


American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
ICARE: An Affordable Technology to Promote Walking and Cardiovascular Fitness during Rehabilitation and Following Discharge



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Objectives

- Highlight key findings from research aimed at breaking down barriers to physical activity for individuals with physical disabilities
- Describe development of ICARE, an Intelligently Controlled Assistive Rehabilitation Elliptical training system
- Discuss ICARE applications in rehabilitation and community settings


- 54 million in United States living with chronic condition or disability
- At increased risk for developing additional medical problems



(US Census Bureau Report P70-73, 2001; US Census Bureau Brief C2KBR-17; National Center for Health Statistics, 2006; Thurman et al, 1999)

Exercise

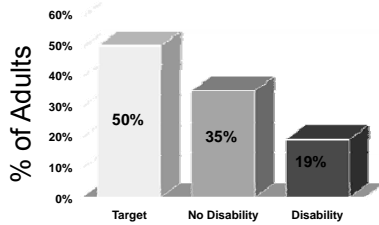
- Prevent or delay onset of other medical diseases
- Decrease disease severity
- Reduce functional declines associated with inactivity



Healthy People 2020

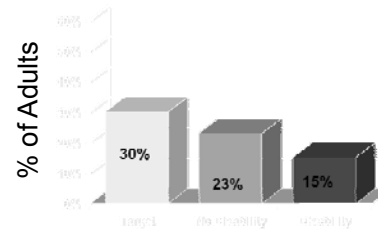
10-year nationwide agenda aimed at improving the health of all people in the United States

Moderate, Regular Physical Activity (≥30 minutes, 5 times/week)

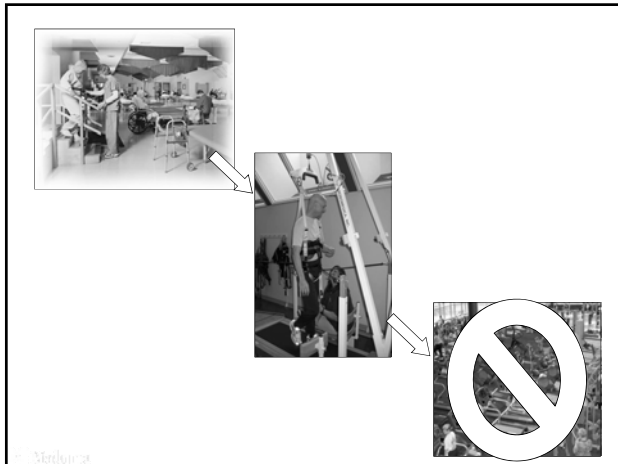


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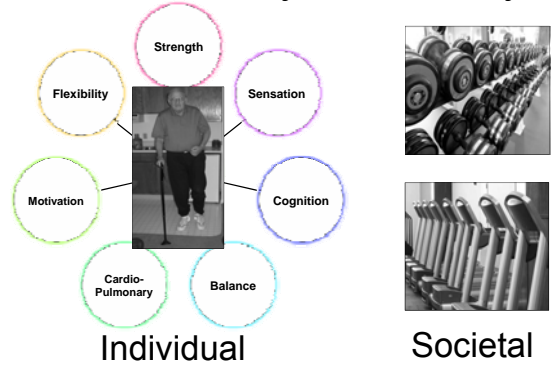
Muscular Strength and Endurance Activities



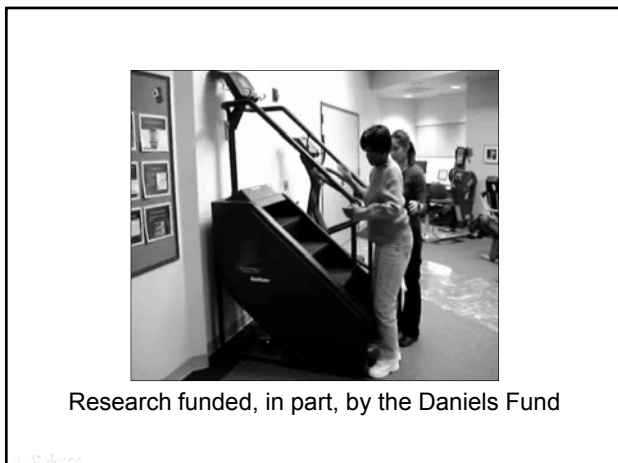
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Barriers to Physical Activity



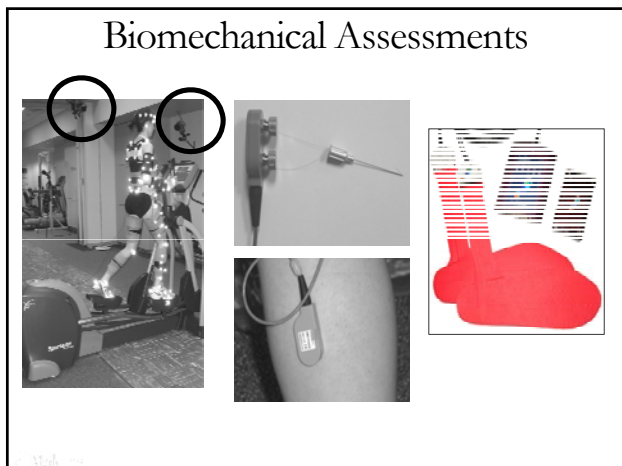
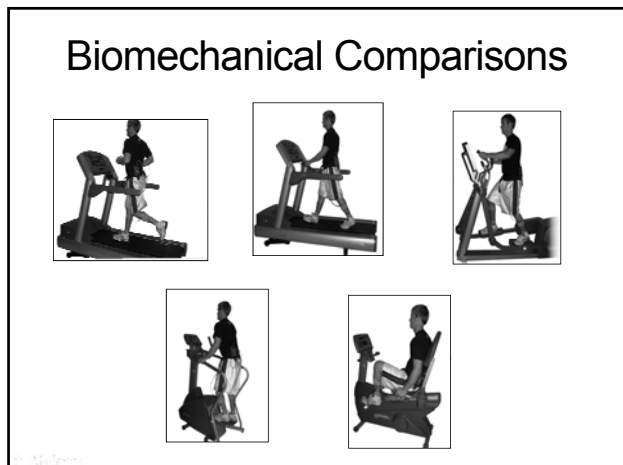
Rimmer et al, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 2004



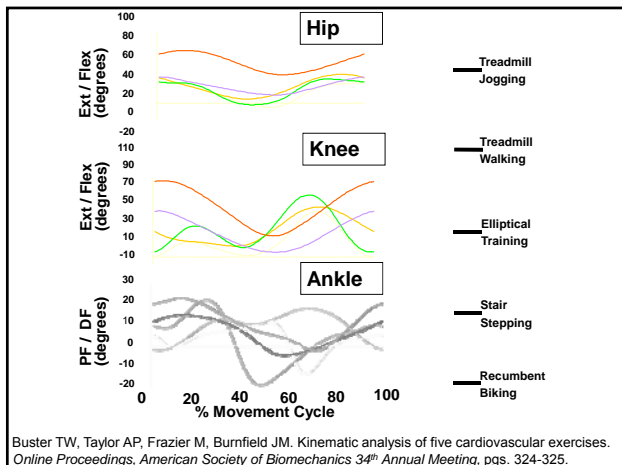
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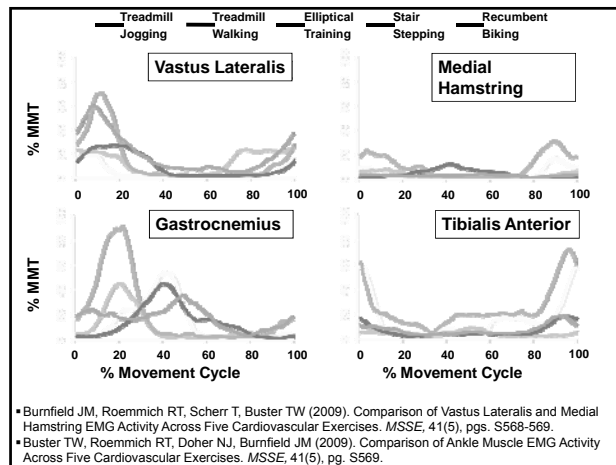
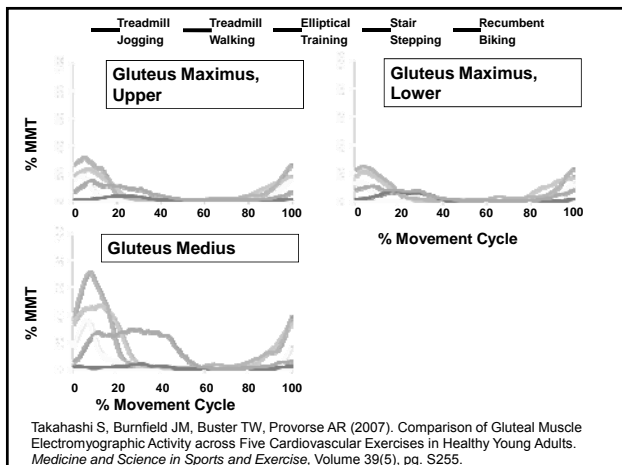
Recommendations translated into equipment modifications



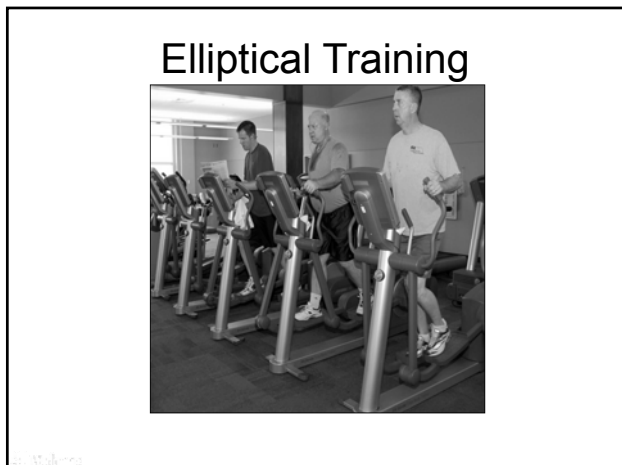
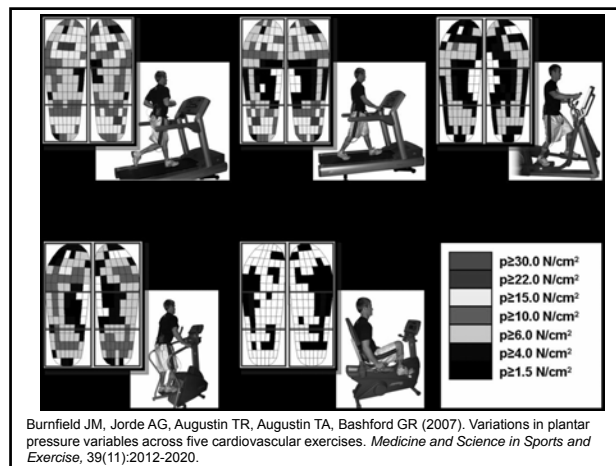
KINEMATICS (JOINT MOTION)



ELECTROMYOGRAPHY (MUSCLE ACTIVATION)



PLANTAR PRESSURES



Development of an Intelligently Controlled Assistive Rehabilitation Elliptical (ICARE) Training System to Promote Walking and Fitness in Persons with Physical Limitations

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Co-Investigators: Nelson (UNL); Goulet (Creighton)

ICARE Goal

Develop inexpensive tool that could be used to help people with physical disabilities regain walking capacity and physical fitness

- Inpatient setting
- Outpatient setting
- Fitness facilities
- Homes

ICARE Conceptual Framework

- **Task Specificity:** If you want to work on walking, then task needs to mimic walking
- **Mass Repetition:** Neuroplasticity of brain requires not just 10-20 steps, but 100s to 1000s

Richards et al 1993; Kwakkel et al, 1999;
Carr and Shepherd, 1998; Nudo, 1997.

Partial Body Weight Support Treadmill Training

- Improves walking function
- Unfortunately, labor intensive and equipment not readily accessible

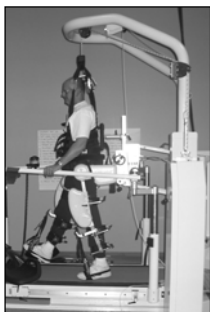


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Robotic Devices



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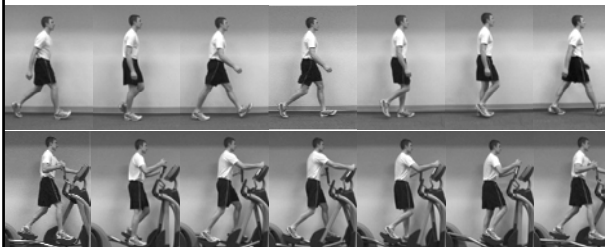


REO Ambulator

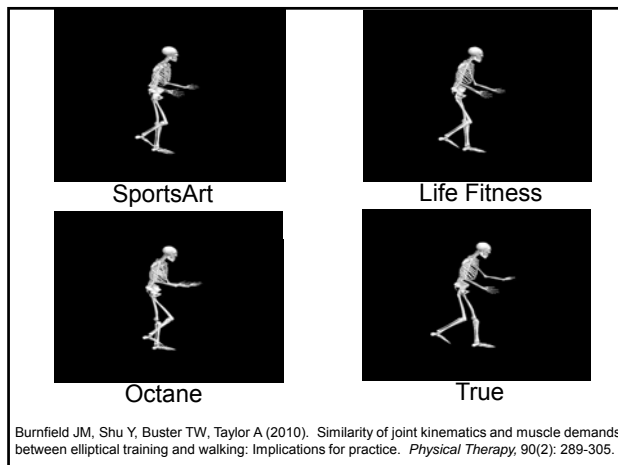
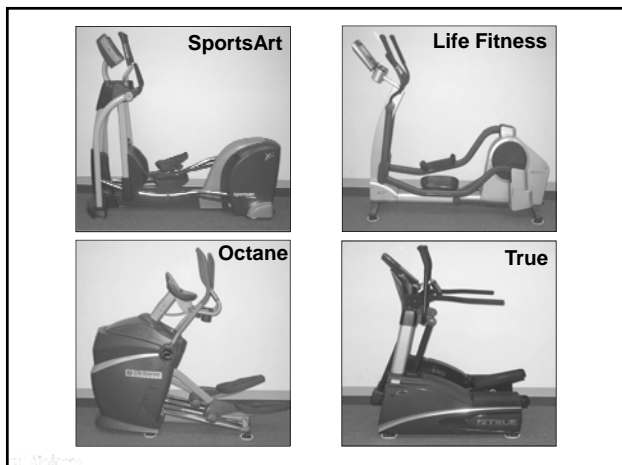
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Notable Similarities to Gait

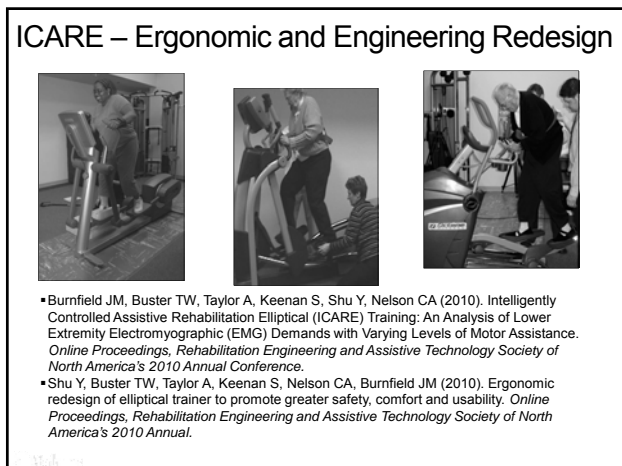
Loading Response	Early Mid Stance	Terminal Stance	Pre-Swing	Initial Swing	Early Mid Swing	Terminal Swing
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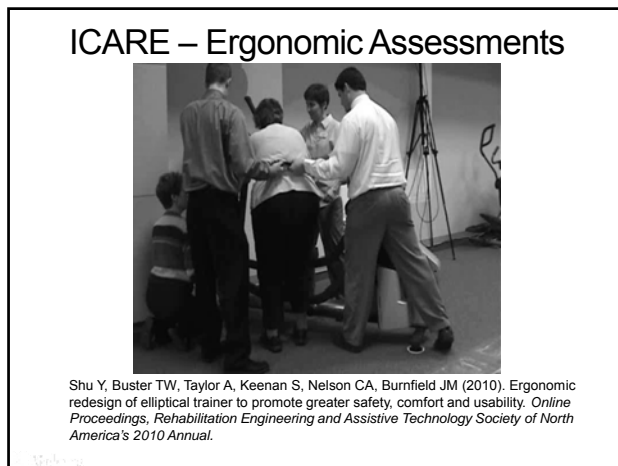


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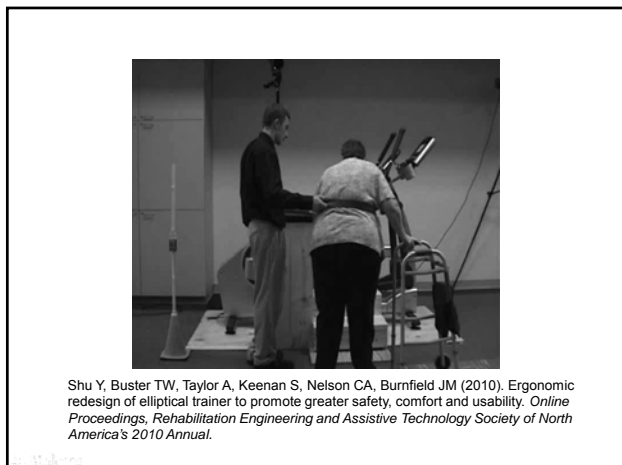
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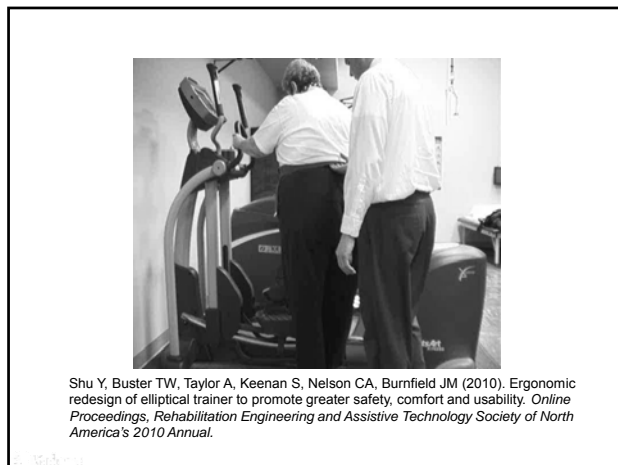


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ICARE-1 Prototype



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Intelligent Motor Control System

- Generates sufficient torque to move pedals at constant speed while clients use ICARE
- Training speed ranges from ~25 to 65 RPM
- Enables individuals with lower extremity muscle weakness and/or reduced endurance to train

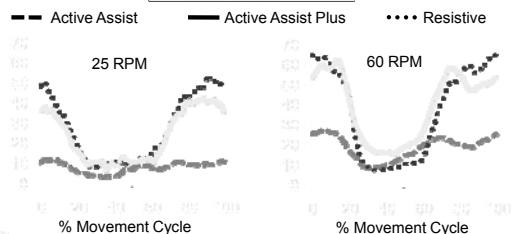
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3 Motor Conditions

- **Active Assist:** motor assists leg movements
- **Active Assist Plus:** motor disengages when participant's speed exceeds threshold speed
- **Resistive:** motor remains disengaged (provides no physical assistance)



ICARE Vastus Lateralis Muscle Demand



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Clinical Test Environments

- Inpatient
- Outpatient
- Fitness Facility



Patent Pending

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