IMMEDIATE EFFECTS OF EXERCISE



Competitors in a marathon will experience all the immediate effects of exercise

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Color changes



Blood moves to skin surface for heat regulation



Shunting of blood to working muscles



Salt loss



Heart rate increases



Stroke volume increases



Cardiac output increases



Sweating / water loss occurs

When you exercise or take part in a strenuous sport you will notice several changes taking place in your body:

- 1. Your heart beats stronger and faster
- 2. Your breathing quickens and deepens
- 3. Your body temperature increases
- 4. You start to sweat
- 5. Your muscles begin to ache

1. YOUR HEART BEATS STRONGER AND FASTER

During exercise it is mainly ADRENALINE that produces changes in the heartbeat.

Adrenaline is a hormone which causes the heart rate to quicken.

2. YOUR BREATHING QUICKENS AND DEEPENS

You breathe quicker so as to get more oxygen into the lungs. An efficient heart can then transport this to the working muscles.

Training can be of great benefit to the Respiratory System. The capacity of the lungs is increased, which allows more oxygen to be taken in per breath.

3. YOUR TEMPERATURE INCREASES

When we exercise, our muscles are working and they generate heat, so our body temperature rises.

Body temperature is regulated by heat radiating from the skin and water evaporating by sweating.

When we shiver, our muscles are working to produce heat in order to raise our body temperature.

4. YOU START TO SWEAT

As we have just seen, some of our energy is turned into heat. The body will tolerate a small rise in temperature, but very soon we begin to sweat.

If conditions are hot, we sweat more and produce less urine. We also lose salt as well as body heat and water.

4. YOU START TO SWEAT

We have to replace the salt so that the body stays the same, otherwise we will get cramps.

It is now common to see drinks being taken during football, tennis, cycling and many other games that go on for a long time, in which competitors sweat a lot. This prevents DEHYDRATION.



As we now know, in order to work, muscles need energy. Energy comes from food, which is mainly converted to GLUCOSE (sugar).

To work more efficiently muscles also need plenty of oxygen.

Glucose and oxygen are brought to the muscles in the blood.

Wastes such as carbon dioxide are carried away in the blood.

This process of getting energy is called RESPIRATION.

Glucose + Oxygen = Energy + CO2 + Water

When muscles do extra work more Glucose and Oxygen are needed, so more blood must flow to the muscles.

So the heart beats faster.

Eventually it becomes impossible to get enough oxygen to the muscles, so they use a different method of getting energy.

Glucose is still used, but now there is a waste product called LACTIC ACID.

Lactic Acid is a poison, After a while it will make the muscles ache, and the muscles will stop working.

The athlete has to rest while the blood brings fresh supplies of oxygen to the muscles.

During exercise, cell respiration in your muscles increase. So the level of carbon dioxide in your blood rises



Your brain detects this. It sends a signal to your lungs to breathe faster and deeper.



So gas exchange in your lungs speeds up. More carbon dioxide passes out of the blood and more oxygen passes into it.



The brain also sends a signal to your heart to beat faster. Your heart rate goes up.



Your muscles squeeze on veins, sending more blood back to the heart. This makes stroke volume rise.



So cardiac output rises too. More blood gets pumped to the muscles each minute.



This means more oxygen reaches the muscles each minute and more carbon dioxide is carried away.



Arterioles widen so that your blood pressure won't get too high.



Blood get shunted from where it is less needed to where the action is. For example from your gut to your legs.



The exercise generates heat. So your blood gets hotter. More blood is shunted close to the skin to cool down. This makes your skin redden.



You sweat, which cools you by evaporation.





Oxygen inhaled regularly for aerobic respiration; tidal volume increases.



Air exhaled to stop the build-up of carbon dioxide.



Breathing rate increases and becomes deeper and more regular = aerobic respiration.



Heart beat increases, supplying the demand for more oxygen in the working muscles



Stroke volume increases as the heart sends out more blood per beat.



Blood flow reduced to areas not in use, like the digestive system.



Fatigue in muscles, as ability to use oxygen for the production of energy becomes less efficient.



Blood moves to skin surface, helping heat loss.

Gaseous exchange in alveoli - with training the gaseous exchange becomes more efficient as more alveoli are prepared to take on the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide.





Waste water released from the body as sweat on surface of the skin.



Release of energy glycogen is stored in muscles and the liver and released as glucose to allow the muscles to work.



Adrenaline (a hormone) released preparing the body for action.

EFFECTS OF REGULAR TRAINING AND EXERCISE

- 1. The heart pumps more blood per beat.
- 2. The recovery rate becomes quicker.
- 3. The resting pulse rate becomes lower.
- 4. The number of capillaries increases.

LONG TERM BENEFITS OF EXERCISE

- 1. It reduces the risk of coronary heart disease
- 2. You can work harder for longer
- Exercise improves the Cardiovascular System and helps to reduce blood pressure.
- It helps to reduce stress and burn off excess calories