Essential Principles for Longevity & Health Span:

Translating Information Into ACTION Using A Powerful Method For Self Management

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Includes Technical Appendix:

- Information Theory of Aging
 - Why Exercise?
 - How Not To Diet
 - IB Reflections

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- Then figure out what works for their own body and goals, based on personal experience while using *Self Management* to achieve progress.

An emerging **New Paradigm**: Aging and disease result from ...

- 1) Genomic instability caused by **DNA damage**
- 2) Deterioration of *telomeres*, the protective endcaps of chromosomes
- 3) Alterations of the *epigenome* that controls which genes are turned on and off
- 4) Loss of healthy protein maintenance, known as **proteostasis**

- 5) Deregulated nutrient sensing caused by metabolic changes
- 6) Mitochondrial dysfunction
- 7) Accumulation of *senescent* zombielike cells that inflame healthy cells
- 8) Exhaustion of stem cells
- 9) Altered intercellular communication and the production of *inflammatory* molecules

Nine Hallmarks of Aging in *Lifespan* [2019, pg 19], by David Sinclair PhD Also see *Technical Appendix* at end of presentation

Three Low-Risk Synergistic Strategies

- Target current disease condition(s) identified via noninvasive tests
- Enhance longevity and healthspan through information gathering, diet, nutraceuticals and exercise
- Instill commitment to sustainable action via repetitive mind/body exercises

- Strategy 1 is illustrated by a brief case study, actual blood test results over time and recommended info sources [slide #5-11]
- Strategy 2 elements are presented in detail [slide #8-24]
- Strategy 3 mind/body exercises
 [slide #24-31], with link to detailed
 explanation:

www.ReadyForBetterMethod.com

IB Brief Case Study: Unfavorable Genetic and Environmental Background

- Both parents suffered for the last 20 years of their lives
- Father: diabetic, intestinal cancer 2x, died after second surgery 18 years after the first one
- Mother: blind from macular degeneration, severely crippled with painful osteoarthritis, multiple little strokes from TIA's
- IB:
 - Grew up in Birmingham: 1946-1964 was continuously exposed to harmful air pollution from iron and steel industry.
 - Lived/worked two decades in Shanghai. 1993-2013. Exposed to harmful air, food and water pollution [mercury, lead, cadmium] from high sulfur coal-fired power plants.

IB's Journey of Discovery

- 1968-1973 Ph.D. research training in clinical psychology [UIUC], developed healthy respect and appreciation for published evidence-based information for optimizing health and wellness.
- 1978 During father's first surgery for intestinal cancer, discovered "Diet & Disease" text in Univ of Ala medical school bookstore. Thousands of published studies linking diet to a variety of disease conditions. Shifted to vegetarian diet.
- 1980 Taught seminar in holistic health while on psych faculty at UGA
- For many years, hung out in health food stores, read voraciously, tested supplements for various maladies through personal experience.
- 2014-2022 internet research on supplements for various maladies
- 2023 <u>www.pubmed.gov</u> research on hyper-/dyslipidemia; *Lifespan [2023]* by Dr. David Sinclair; and *How Not To Age [2023]* by Dr. Michael Greger
- Learning from *direct experience* via *adjustments* to diet, nutraceuticals and exercise regimen

IB Lipid Test Results

Optimum Targets	>>>>>	< 180	< 100	< 70	> 60	<467
TEST SERVICE	DATE	Cholest	Triglycer	LDL	HDL	sdLDL
Quest/CHL	9/2021	181	124	104	55	843
Quest/CHL	4/2022	170	113	95	54	
Quest/CHL	10/2022	193	129	113	56	692
Quest/CHL	2/2023	160	73	83	62	537
Quest/CHL*	10/2023	156	63	82	60	429
Lab Corp*	10/2023	152	60	80	60	

CHL = Cleveland Heart Lab

* = Cross Test Service Reliability

REACHED TARGET OPTIMUM LEVEL

Low Density High Density Small Lipoprotein Lipoprotein Dense LDL

Three 3's for Longevity and Health Span: Translating Information Into ACTION

- 3 areas for focus to improve longevity and health span
 - Movement, Diet, Nutraceuticals
- 3 arenas where this provides benefit at the cellular level
 - Mitochondria, Sirtuins, Autophagy
- 3 *Self Management* keys to create cellular benefits for improving longevity and health span:
 - Repeat aspirational goal(s)
 - in rhythm with breath
 - In rhythm with movement

First Key to Progress:

• Brisk Walking

• Steady State Cardio • Stretching after exercise

• Walk-Run Intervals • Stretching after exercise

• Fitness Center Strengthening • Stretching after exercise

Second Key to Progress [for **Dyslipidemia**]: → Food Research → **Dietary Adjustment**

- Recommended Info Sources:
 - Dr. Michael Greger's noncommercial website at <u>www.NutritionFacts.org</u> has search function for curation of published scientific research on diet and disease, plus New Book: *How Not To Age [2023]*
 - Dr. Mark Houston's chapter on nutrition and nutraceuticals for dyslipidemia in <u>Integrative Medicine 5th ed</u>. (2023). Available on Amazon
 - Dr. David Sinclair's book: *Lifespan Why We Age and Why We Don't Have To* [2019]
- IB's Adjustment to Diet that already included protein powder + legumes
 - Increased healthy fats [freshly ground flax seeds in breakfast oatmeal and mid-day kale smoothie, high polyphenol olive oil, walnuts, almonds]
 - Substituted barley for rice. Added more cruciferous vegetables. Added Kale smoothie.
 - Added local wild caught fish 2x/week [king salmon, sole] plus activated charcoal
 - Monitored weight before breakfast and before bed, which led to...
 - Controlling weight of dinner meal every night to optimize regulation of body weight 10

Third Key to Progress [for **Dyslipidemia**]: → Nutraceutical Research → Supplement Adjustment

Consider above recommended info sources above, plus <u>www.pubmed.gov</u> queries:
 1 "nutraceuticals for dyslipidemia"; 2 "nutraceuticals for hypercholesteremia";
 "nutraceuticals for [problem X, Y or Z]"

Supplement adjustments [for Dyslipidemia] based on Dr. Houston's chapter recommendations:

- For Lowering LDL: *Metagenics Coratin [2400mg red yeast rice (RYR)/plant sterols],
 *Metagenics Berberine [1000mg], pantethine [450mg 2x/day] avail on Amazon
- For Lowering triglycerides and improving HDL: Omega 3 fatty acids and non flush niacin
- For reducing inflammation and oxidation: resveratrol, curcumin, EGCG and delta tocotrienols.
- Additional nutraceuticals from <u>www.lifeextension.com</u>

OVERVIEW: The WHAT, HOW & WHY of Longevity & Health Span

WHAT To Do?

- Anti-Inflammatory Lifestyle, Diet and Nutrition
- Regular Physical Activity
- Attain Healthy Body Weight
- Implement Cognitive Engagement
- Establish Purpose & Positivity
- Social Connections
- Sleep
- Preventive Health Care



WHY Do?

Sedentary life style, unhealthy food and inadequate nutrition contribute to *suffering* from chronic disease

HOW To Do?

- Gather Information
- Clarify Goals
- Use Powerful Self Management Method to stimulate/sustain optimum behavioral adjustments
 - 1 Move Rhythmically
 - 2 Breath Deeply
 - 3 Repeat Aspirational GOALS in Rhythm with Breath and Movement
 - 4 Observe Results, Adjust and Repeat

Exercise Benefits Your Cells

- Stimulates growth of new <u>blood vessels</u>
 - Enhancing blood supply to muscles, delivering more oxygen throughout the body
- Increases *<u>nitric oxide</u>* production by endothelial cells in blood vessels
 - Causing vasodilation, lowering blood pressure, enhancing blood flow and nutrients to cells
- Increases cellular *mitochondria*
 - The energy production "powerhouses" for thousands of cellular metabolic processes
- Supports <u>telomeres</u>
 - Caps at end of chromosomes that are considered biomarkers for biological aging
- Activates <u>sirtuins</u>
 - Enzymatic genes that control longevity by turning genes on/off and stimulating autophagy

Cellular Mitochondria Are Important

- Modulate Inflammation a major cause of chronic disease and aging
- Use Anti-Inflammatory Diet & Nutrition to Feed Cellular Mitochondria
- Minimize sugar, alcohol & unhealthy saturated/trans-fats
- Shift to Mediterranean diet: fresh fruit, veggies, healthy fats [olive oil, Omega 3s] lean meat
- Cellular mitochondria key source of cell function and energy

FUNCTIONS OF MITOCHONDRIA



production of ATP (energy)

regulation of immunity

calcium balance

cell death and renewal (autophagy)

stem cell regulation

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Stimulate Sirtuins to Increase Health Span

Sirtuins are enzymatic genes that protect the body against deterioration of aging

- DNA repair and regulation of gene expression [autophagy]
- Support cell survival and longevity
- Modulate inflammation
- Maintain health of endothelial cells that line the blood vessels and enable healthy blood flow
- Control blood sugar



- Mitochondrial biogenesis (create new mitochondria)
- Reverse mitochondrial dysfunction
- Maintain mitochondria health

What Nutraceuticals and Eating Time Window Activate Sirtuins?

- NAD+ precursors: Niacin, Nicotinamide Riboside
- Polyphenols: Resveratrol, Quercetin, Fisetin, Blueberries
- Fatty Acids: Olive Oil, Omega 3s
- Amino Acids: Leucine, Isoleucine, Valine
- Caloric Restriction [Recommend weighing dinner meal beforehand for better portion control]
- Intermittent Fasting: Restrict eating window to 8-9 hours, while sun is out

Telomeres are Biomarkers for Aging



Telomeres are protective caps on the end of chromosomes. Cell, chromosome and DNA vector illustration. Credit: Fancy Tapis / Shutterstock

https://www.news-medical.net/news/20190902/DNAmethylation-closely-linked-to-telomere-length.aspx

- Telomeres are **caps** at the end of chromosomes that protect our DNA from damage [shortening and fraying].
- Telomeres shorten every time a cell divides until the cell finally dies.
- Rebuilding the shortening telomere can increase the number of cell divisions and improve human lifespans.

https://www.healthycell.com/blogs/articles/ho w-to-lengthen-telomeres-with-10-naturalingredients

Telomere Health

- Manage Stress Level → Relaxation/Meditation
- Exercise Regularly → Cardio + Intervals
- Healthy Diet → Mediterranean/Whole food plant based
- Nutrition \rightarrow
 - Vit's C & E
 - B complex [B-6 folate]
 - Omega 3s
 - Fiber [e.g. oats, lentils, chickpeas]
 - AC-11 [DNA repair]
- Switching to Mediterranean Diet reduced chance of dying on any day by 31%

Clue to longevity



Dr. Greger's Recommended Daily Dozen www.NutritionFacts.org



Practical Tips for Daily Dozen Foods

- Breakfast:
 - Cook Black Beans overnight in crock pot with clove powder to reduce gassiness.
 Store in refrigerator. Add to morning oatmeal
 - Grind flax seeds daily for morning oatmeal and mid-day smoothie
- Mid-Day Smoothie:
 - Blend kale, banana & KACHAVA protein/nutrient powder in smoothie
- Dinner:
 - Substitute legumes [chickpeas, lentils, tofu] for red meat
 - Add olive oil, turmeric powder, black pepper + favorite spices for dinner seasoning of legumes and veggies
- *Fish-vegetarian diet* had the lowest mortality in 7th Day Adventist study. Red meat diet had the highest mortality. [.81 vs 1.0 hazard ratio]. Local wild caught fish is best.

Three KEYS for Putting Longevity & Healthspan Onto The Center of Your Personal Radar Screen Using A Powerful Method for Self Management



First 2 Keys: Movement + Deep Breathing



Conditioning Enables Progress at Your Own Pace



walk/run-sprint walk/run walk/jog (longer stride) slow walk/faster jog (short stride) slow walk/slow jog (short stride) brisk walk slow walk

Practical Tips

- Health/EKG check first & periodically
- Listen to messages from your body
- Focus on deep breathing to maximize oxygen uptake by lungs
- Adjust # of steps/breathing cycle according to body's oxygen needs
- Allow time for recovery within and between sessions
- Notice progressive conditioning
- Combine intervals with strengthening [leg press, elliptical]
- Optimum may be 3 interval and 2 strengthening sessions/week

Increase <u>pace</u> or <u>stride</u> as conditioning progresses. Increase <u>reps</u>, <u>weight</u>, or <u># of sets</u> for strengthening L-Carnitine+Creatine Monohydrate, CoQ10 and B complex vit's can increase energy available for exercise

Combining Movement with Clear Intention is a Powerful Practice

Research discoveries by William Greenough Ph.D. Award winning research psychologist (UIUC)

- 1960's: discovered teaching old rats new skills caused their brains to weigh more.
- 1990's: with advanced technology, established that *aerobic exercise* increases vascularization [blood flow] in the brain, and *learning* increases brain cell growth and synaptic complexity



 IB Conclusion based on direct experience + personal communication w/ Dr. Greenough [2000]: Increased vascularization and neuronal growth enable behavioral responsiveness to new information AND enhanced self management as the body/mind is imbued with the personally formulated INTENTION. 3rd Key Is A Powerful Approach To Self Management

Repeating goal in rhythm with breath, in rhythm with movement

- Stimulates growth and complexity of brain cells
- Increases raw usable intelligence
- Enables increased **focus** on what's important.
- Increases **commitment** for taking action.
- Increases awareness of internal/external clues about what to do next.
- Increases strategic learning & enhances bio-behavioral progress

Group Exercise 1:

Abdominal Breathing for Increased Oxygen Uptake

- Swimmers, Singers, Horn Musicians, Yogis know how to do "Belly Breathing"
- Learning/Practice Exercise: 2 count breath
 - Vigorously pull your stomach in while exhaling
 - Thrust your stomach out while inhaling
 - Repeat until you get it
- Learning/Practice Exercise: 4 count breath
 - 1 Inhale to the belly, then 2 inhale further into the chest [expand rib cage]
 - hold the breath for a moment to enable increased oxygen uptake by the lungs
 - 3 exhale from the chest by collapsing the rib cage, then 4 suck stomach in to complete the exhale
 - Repeat until you get it

Group Exercise 2:

Regulate Breath While Walking In Place

• Begin by walking in place,

4 steps on the in-breath,

4 steps on the out-breath

- Repeat until you get it
- Develops breath awareness



<u>Group Exercise 3</u>: **Formulate** a Longevity/Healthspan Goal

- Examples:
- I am exercising daily
- I am breathing deeply during exercise (for increased energy)
- I am adjusting my diet to improve my longevity and healthspan
- I am eating more legumes and veggies
- I am monitoring my weight daily
- I am adjusting my diet and exercise to accomplish my weight loss goal
- I am adjusting my diet and exercise to improve my longevity and healthspan
- Customize one for yourself [for key issues, goals, purpose, health, etc]



Group Exercise 4:

Repeat your goal

in rhythm with your breath & movement

while walking in place

Review: How to Improve Longevity & Healthspan

- Gather information
- Develop your strategy to include diet, nutraceuticals and exercise
- Clarify key goals
- Repeat your goal(s), in rhythm with movement, in rhythm with breath
- Observe your Results, Adjust and Repeat
- May the Force Be With You 😉

See Technical Appendix: Supplemental Information

Request copy and send Qs, comments, suggestions to Irv Beiman <u>bu3690@gmail.com</u>

for Self Management Method detail, go to <u>www.ReadyForBetterMethod.com</u>



Technical Appendix Supplemental Info

A. Information Theory of Aging

[from *Lifespan, 2019,* by David Sinclair PhD + presentations]

B. Why Exercise?

[from Bente Klarlund Pederson MD PhD, AARD 2023 Conference]

C. How Not To Diet, 2023

[by Michael Greger MD, book launch presentations]

D. IB Reflections, 2023

[links to related essays by IB]

A. Information Theory of Aging [1]

Aging is the degradation and loss of cellular information

- Each Cell nucleus contains 46 chromosomes -- 23 from mother and 23 from father
- Every chromosome contains two types of info within its double helix strand of DNA: *digital info* and *analog info*
- **Digital info** is contained within the different combinations of A, T, C and G in the genes inside the DNA in every chromosome.
 - There is a *backup copy* available for each cell's digital genetic info
- **Analog info** surrounds this digital DNA info and controls/regulates the chromosome's genes by turning them on and off, as well as accessing the *backup copy* of genetic info
- This analog info is called the *epigenome*. It operates at a level above the genes, is affected by multiple factors, including *Sirtuins*, *mTOR* and *AMPK*
 - The *epigenome* uses the backup copy of digital genetic info for DNA repair and restoration of healthy genes

A. Information Theory of Aging [2] <u>Either Cellular reproduction or DNA repair</u>

- Two processes take place within almost every cell, but <u>not</u> at same time:
 1 cellular reproduction and 2 DNA repair
- Genetic digital A/T/C/G info degrades over time as result of DNA breakages and "epigenetic noise", interfering with 1 <u>cellular reproduction</u>.
- As old cells become *senescent* and cannot reproduce, they cause inflammation that spreads to other cells, can become chronic, with potential for creating a wide variety of diseases
- Traditional medicine relies on early diagnosis to trigger treatment of *disease symptoms* after they have developed [using drugs, surgery, radiation]
- Authentic preventive health care based on anti-aging cellular research uses 2 <u>DNA repair</u> to delay the natural aging process [using exercise, diet, nutraceuticals and pharmaceuticals]
- Elimination of senescent cells and recycling of cellular material [*autophagy*] is fundamental for DNA repair.

A. Information Theory of Aging [3] *Three Levels of Aging*

- 3 Levels of Aging
 - **Base Level**: DNA damage, telomere shortening, mitochondrial dysfunction
 - *Regulator Level*: Sirtuins, mTOR, AMPK
 - Environment Level adversity can kick lower levels into action
- The key to <u>delaying</u> degradation of genetic info is using epigenomic factors to improve the regulation of cellular *senescence* and *autophagy* for restoration of healthy genes

- <u>9 hallmarks of aging</u> are worthy of focus for slowing [and halting/reversing] the aging process *See slide #3 New Paradigm*
- These hallmarks of aging are affected by multiple variables, including:
 - Stress
 - Pollution
 - Exercise [slides #13, 21-31]
 - Food [slides #19-20]
 - Nutraceuticals [slides #14-18]
 - Cellular biology research on longevity and healthspan continues...

A. Information Theory of Aging [4]

Backup copy of youthful cellular information can create a rejuvenated cell

- 1. Fertilization creates young cell
- 2. Noise/cellular damage...
- 3. ...creates loss of genetic info in the epigenome that regulates genes.
- 4. This leads to cellular senescence & inflammation...
- ...unless a repository of youthful cellular info is accessed under enabling conditions.
- 6. Then, the epigenome can use a backup copy of genetic info...
- 7. ...to create a rejuvenated cell

Controllable **enabling conditions** to support DNA repair include: **diet, nutraceuticals & exercise**



B. Why Exercise? [1]

Inflammation may contribute more than 50% to all deaths. Q: What are the benefits of EXERCISE ?

- It is an *anti-inflammatory medicine* for a variety of disease conditions
- Causes muscles to release IL-6 into blood stream which stimulates...
 - Lipolysis to break down stored fats into fatty acids which are used in
 - Fat Oxidation to convert fatty acids into energy by mitochondrial ATP
- This reduces insulin resistance, enhances glucose uptake by cells and has a wide variety of other beneficial endocrine-like effects.
- In contrast, high levels of <u>resting</u> IL-6 are associated with obesity and physical inactivity.
- <u>Exercise</u> can induce an <u>intense</u> exponential short term <u>increase</u> in IL-6 by as much 100x, which has an *anti-inflammatory* effect in the <u>short</u> term.
- Long term exercise training reduces chronic systemic inflammation while at rest, thereby enhancing longevity and healthspan.





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B, Why Exercise? [2]

What happens when healthy active males reduce daily steps from 10,000 to 1,500 for 14 days?



Bente Klarlund Pedersen at ARDD2023: The anti-inflammatory effects of exercise youtu.be

- Glucose uptake and healthy insulin signaling is impaired [insulin resistance]
- Hyperlipidemia, plus measurable reduction in muscle mass and fitness as well as an increase of 7% in <u>visceral fat</u> in just 2 weeks!
- <u>Visceral fat</u> is the source of chronic inflammation, with harmful effects at cellular level throughout the body
- IB: The takeaway is that shifting from sedentary lifestyle to regular exercise has measurable benefits for longevity and healthspan

MR-scanning demonstrating visceral fat mass before and after 14 days of reduced daily stepping and 1.2 kg of weight loss



B. Why Exercise? [3]

Short and long term exercise has broad systemic benefits mediated by IL-6 and other myokines. It occurs in all major organ systems





Bente Klarlund Pedersen at ARDD2023: The anti-inflammatory effects of exercise youtu.be

This helps to explain why exercise is included as a primary factor in all comprehensive strategies for longevity and healthspan.

	C. How Not To Diet [1]: Preload a meal with low calorie fruit or veggies									
	Calories Per Cup									
ſ	< 100 calories/cup	< 300 calories/cup	300 - 600 calories/cup	> 600 calories/cup						
	most fresh fruit most vegetables	avocados & bananas starchy vegetables pasta & whole grains beans, lentils & chickpeas yogurt seafood & wild game	dried fruit french fries & onion rings bread fried tofu eggs beef, pork & poultry	nuts & nut butters oil chocolate soynuts cheese bacon						

- Preloading a meal with <100 calorie salad/veggies reduces total calories of meal [avoid fatty salad dressing, cheese and bread]
- Using other foods before a meal can actually adds total calories to a meal and can increase body weight
- Fresh fruit and veggies have **lower calorie density** than foods in the other columns above
- Apple before meal has **negative 200 calorie effect**
- Research reported in book: *How Not To Diet [2023]* by Dr. Michael Greger

C. How Not To Diet [2]: Increase AMPK

- AMPK is a fat burning enzyme
- Vinegar increases AMPK
- 2 teaspoons <u>Balsamic</u> or <u>Apple</u> <u>Cider Vinegar</u> added to tea or salad before a meal have a beneficial effect on body fat.
- **NEVER TAKE IT STRAIGHT!** It can burn the esophagus
- **EXERCISE** also increases AMPK



C. How Not To Diet [3]

Use **SPICES** Daily

- Garlic Powder ¼-1 teaspoon
- Black Cumin seeds ¼ teaspoon [then ground]
- Regular Cumin appetite suppressant
 ½ teaspoon for lunch and dinner
- Cayenne pepper
- Ginger

Eat THYLAKOIDS Daily

• Green leafy veggies [2x/day] activate the *ileal brake*, suppress appetite, block fat digestion and decrease urge for sweets

Eat Real **FIBER** Daily

- Fiber prebiotic short chain fatty acids [SCFAs] feed gut microbiome to suppress appetite, increase fat burn, boost metabolism
- Beans, legumes, whole grains, avoid psyllium seeds and metamucil

Meat protein may lead to fullness, but does not suppress appetite later

D. IB Reflections

For a deeper dive, copy/paste the links below into an internet browser



The Quest for Wellness, Well-Being and Longevity

mysteries, discoveries and evolving personal best practices <u>https://ibreflections.substack.com/p/the-quest-for-wellness-well-being</u>



Taking Responsibility for Health and Longevity

scientific research into conventional versus alternative medicine <u>https://ibreflections.substack.com/p/taking-responsibility-for-health</u>