 | THANKSGIVING MONDAY: NO CLASSES |
| Wednesday, Oct 10 | Diabetes-related complications |
| Monday, Oct 15 | PCOS (Charlotte Usselman) |
| Wednesday, Oct 17 | PCOS (Charlotte Usselman) |
| Monday, Oct 22 | MIDTERM 30% |
| Wednesday, Oct 24 | Muscular Dystrophy |
| Monday, Oct 29 | Muscular Dystrophy/ Guillain-Barré |
| Wednesday, Oct 31 | Guillain-Barré |
| Monday, Nov 5 | Guillain-Barré/Amyotrophis Lateral Sclerosis |
| Wednesday, Nov 7 | Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis |
| Monday, Nov 12 | Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis/Cerebral Palsy |
| Wednesday, Nov 14 | Cerebral Palsy |
| Monday, Nov 19 | Cerebral Palsy/Myasthenia Gravis |
| Wednesday, Nov 21 | Class presentations |
| Monday, Nov 26 | Class presentations |
| Wednesday, Nov 28 | Class presentations |
| Monday, Dec 3 | Class presentations |
| Tuesday, December 4 | Class presentations |
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| Exams begin Friday, December 8 | FINAL (specific date TBA) Exam worth 35% |

IMPORTANT DATES AT MCGILL:

Fall Term

- Classes begin Tuesday, September 4
- Add/Drop deadline Tuesday, September 18
- Course or University Withdrawal with refund deadline Tuesday, September 25
- Course or University Withdrawal with NO REFUND deadline Tuesday, October 30
- Classes end Tuesday, December 4
- Study day Wednesday, December 5
- Exams begin Thursday, December 6
- Exams end Thursday, December 20 (11 days, including evening exams)

* On Tuesday December 4, the normal Tuesday schedule of course lectures, labs and conferences will be replaced by a Monday schedule.

ACADEMIC STATEMENTS:

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