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Introduction

Cardiovascular diseases continue to be a leading cause of mortality globally, emphasizing the critical importance of maintaining a healthy heart. A sedentary lifestyle, poor dietary choices, and stress contribute to the increasing prevalence of heart-related issues. However, a powerful antidote to these risk factors lies in regular exercise. In this article, we will delve into the intricate relationship between exercise and cardiac health, exploring how physical activity acts as a formidable ally in promoting a strong and resilient heart. The heart is a muscular organ that pumps blood throughout the body, supplying oxygen and nutrients to various organs and tissues [1,2]. Regular exercise plays a pivotal role in maintaining the health and efficiency of the cardiovascular system. Here's how:

Exercise, especially aerobic activities like running, swimming, and cycling, increases the workload on the heart. Over time, this leads to the growth of the heart's left ventricle, enhancing its pumping efficiency. A stronger heart can pump more blood with each beat, reducing the overall workload on the organ. Physical activity stimulates the development of collateral blood vessels, ensuring efficient blood circulation. This network of vessels helps bypass potential blockages, reducing the risk of heart attacks and other cardiovascular events. Regular exercise contributes to the maintenance of a healthy blood pressure range [3,4]. It helps manage hypertension by promoting flexibility in the blood vessels, making it easier for blood to flow through the arteries.

Exercise has a positive impact on cholesterol levels. It raises high-density lipoprotein (HDL or "good" cholesterol) while lowering low-density lipoprotein (LDL or "bad" cholesterol). This balance is crucial for preventing the buildup of plaque in the arteries. Maintaining a healthy weight is vital for cardiac health. Exercise helps burn calories, facilitating weight loss or weight maintenance. Excess body weight is of

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a healthy balance between energy intake and expenditure. Chronic inflammation is a contributing factor to heart disease. Regular physical activity has anti-inflammatory effects, reducing overall inflammation and minimizing the risk of inflammatory-related cardiovascular issues [9,10]. Exercise improves the heart's ability to respond to stress and exertion, a concept known as cardiac reserve. This increased capacity is particularly beneficial during periods of increased demand, such as intense physical activity or stressful situations.

Conclusion

Exercise is a potent prescription for a healthy heart. Whether you're a fitness enthusiast or just starting your journey to better health, incorporating regular physical activity into your lifestyle can significantly contribute to the prevention of cardiovascular diseases. As with any health-related endeavor, it's advisable to consult with healthcare professionals before starting a new exercise regimen, especially if you have pre-existing health conditions. Remember, the investment you make in your cardiac health today pays dividends in a longer, healthier life tomorrow. In conclusion, incorporating regular exercise into one's lifestyle is a proactive and effective approach to promoting cardiac health. Whether through aerobic exercises, strength training, or flexibility activities, the benefits of exercise extend beyond physical fitness, positively impacting the heart and reducing the risk of cardiovascular diseases. Prioritizing physical activity is an investment in long-term health, contributing to a robust and resilient cardiovascular system.

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