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THE LONGEVITY ADVANTAGE: WHY STRENGTH IS A LONG-TERM STRATEGY

Nobody's goal is to deadlift at 85. The goal is to lift a suitcase into an overhead bin at 85 — to get up off the floor, catch yourself when you trip, carry what you need. Strength, mobility, and balance are how you keep those abilities. And unlike your age, all three are trainable.

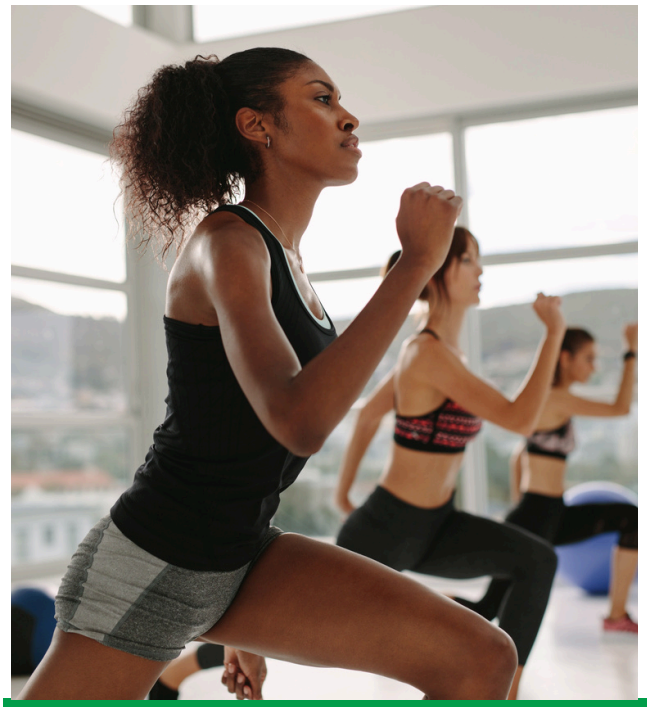
WHY THIS MATTERS

When people think about healthy aging, they usually reach for a diagnosis, a weight, or a lab value. But one of the clearest real-world markers of healthspan is function: can you move well, rise easily, climb stairs, react quickly, and stay independent?

Muscle supports posture, joint protection, metabolic health, and confidence in daily life. Mobility keeps the body moving through the ranges walking, reaching, lifting, and rotating demand. Balance reduces fall risk and keeps movement efficient. Together, they are the difference between aging and declining.

THE SHIFT MOST PEOPLE NEED TO MAKE

Exercise is not a calorie-burning chore. It is how you build capacity — capacity to move, to recover, to stay active, and to keep participating in life. The CDC recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate activity weekly plus muscle-strengthening work on 2 days, and for adults 65 and older, activity that improves balance. Those aren't arbitrary targets. They exist because they protect the things people actually care about: energy, resilience, and independence.



WHAT A SMART LONGEVITY MOVEMENT PLAN INCLUDES

- Strength work at least twice per week to maintain muscle, support joints, and protect function.
- Aerobic activity — walking, biking, swimming — for heart, lung, and metabolic health.
- Mobility and posture work, so your strength shows up in the positions life actually demands.
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DR. SAM'S PERSPECTIVE

"In my practice, the people who do best are almost never the ones chasing perfect workouts. They're the ones protecting function week after week. Consistency over intensity — I say it so often my clients finish the sentence for me. A sustainable plan beats an extreme plan you can't keep, every single time."

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Muscle-strengthening activity is part of the CDC's core adult guidance — not an optional add-on.
- Falls are the leading cause of injury death among adults 65 and older — and balance is trainable at every age. (CDC)
- Physical activity supports mobility, mood, cognition, and long-term independence. (NIA)

THIS WEEK'S PIVOT

- Walk 30 minutes on 5 days this week — broken into shorter sessions counts.
- Add 2 strength sessions, even brief ones.
- Notice where you feel strong, stiff, stable, or limited. That awareness is data.

Not sure where to start — or whether what you're doing is working? That's exactly what the evaluation is for. Fifteen minutes with Dr. Sam, no pressure, no obligation.

NEXT ISSUE

Fuel for the Future — why food is information, not just fuel, and the eating habits that actually move the needle. P.S. Know someone who'd want this? Forward it along — they can get The Pivot in their own inbox at [signup link].

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