

PRE-PARTICIPATION SPORTS PHYSICAL:

A Review and Update on the Standard of Care

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OBJECTIVES

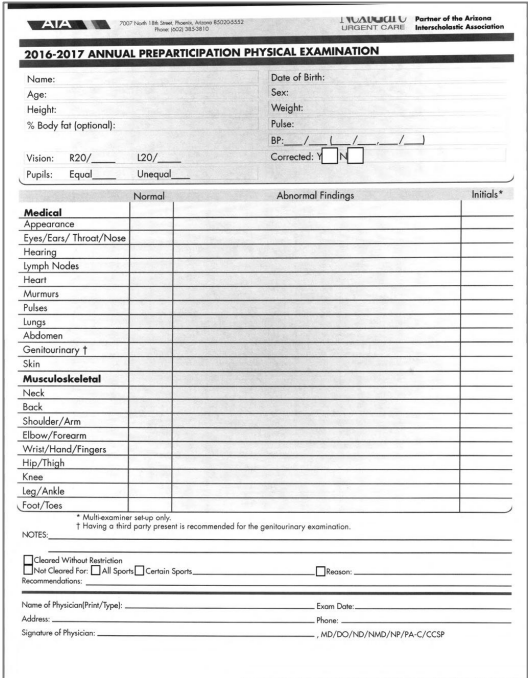
1. To review the pre-participation sports history and physical, and feel comfortable identifying abnormalities
2. Understand those athletes warranting further specialty evaluation (cardiac, MSK, concussion)
3. Feel comfortable screening and identifying athletes at risk of musculoskeletal injury
4. Be able to identify other high-risk injury and cardiac activity groups in need of pre-participation examinations



GOAL AND TARGET OF THE PPE

The GOAL of PPE:

- Identifying athletes at increased risk of morbidity & mortality
 - Sudden cardiac death (SCD)
 - Splenic rupture (recent mononucleosis infection)
 - Chronic MSK injury (sprains, dislocations, etc)
 - Acute MSK injury (major ligament tears)
 - Concussion, post-concussion syndrome



The image shows a medical form titled "2016-2017 ANNUAL PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION". It is a standardized form for athletes, likely from the American Athletic Association (AAA). The form includes sections for personal information (Name, Age, Sex, Date of Birth, Weight, Height, BP, Pulse, Vision, Pupils), a table for physical examination findings (Medical, Musculoskeletal), and a section for recommendations and physician information. The form is designed to be filled out by a physician or qualified medical professional.

	Normal	Abnormal Findings	Initials*
Medical			
Appearance			
Eyes/Ears/Throat/Nose			
Hearing			
Lymph Nodes			
Heart			
Murmurs			
Pulses			
Lungs			
Abdomen			
Genitourinary †			
Skin			
Musculoskeletal			
Neck			
Back			
Shoulder/Arm			
Elbow/Forearm			
Wrist/Hand/Fingers			
Hip/Thigh			
Knee			
Leg/Ankle			
Foot/Toes			

* Multi-examiner setup only.
† Having a third party present is recommended for the genitourinary examination.

NOTES: _____

☐ Cleared Without Restriction
☐ Not Cleared For ☐ All Sports ☐ Certain Sports _____ ☐ Reason: _____

Recommendations: _____

Name of Physician(Print/Type): _____ Exam Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Signature of Physician: _____, MD/DO/ND/NMD/NP/PA-C/CCSP

GOAL AND TARGET OF THE PPE

Target Subjects and frequency of PPE:

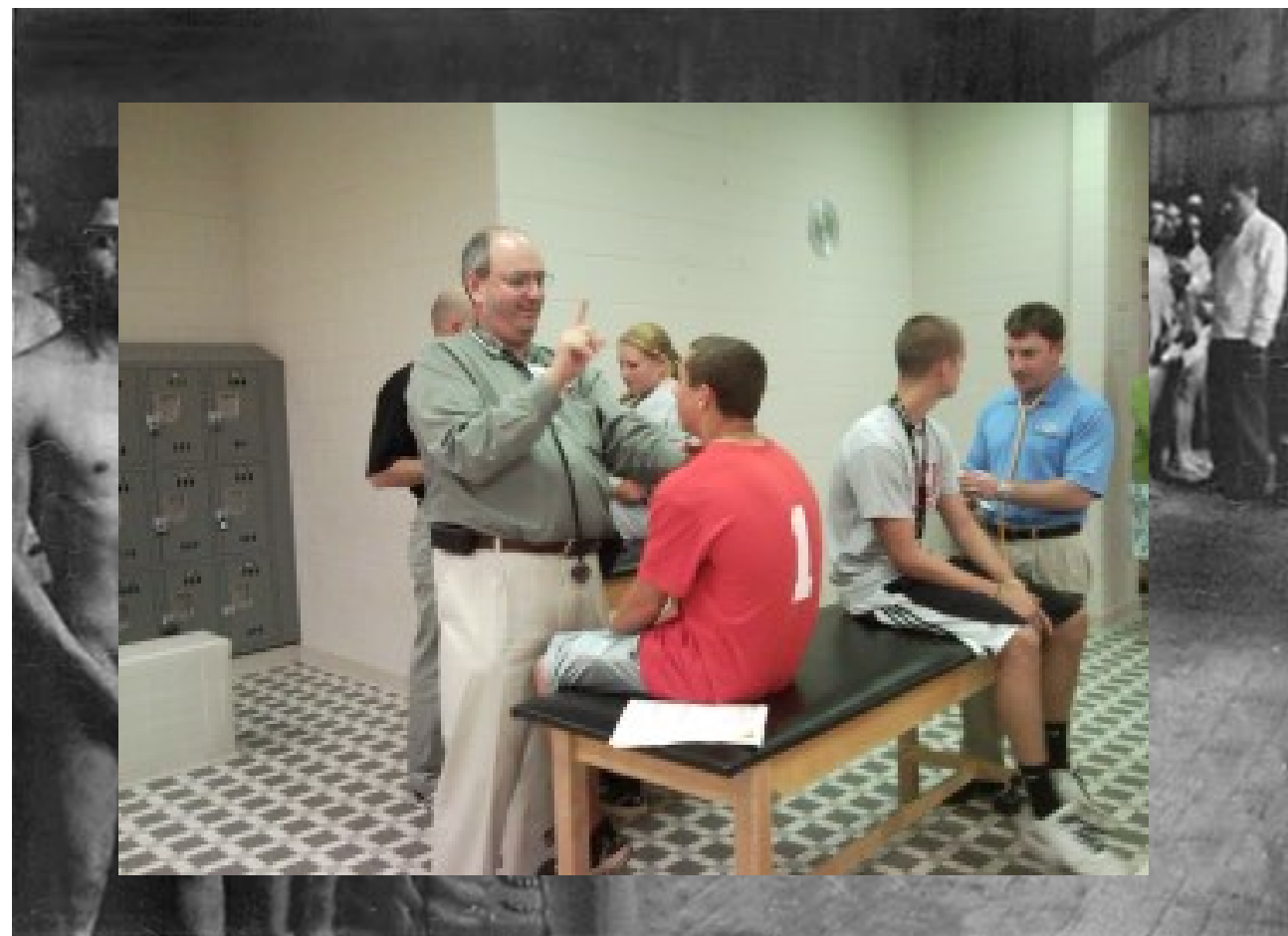
- All high school & college athletes, often Jr high athletes, and recreational collision sports (Pop Warner football)
- Required annually (AHA recommends every 2 years)
 - With PCP, opportunity to combine with annual exam
- Athletes who commonly get overlooked:
 - Gymnasts
 - Dancers
 - Running Clubs
 - Martial Arts
 - City Leagues
 - AAU basketball

GOAL AND TARGET OF THE PPE

Ultimate TARGET or Purpose:

- Risk stratification to determine the highest classification for safe athletic participation

Contact/Collision	Limited Contact/Impact	Noncontact		
		Strenuous	Moderately Strenuous	Nonstrenuous
Boxing	Baseball	Aerobic dancing	Badminton	Archery
Field hockey	Basketball	Crew	Curling	Golf
Football	Bicycling	Fencing	Table tennis	Riflery
Ice hockey	Diving	Field		
Lacrosse	Field	Discus		
Martial arts	High jump	Javelin		
Rodeo	Pole vault	Shot put		
Soccer	Gymnastics	Running		
Wrestling	Horseback riding	Swimming		
	Skating	Tennis		
	Ice	Track		
	Roller	Weight lifting		
	Skiing			
	Cross-country			
	Downhill			
	Water			
	Softball			
	Squash, handball			
	Volleyball			



IN-OFFICE VS “LOCKER ROOM PPE”

Advantages:

1. Rapport with own patient
2. Know patient's prior history
3. Coordinate yearly
4. Allotted time for thoroughness

Disadvantages:

1. Can be rushed if inadequate time blocked
2. Clinicians: need to keep up with standard of care practices

IN-OFFICE VS **“LOCKER ROOM PPE”**

Advantages:

1. Can perform hundreds over the course of hours
2. Coordinated to prevent athletes from missing play
3. Stations: specialists to perform different sections
4. Involve cardiology: on-site evaluation

Disadvantages:

1. Can overlook important details (volume)
2. Lack of individualized care
3. Clinicians: need to keep up with standard of care practices

BREAKING DOWN THE “STATIONS” PPE

Whether in-office or mass screenings, here's how to assign or break down each section/station: **7 “stations”, ideally 7 on team**



BREAKING DOWN THE “STATIONS” PPE

“Vital Sign” Stations:

1. Blood pressure

- Referral if 99th %'ile or greater for age & height

2. Visual acuity

- Referral: uncorrected worse than 20/40

Blood Pressure Levels for Boys by Age and Height Percentile (Continued)

Age (Year)	BP Percentile ↓	Systolic BP (mmHg)							Diastolic BP (mmHg)						
		← Percentile of Height →							← Percentile of Height →						
		5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th
11	50th	99	100	102	104	105	107	107	59	59	60	61	62	63	63
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	99th	124	125	127	129	130	132	132	86	86	87	88	89	90	90
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BREAKING DOWN THE “STATIONS” PPE

Start of Physical Exam:

3. Skin-mouth-eyes

- Rashes: HSV, ringworm, molluscum, impetigo
- Oral: exudative pharyngitis, dentition
- Eyes: EOM, pupillary contraction, near point converg

4. Chest: cardiac history reviewed, and cardiac exam

- Referral for red flags (fam hx, fainting/CP with exerc, etc.)

5. Lymphatics, abdomen and ***when indicated*** genitalia

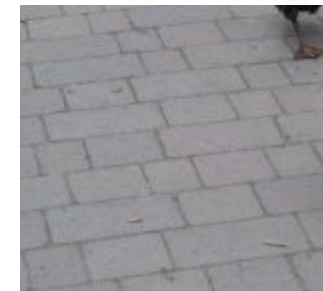
- Cervical (post chain → mono)
- Hernia/genitalia if abd pain w/ exerc or athlete concern

BREAKING DOWN THE “STATIONS” PPE

6. Musculoskeletal exam (2-minute Ortho exam)

- Neck, back ROM (with scoli)
- Shoulder ROM
- Upper/Lower Ext strength
- Duck walk
- Focused joint exam if history of injury or pain

7. Final review, with repeat of pertinent exam where indicated





RECENT LITERATURE: COMPREHENSIVE CARDIAC SCREENING

What is the role of cardiac screening in PPE?

Much debate

General consensus:

- Many false positives on screenings
 - Not cost-effective
 - Unnecessary days away from sport/participation

In the right setting, may be a role for targeted screenings

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The pre-participation cardiac screening in young athletes: which protocol do we need exactly?

380 athletes referred before sports participation

Screening protocol:

- ***personal and family history***
- ***physical exam***
- 12-lead ECG
- transthoracic echo
- 24-hour Holter monitor
- treadmill exercise test

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History form:

- chest pain in 19 (5%)
- dyspnea in 13 (3.4%)
- dizziness and fainting with exercise in five patients (1.3%)
- Family history of sudden death and arrhythmia in 41 patients (10.7%)

Physical exam:

- hypertension in 10 patients (2.6%)
- heart murmur was present in 20 (5.2%)

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Screening test results:

- 12-lead ECG was abnormal in 9 patients (2.4%)
- Insignificant TTE findings in 47 patients (12.3%)
- Hemodynamically important TTE findings in five patients (1.3%)
- 24-hour Holter monitor was abnormal in six patients (1.5%)
- Significant ST changes in two patients (0.5%) on treadmill exercise test, with normal findings on myocardial perfusion scans

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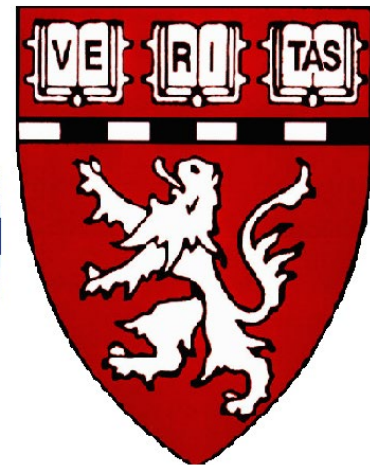
Conclusions:

- No significant relation between screening protocol and TTE, 24-hour Holter monitor, or treadmill exercise testing
- Pre-participation screening in young athletes should consist of targeted personal history, family history, physical exam, and 12-lead electrocardiography
- Other testing only if screening indication for cardiovascular disease

RECENT LITERATURE: COMPREHENSIVE CARDIAC SCREENING

Early **S**creening for **C**ardiovascular **A**bnormalities with **P**re-participation **E**chocardiography protocol (**ESCAPE**)

Boston Children's Hospital



RECENT LITERATURE: COMPREHENSIVE CARDIAC SCREENING

ESCAPE protocol:

- Sixty-five male collegiate athletes (18 to 25 years)
- Each screened with H&P, ECG, and focused echocardiography
 - performed by non-cardiologist sports medicine physician
 - 2010 European Society of Cardiology criteria were used to screen ECGs
 - physician-operated echo performed to assess for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and aortic root dilatation
 - athletes screening positive were referred to cardiologist

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ESCAPE protocol:

- Most of the athletes (n = 59/65) did not screen positive by any screening modality
- Three athletes screened positive on ECG but had normal focused echocardiographic findings
- Three athletes screened positive by H&P but had normal ECG and focused echocardiographic findings
- All athletes screening positive were referred to a cardiologist and eventually cleared for sports participation
- No athlete screened positive by focused echocardiography alone
- Focused echocardiography reduce the HCM referral rate by 33%
- Measurements statistically similar to those of formal echo

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ESCAPE Conclusions:

Focused physician-operated echocardiography:

1. improves false-positive rates
2. broadens the spectrum of disease that is detectable through pre-participation screening of athletes

RECENT LITERATURE: COMPREHENSIVE CARDIAC SCREENING

Ultrasound Instruction:

Question: Can we teach medical students to perform screening ultrasound, or focused echo for HCM?

Methods:

- 1st and 2nd year med students instructed in focused echocardiography, screening for HCM
- Compared students' measured findings with formal TTE

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Ultrasound Instruction:

Question: Can we teach medical students to perform screening ultrasound, or focused echo for HCM?

Methods:

- 12 high schools, 3 colleges; athletes enrolled
- 2332 athletes: screened with focused echo
 - Med student findings reviewed by cardiologist

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Ultrasound Instruction:

Question: Can we teach medical students to perform screening ultrasound, or focused echo for HCM?

Results:

- 2332 echos: 137 with positive findings (5.8%)
- Formal cardiology work-up: 7 with confirmed HCM (5.1%)
- 100% sensitivity, reliably ruling out HCM

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ECG Screening:

Rate of false positives:

- European Society of Cardiology (2010): 26%
- Stanford Criteria (2011): 8%
- Seattle Criteria (2013): 6%

The use of ECG for SCD screening: “Seattle Criteria”



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ECG for SCD screening: “Seattle Criteria”

Lowest rate of false positives:

Goal:

1. Identify abnormal ECG findings

❖ **Warrant removal from sport participation**

2. Identify normal ECG findings

❖ Prevent unnecessary removal from sports

T-wave inversion
ST segment depression
Pathologic Q waves
Complete left bundle branch block
Intraventricular conduction delay
Left axis deviation
Left atrial enlargement
Right ventricular hypertrophy
pattern
Ventricular pre-excitation
Long QT interval
Short QT interval
Brugada-like ECG pattern
Profound sinus bradycardia
Atrial tachyarrhythmias
Premature ventricular contractions
Ventricular arrhythmias

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- ✓ Sinus bradycardia
- ✓ Sinus arrhythmia
- ✓ Ectopic atrial rhythm
- ✓ Junctional escape rhythm
- ✓ 1° AV block (PR interval >200 ms)
- ✓ Mobitz Type I (Wenckebach) 2° AV block
- ✓ Incomplete right bundle branch block
- ✓ Isolated QRS voltage criteria for LVH
- ✓ Early repolarization
- ✓ Convex ST segment elevation combined with T-wave inversion in V1-V4



INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS

"Mono"

- Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) infection
- Associated with splenic enlargement
 - Increased risk of splenic rupture
 - Spontaneous and Traumatic
- Incidence of infection:
 - Highest from 15 – 24 years of age
 - Rare in childhood
 - Negligible over age 35



INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS

Application to Pre-participation Physical Exam:

- History: recent fever, sore throat, fatigue, rash
- Exam: Splenic enlargement, lymphadenopathy

Risk Stratification:

- Identification of athletes at risk of rupture: ALL ATHLETES
 - Contact/collision (football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, etc.)
 - Anaerobic and vigorous sport (weight lifting, sprinting, throwing, etc)

More likely to see this during the season than at PPE

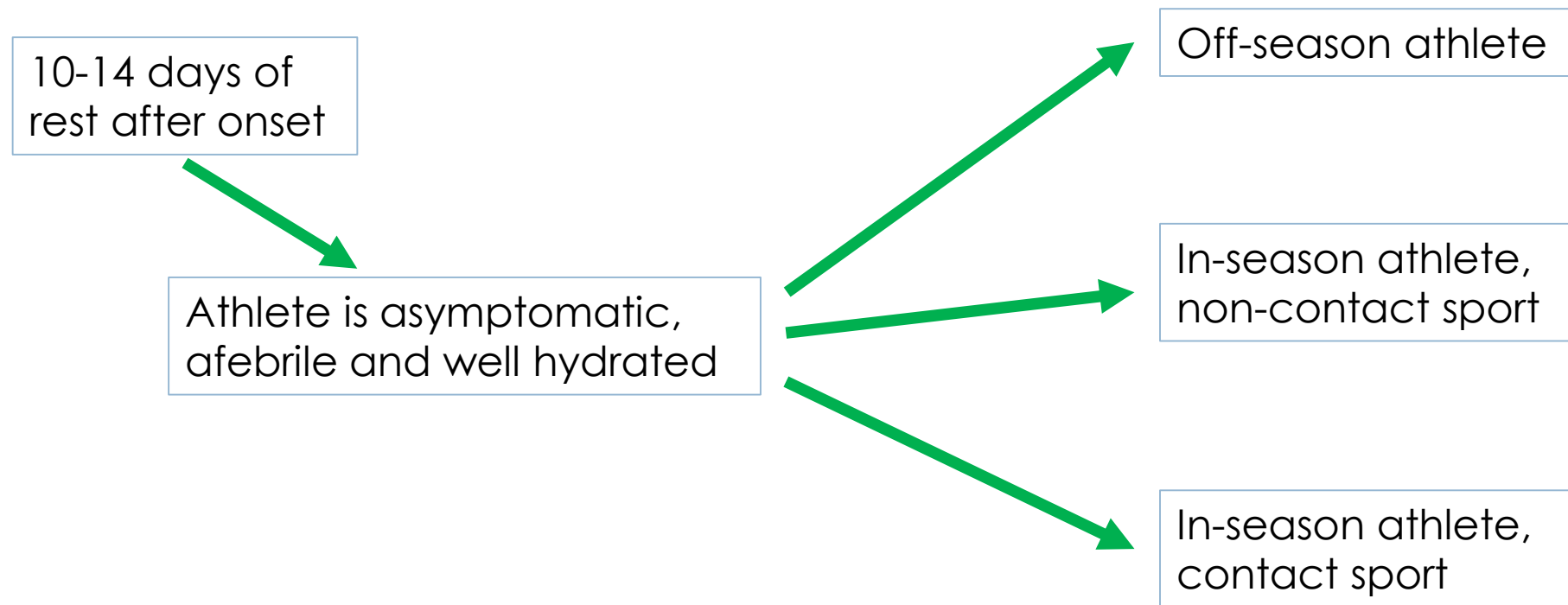
INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS

Management of Mono:

1. Supportive care
 - No role for medications or corticosteroids
2. Exam is unreliable for evaluating splenic enlargement
3. Ultrasound: best for imaging spleen; limited at guiding RTP
 1. Serial ultrasound: evaluating for regression → illness resolution
4. Exercise does not increase risk for chronic fatigue

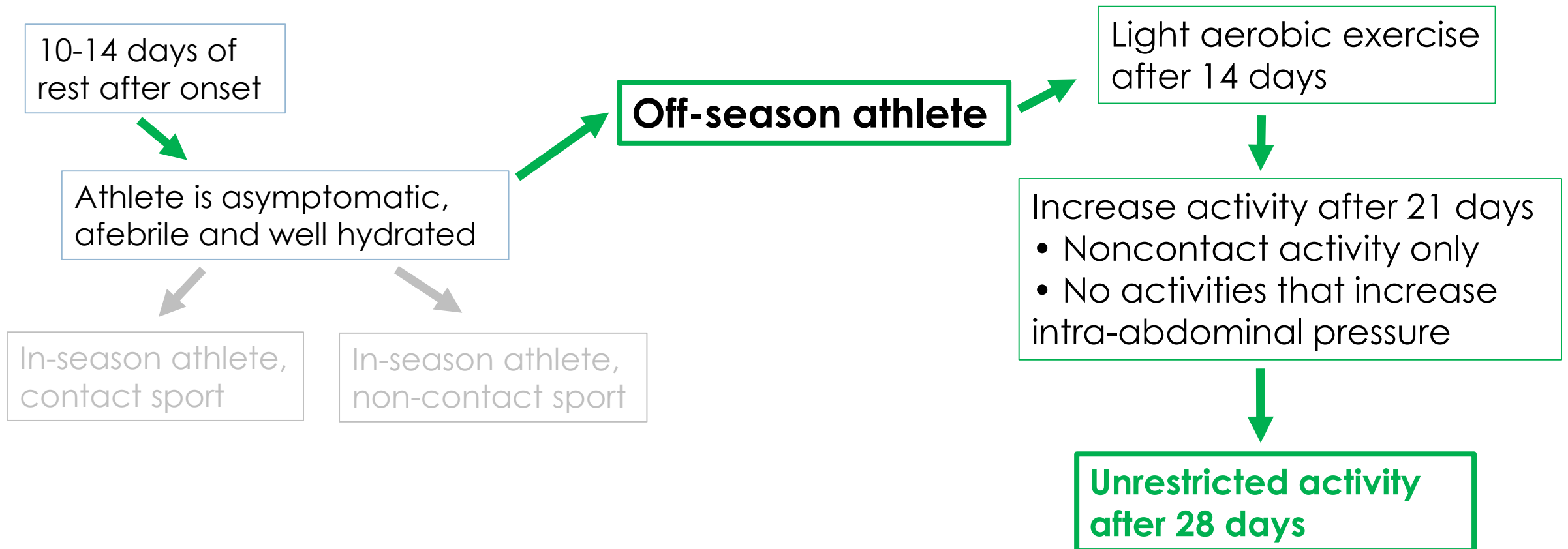
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Management of Mono: Algorithm



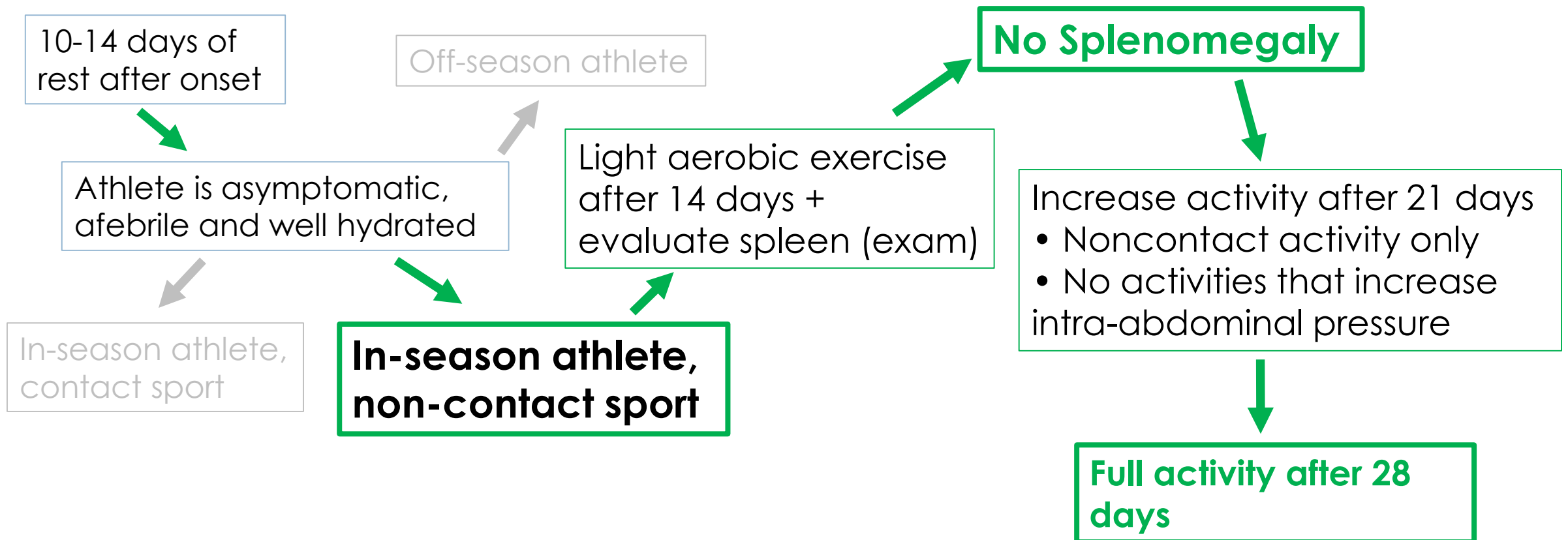
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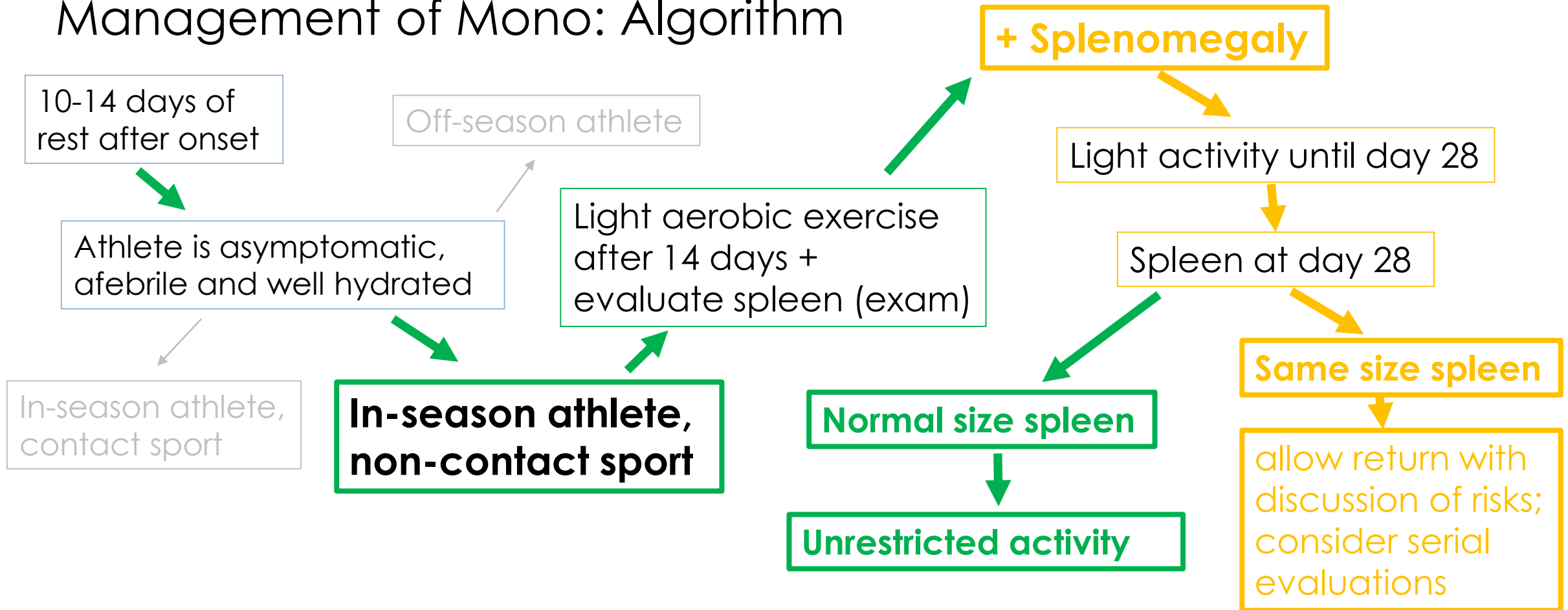
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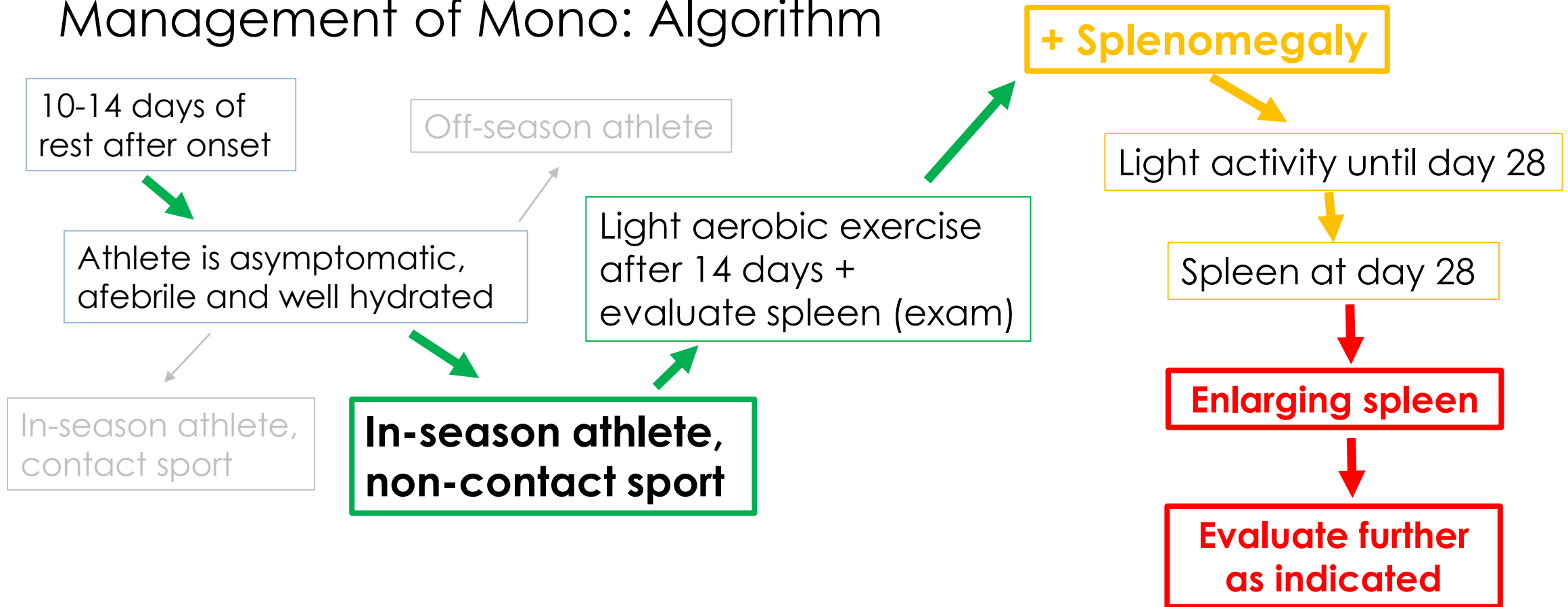
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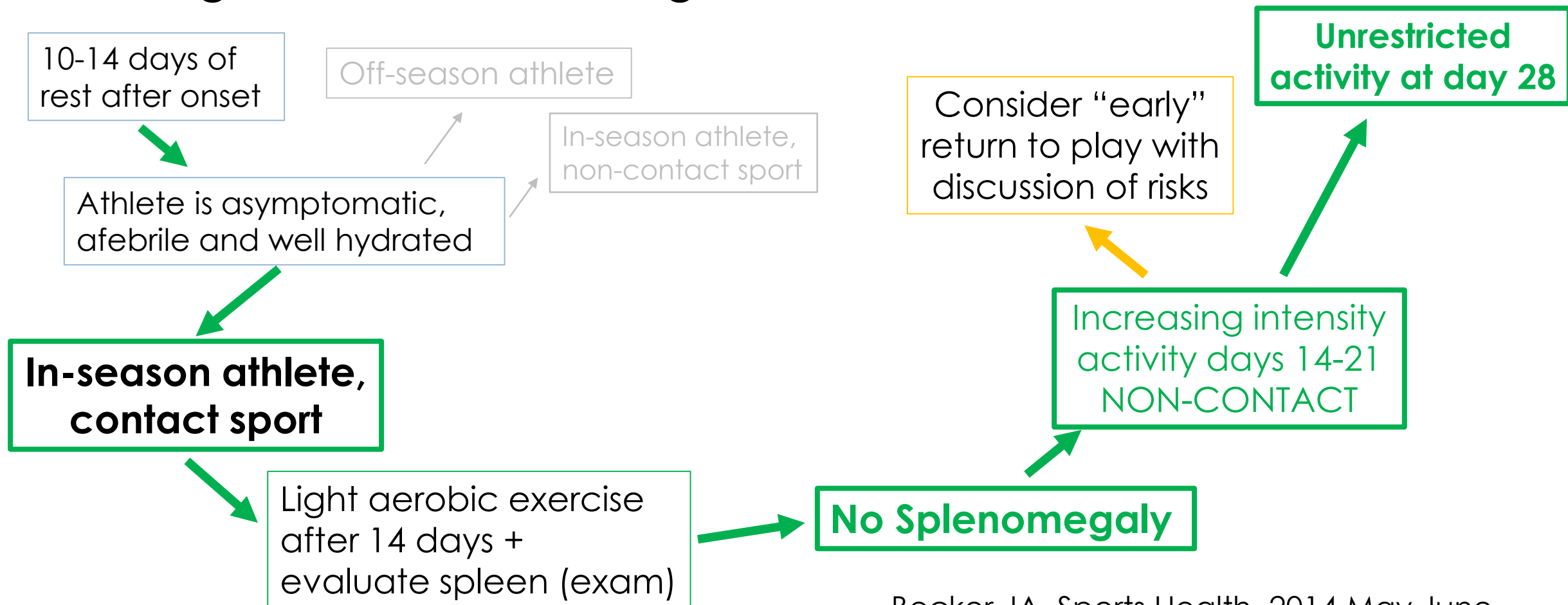
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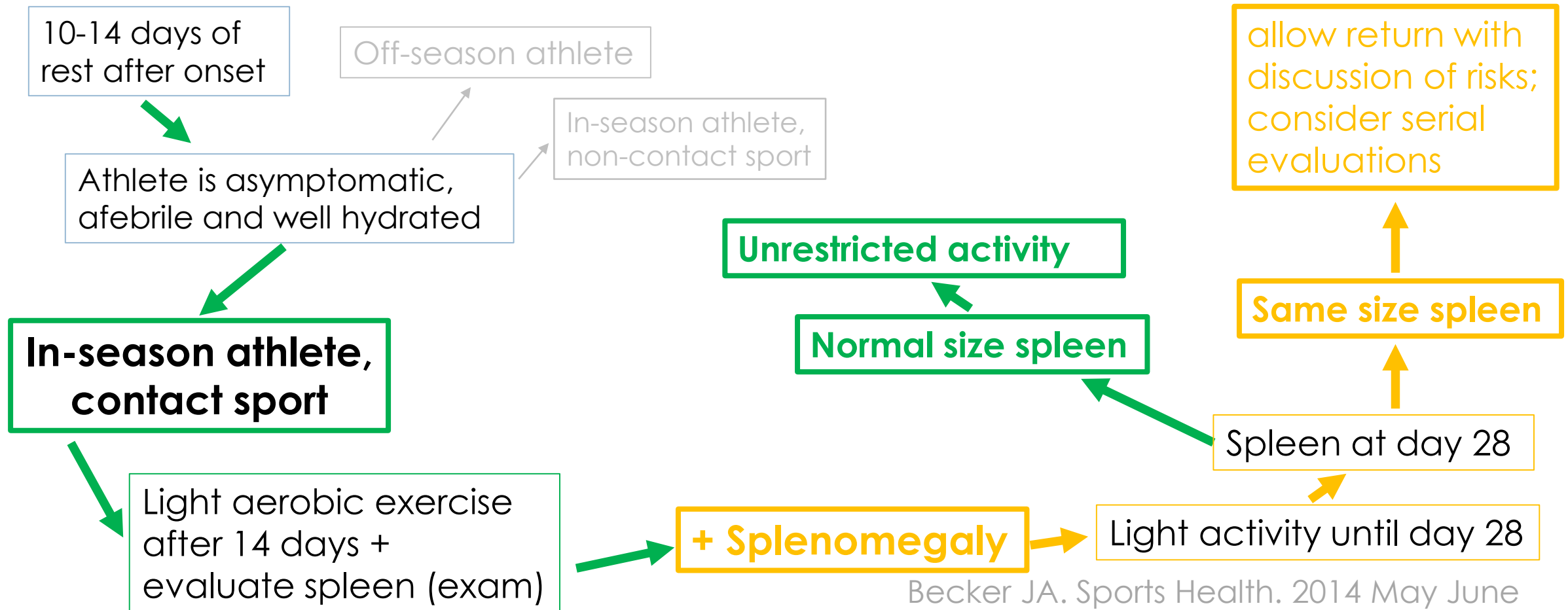
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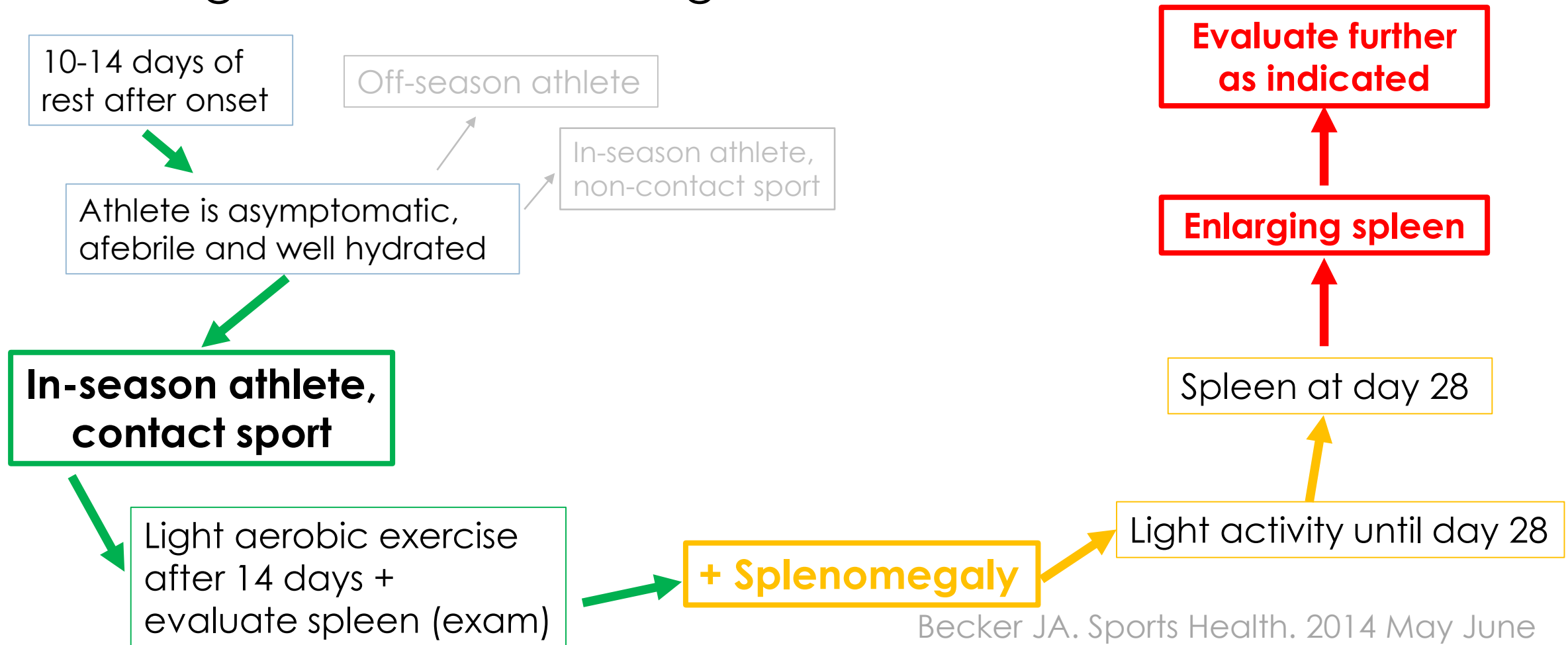
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INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS

Splenic Rupture in the setting of Mono:

- MEDLINE and EMBASE search: 1984-2014
 - 52 articles, 85 cases
- RESULTS:
 - average patient age 22 years, 70% male
 - average time between onset of IM symptoms and splenic rupture was 14 days (range up to 8 weeks)
 - preceding history of trauma reported in 14%
 - abdominal pain was most common presenting complaint of splenic rupture (88%)
 - 32% were successfully managed non-operatively, whereas 67% underwent splenectomy

INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS

Splenic Rupture in the setting of Mono

Conclusions and Recommendations:

- men under 30 within 4 weeks of symptom onset are at highest risk of splenic rupture
 - Rupture up to 8 weeks after illness onset
 - avoid sports, heavy lifting and vigorous activity for 8 weeks
 - Patient wishing to return to high risk activities earlier (4 weeks), ultrasound to ensure resolution of splenomegaly
 - Majority of ruptures without trauma, may be so minor as to go unnoticed by the patient
 - Counsel about symptoms of splenic rupture: minimizing delayed treatment





RECURRENT MSK INJURIES

Prefacing pattern:

All Common Recurrence following a single injury:

- **Shoulder dislocations**
- **AC separation**
- **Ankle sprains**
- **Patellar dislocation**
- **Stress injury/fracture**
- *Concussions*

RECURRENT MSK INJURIES

Preventing Recurrent and chronic MSK Injuries

Purpose of the PPE:

1. Identify prior and recent injury (history/forms)
2. Confirm full recovery (exam):
 - No swelling, pain with activities
 - Full range of motion and strength
 - Negative special tests
3. Screen for inherent weakness and underlying injury factors

CONSIDER SPORTS MED OR ORTHO → HIGHER LEVEL OF EVAL

CONSIDER REFERRAL TO PHYSICAL THERAPY IF SAFE TO PLAY

RECURRENT MSK INJURIES

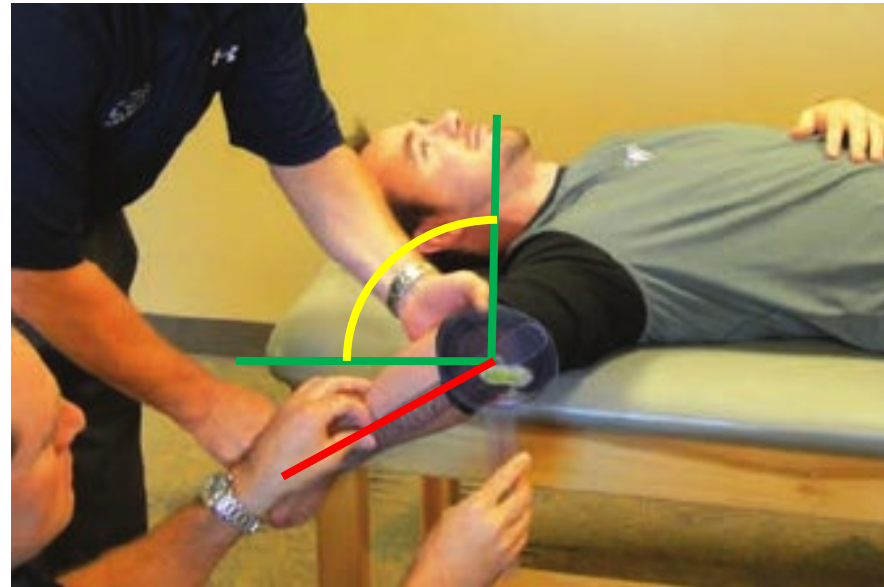
If you identify prior and recent injury (from history & forms):

1. Dig deeper into history:
 - Returned to sport since injury?
 - Any pain or swelling with daily activity or sporting activities?
2. Perform a focused exam:
 - Shoulder: ROM, strength
 - Back: ROM, flexibility
 - Lower Extremity (hip/knee/ankle/foot): joint(s) ROM, foot positioning, flexibility, single leg squat
3. Screen for inherent weakness, mechanical malalignment and underlying injury factors

RECURRENT SHOULDER INJURIES

Prior shoulder (or elbow) injury
or pain: SCREENING/EXAM

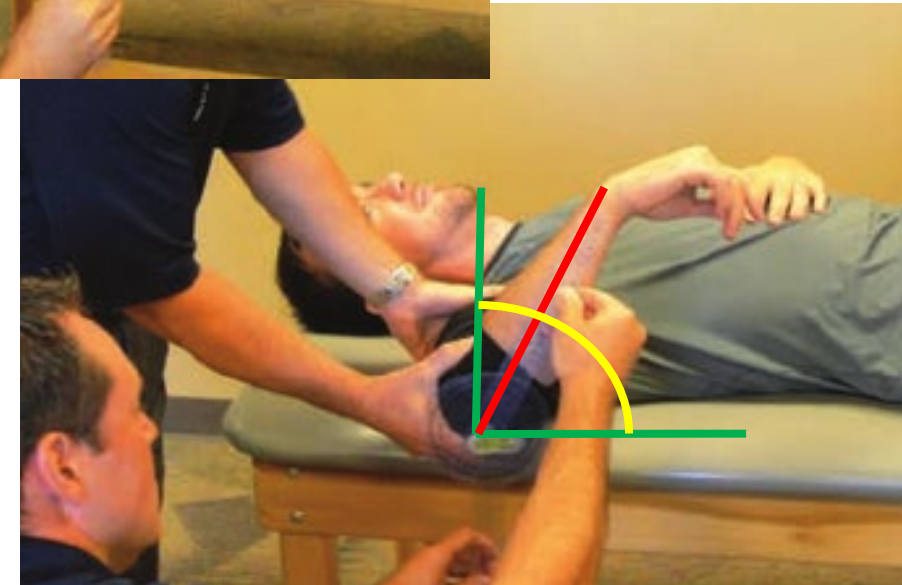
1. ROM (both-comparison):
 - Flexion
 - Abduction
 - IR and ER
2. Eval for GIRD:
(glenohumeral internal
rotation deficit)



**Normal range:
85-95 degrees**

**Normal range:
70-90 degrees**

**Normal arc of motion:
170-180 degrees**



RECURRENT SHOULDER INJURIES

Preventing shoulder (or elbow) injury or pain:

- Proper warm-up: strengthening and stretching
 - RTC, peri-scapular, upper back
 - Proper warm-up
 - Sleeper stretches
- Pitch Counts



RECURRENT BACK INJURIES

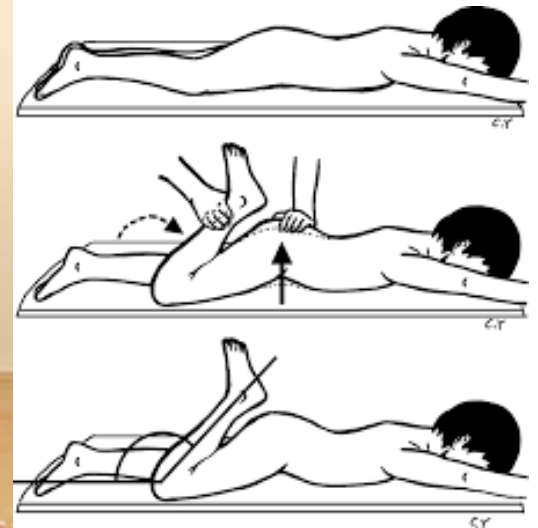
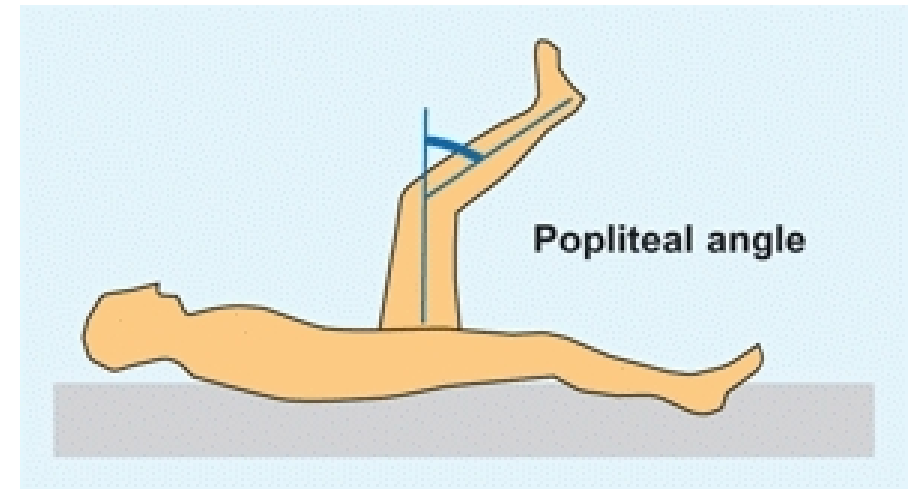
Prior back injury or pain:
SCREENING/EXAM

1. ROM:

- Flexion
- Extension
- Abduction
- Rotation

2. Evaluate LE flexibility:

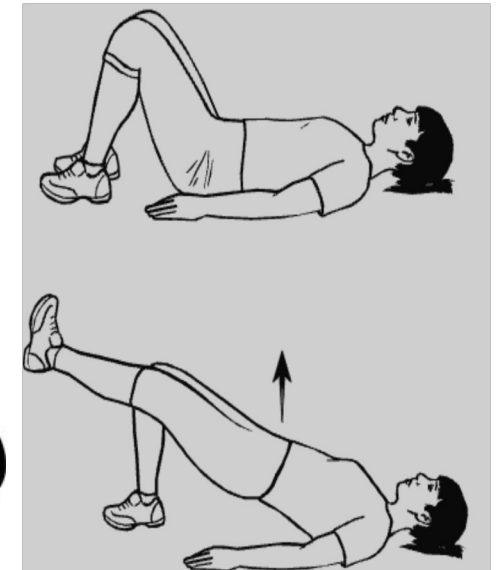
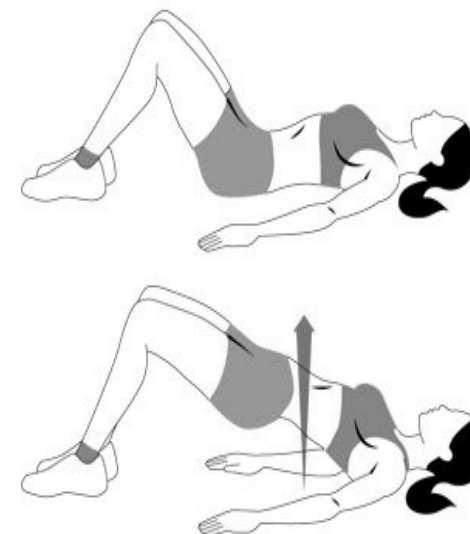
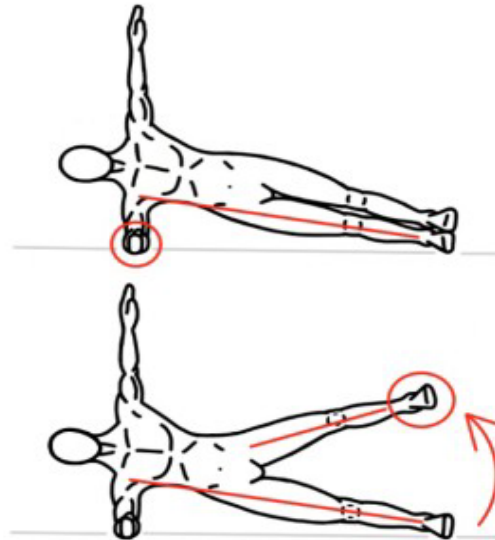
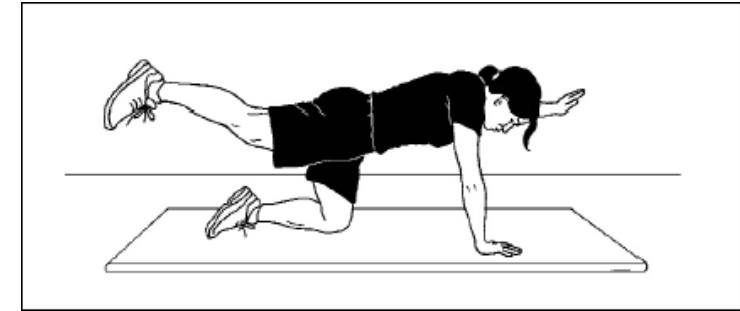
- Hamstrings (popliteal angle)
- Hip flexors (Thomas test)
- Quads (Ely test)



RECURRENT BACK INJURIES

Preventing back injury or pain:

- Strengthening:
 - Neutral Core (planks & more)
 - Gluteal/hip abduction
- Stretching
 - Hamstrings
 - Hip flexors
 - Quads



RECURRENT LOWER EXTREMITIES INJURIES

Prior LE injury or pain:

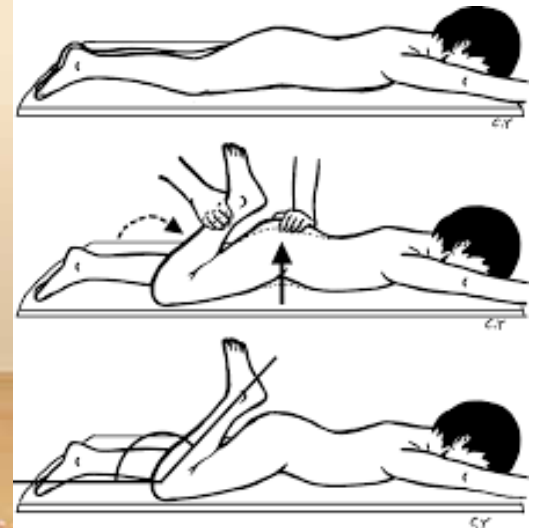
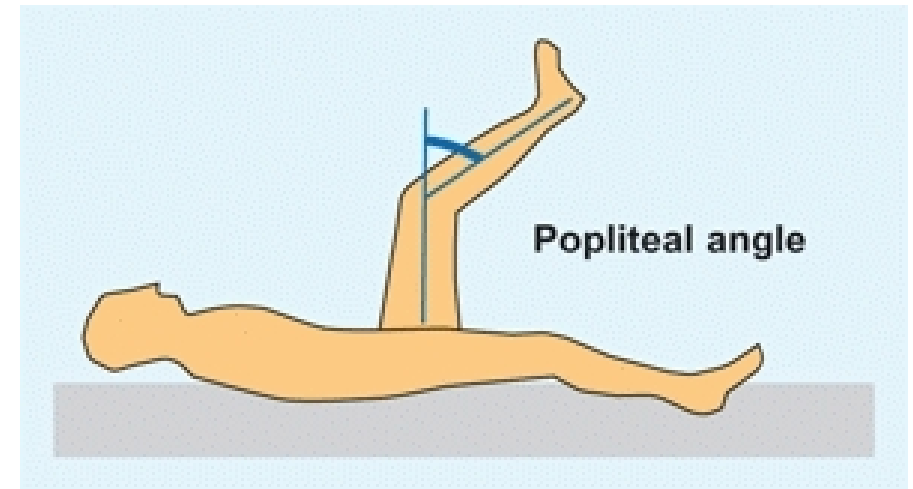
SCREENING/EXAM

1. ROM (both-comparison):

- Hip (flex, IR, ER)
- Knee (Flex/Ext)
- Ankle (FI/Ext/Inv/Ever)

2. Eval LE flexibility:

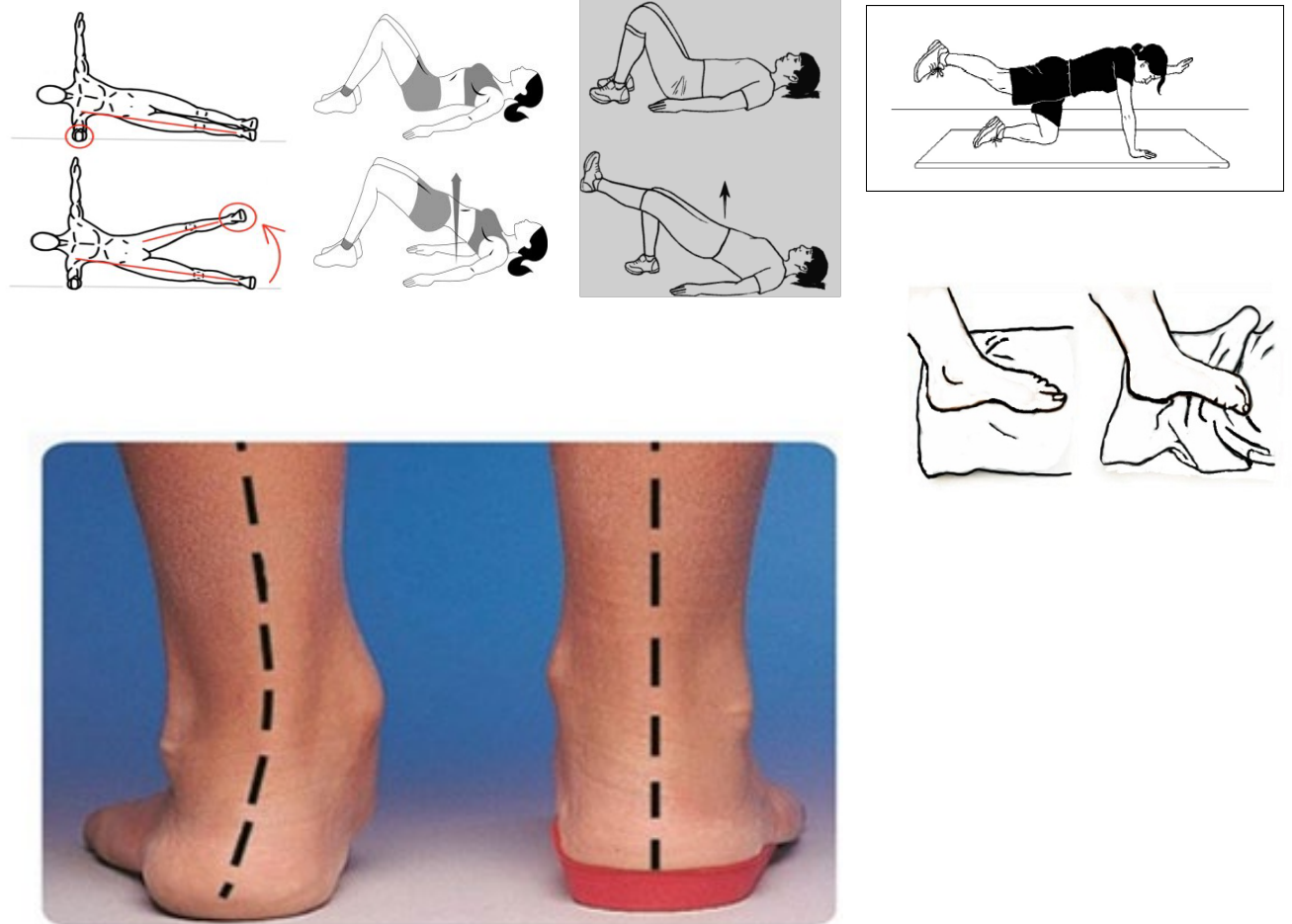
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RECURRENT LOWER EXTREMITIES INJURIES

Preventing LE injury or pain:

- Strengthening:
 - Core
 - Gluteal/hip abduction
 - Foot & ankle
- Stretching
 - Hamstrings
 - Hip flexors
 - Quads
- Shoe inserts



RECURRENT MSK INJURIES

Screen for inherent weakness, mechanical malalignment and underlying injury factors

1. Weakness:

➤ Lower extremity

1. **Single leg squat**

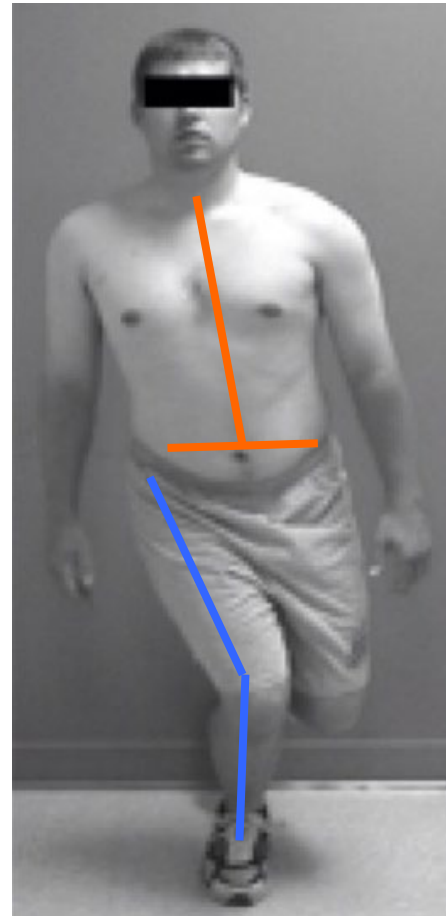
2. **Step down**

3. Trendelenburg

4. Box hop down

➤ Upper extremity

1. Scapular dyskinesia



RECURRENT MSK INJURIES

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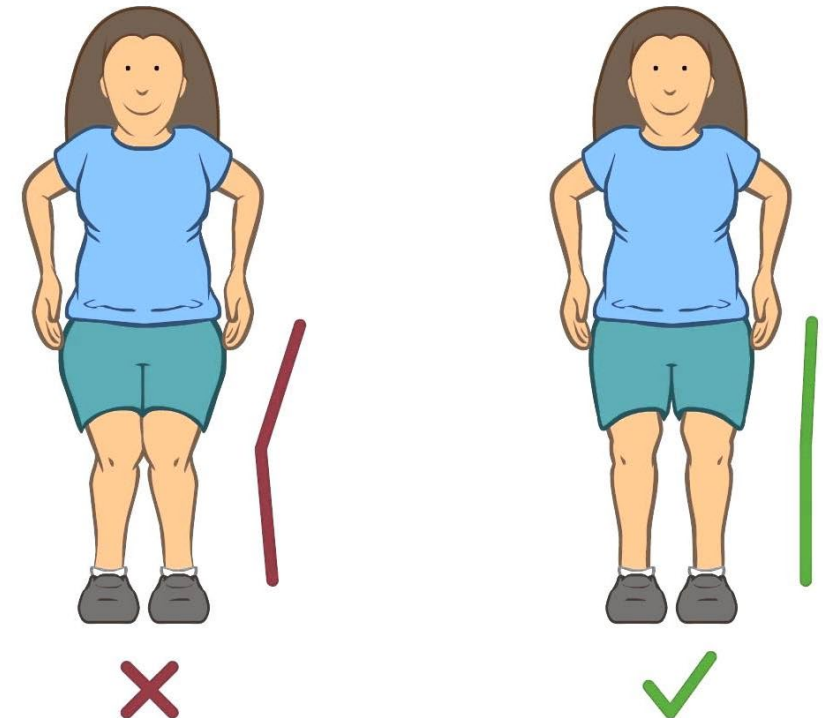
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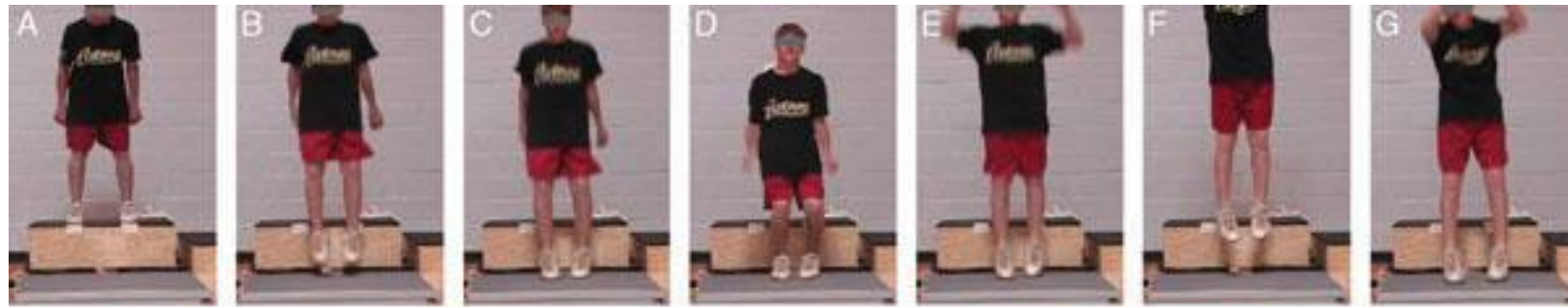
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ASSESSING FLEXIBILITY: HYPERMOBILITY

Beighton Scoring:



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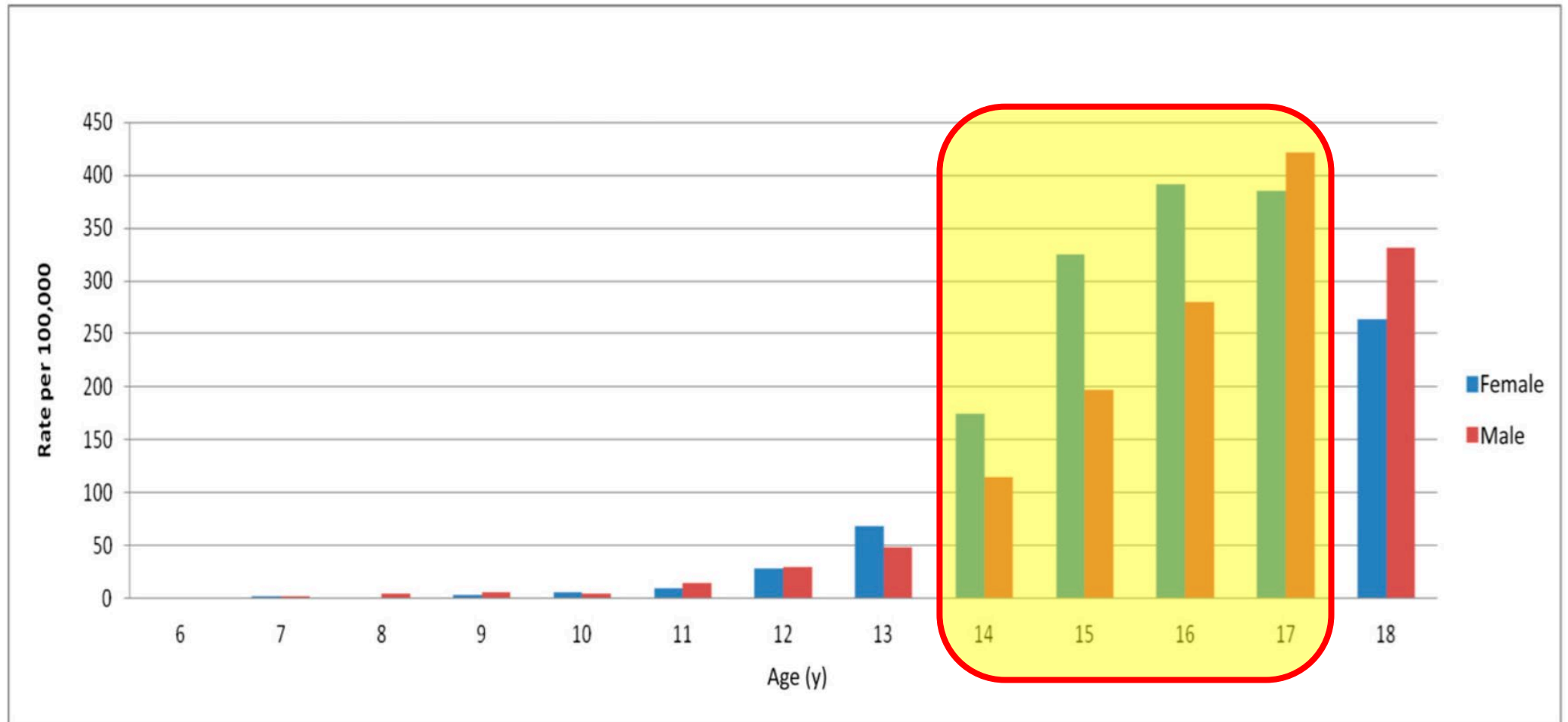
Up to 9 points:
Thumb flexion (2)
Pinky extension (2)
Elbow extension (2)
Knee extension (2)
Trunk Flexion (1)

PREVENTING CATASTROPHIC INJURIES



ALC INJURIES BY AGE

Rates of ACL tears per 100 000 person-years for male and female patients over the study period broken down by age.



IMPACT OF ACL INJURY: CAREER

Return to play:

- High School: 63%
- College: 69%

(McCullough et al, AJSM 2012)

- Early adults: 73%

(Brophy et al, AJSM 2012)



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Radiographic
osteoarthritis signs:

- 74% within 10 – 15 years

(Øiestad et al, AJSM 2011)

- Negative impact on
quality of life: 75%

(Lohmander et al, Arth Rheum 2004)



Osteoarthritic Knee

RISK FACTOR FOR ACL TEAR: FEMALE

Female athletes:

- 2-6 times higher in soccer

(Arendt et al, JAT 1999; Lindendorf et al, AJSM 1994)

- 4-8 times higher in basketball

(Arendt et al, JAT 1999; Malone et al, South Ortho Assc 1993)



SCREENING TO ASSESS FOR RISK AND MECHANISM OF ACL INJURY

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MECHANISM OF **FEMALE** ACL INJURY

- Direct or Indirect contact: 30%
- Non-contact: 70%

(Arendt et al, AJSM, 1995; Boden et al, Orthopedics, 2000; Agel et al, AJSM, 2005; Walden et al, KSSTA, 2007)



SCREENING FOR ACL RISK FACTORS

WHAT ABOUT MALE ATHLETES?

The \$43 Million Question:

\$13.8 million signing bonus + \$7.3 million for four years



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SCREENING FOR ACL RISK FACTORS THE \$43 MILLION QUESTION



COULD HAVE PREDICTED... ?



NFL ACL TEARS

Johnston JT, et al. *AJSM* 2018.

- Retrospective Review of ACL tears (2013-2016)
 - 156 ACL tears (77 during game)
 - Review of 69 injuries (YouTube videos)
 - Nature of injury:
 - Direct/Indirect contact vs. Non-contact
- Findings:
 - 50 of 69, 72.5% by non-contact mechanism
 - Exception: Lineman only 20% by non-contact



CONCUSSION: CHECKLIST

In order to diagnose concussion:

1. Direct or indirect blow to the head (INJURY)
 - Loss of consciousness not required
 - ImPACT (neurocognitive testing) helpful
2. Accumulation of symptoms
 - Typically within 48 hours
3. Concussion gets worse, then better
4. Once resolved, does not come back without a new injury

CONCUSSION: EXAM

Pertinent/Focused exam findings:

1. Increased near point convergence (NPC)
 - Normal 5-8 cm (or less)
2. VOMS exam:
 - Vertical and horizontal saccades
 - Symptoms with dolls eye/visual motor sens
3. BESS testing (ideally compare to baseline)
 - Double leg pose
 - Tandem pose
 - Single leg pose

CONCUSSION: RISK FACTORS

Risk factors for concussion:

1. Prior concussion
 - 2-6x more likely than naïve athlete
 - Recent concussion
2. Females
 - Varies by sport
3. Neck, core, hip/shoulder weakness
4. Perhaps, hypermobility

CONCUSSION: RISK FACTORS FOR PCS

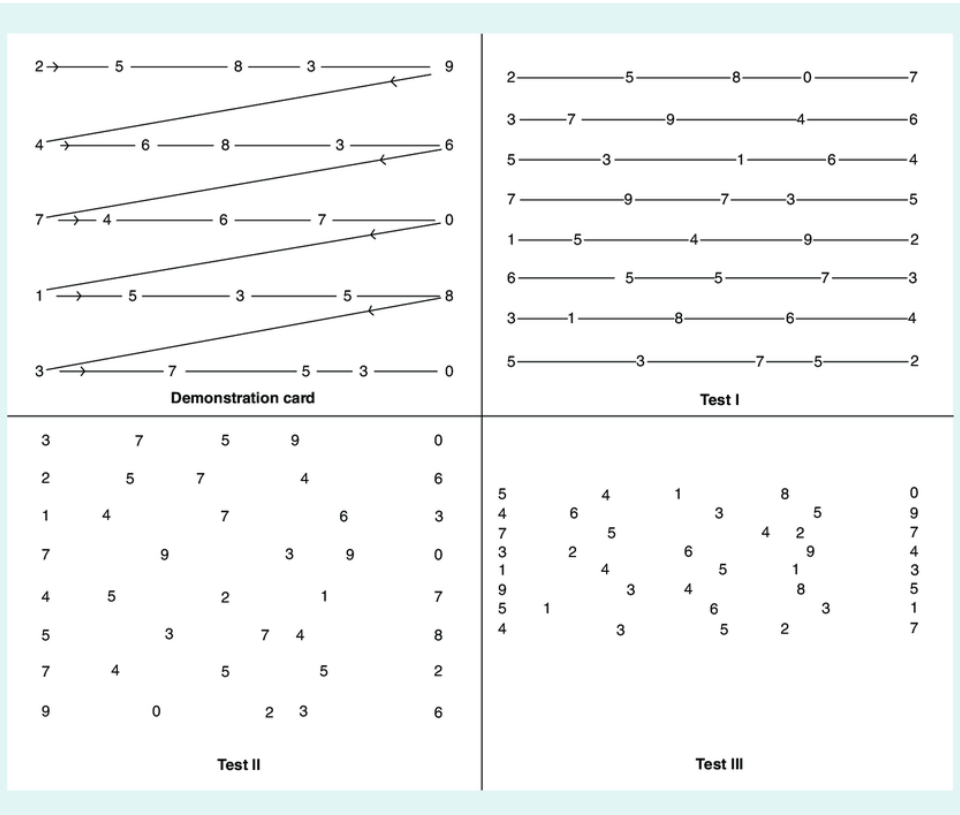
Risk factors for **PROLONGED** concussion:

1. Prior history of prolonged recovery
2. Neuro-psychiatric history:
 - Depression, anxiety, bipolar, PTSD
 - ADD/ADHD, learning disability

CONCUSSION: BASELINE AND PPE

Baseline evaluation:

1. ImPACT or neurocognitive testing
 - Does not prevent concussion
 - Generally repeated every 2 years
2. BESS:
 - Double, tandem, single leg poses
3. King-Devick cards
4. Near point convergence



CONCUSSION: GOALS OF PPE

1. To provide information to the ATC and treating physician with baseline performance
2. Can then compare post-injury exam, tests, etc with baseline to help confirm injury
 - Promoting prompt removal from play
 - “When in doubt, sit it out!”
3. Can confirm resolution of symptoms and have objective testing results, promoting safe return to play
4. Note: can never retrospectively obtain baseline info, unless gathered appropriately

??QUESTIONS??

