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# IL CORE TRAINING NELLO SPORT

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# PROGRAMMA

- Il concetto di core training: core stability, core strength e core endurance;
- Attualità scientifiche sul core ed evoluzione storica: dal core all'allenamento del movimento;
- Il ruolo del core training nello sport;
- La valutazione della Core attraverso i principali test presenti in letteratura;
- Proposte applicative.

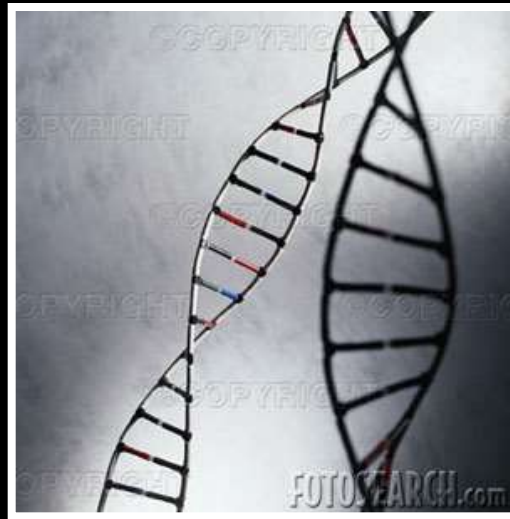
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RIGUARDANTE LE TIPOLOGIE DI CORE TRAINING

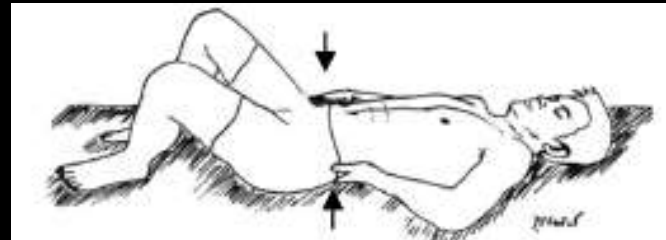
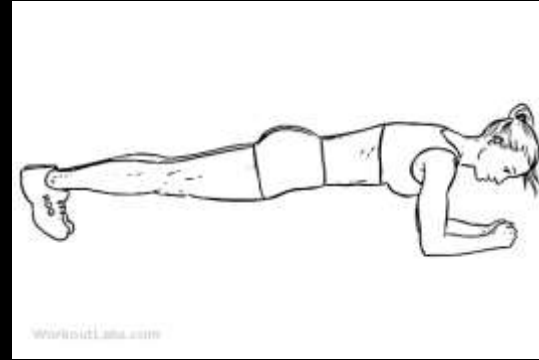
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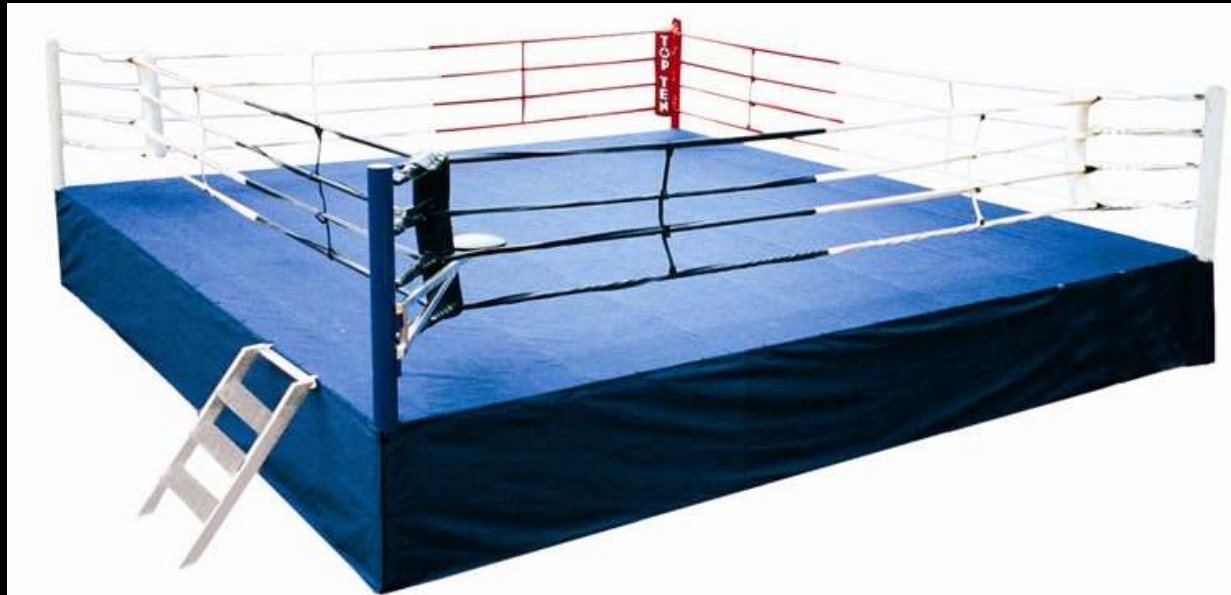
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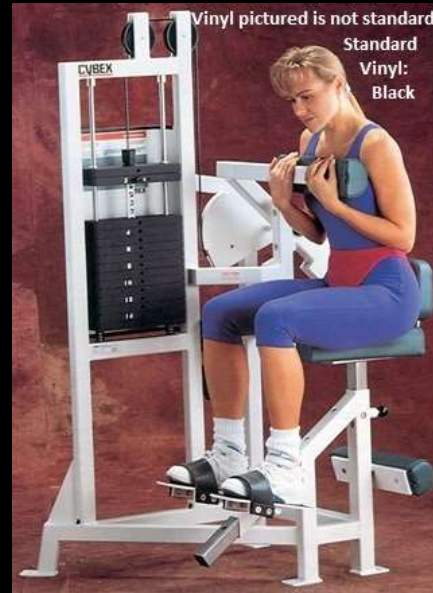


# CORE



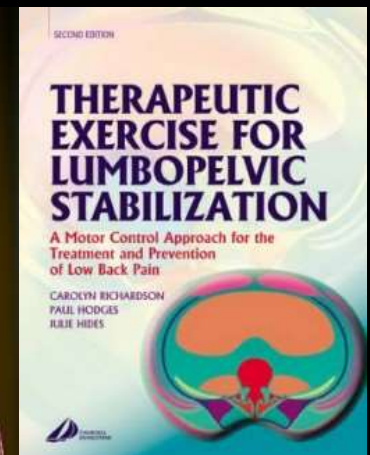
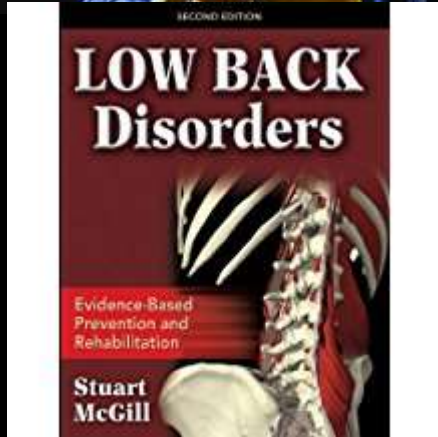
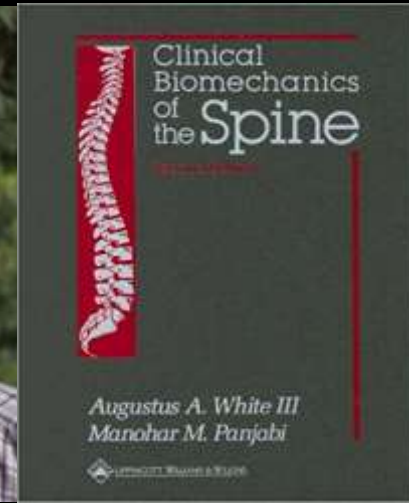






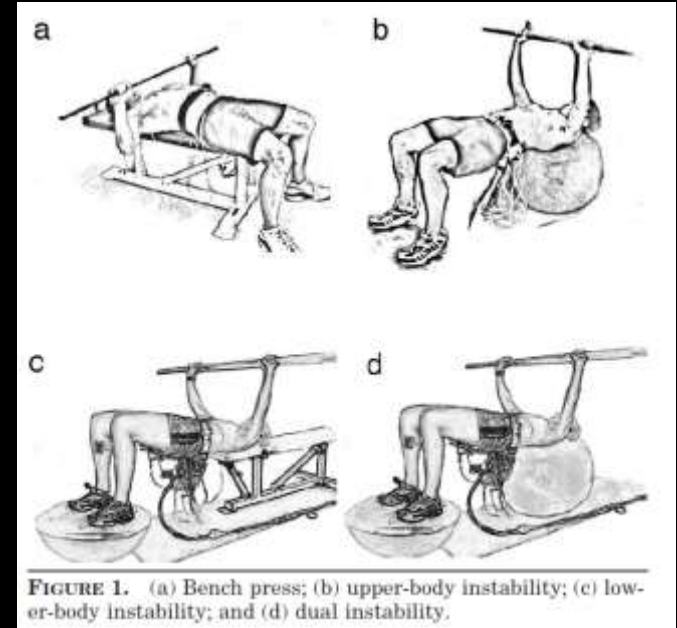
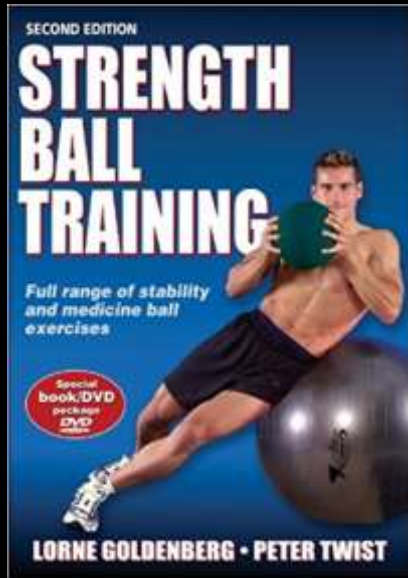
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CORE MUSCLE ACTIVITY DURING THE CLEAN AND  
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WATER BAGS

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# THE IMPACT OF LUMBOPELVIC CONTROL ON OVERHEAD PERFORMANCE AND SHOULDER INJURY IN OVERHEAD ATHLETES: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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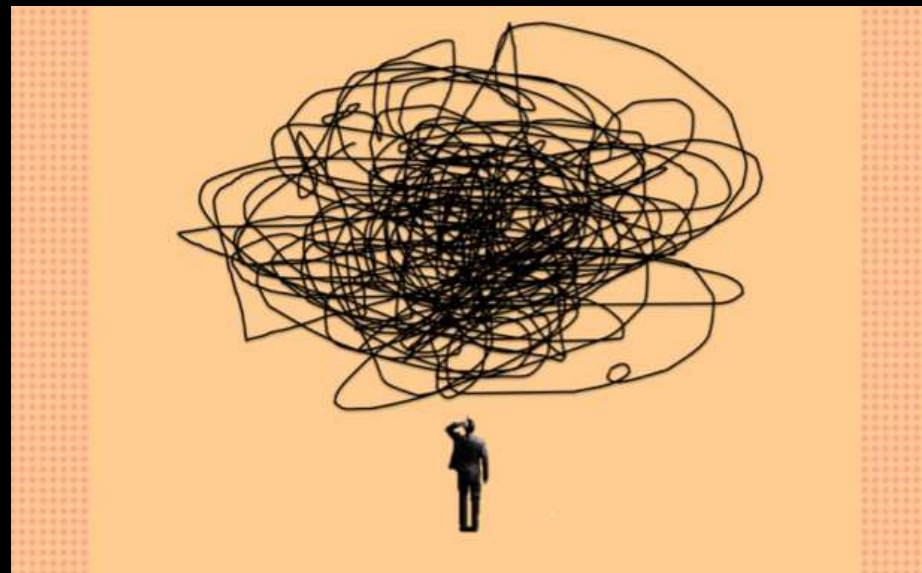
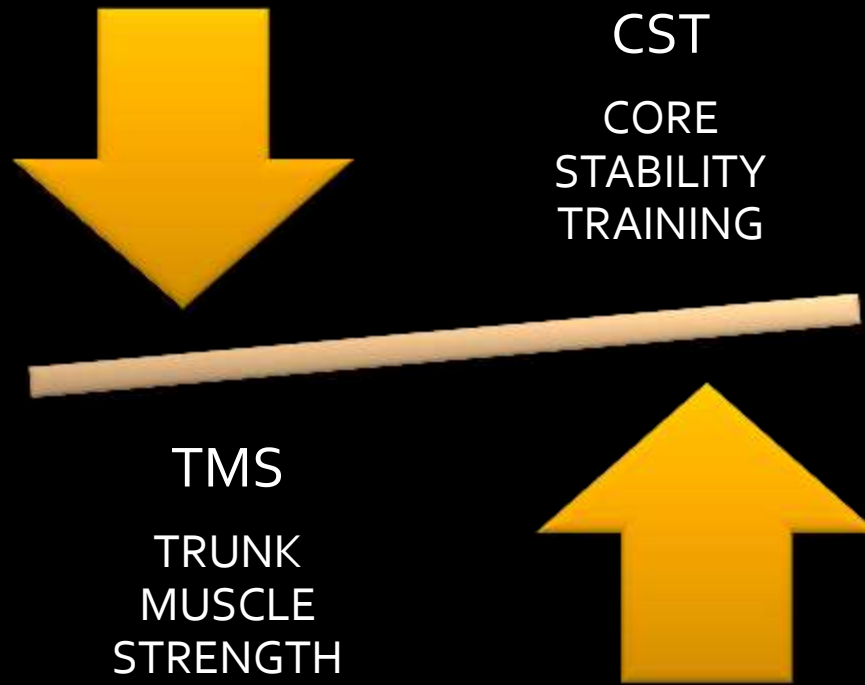


SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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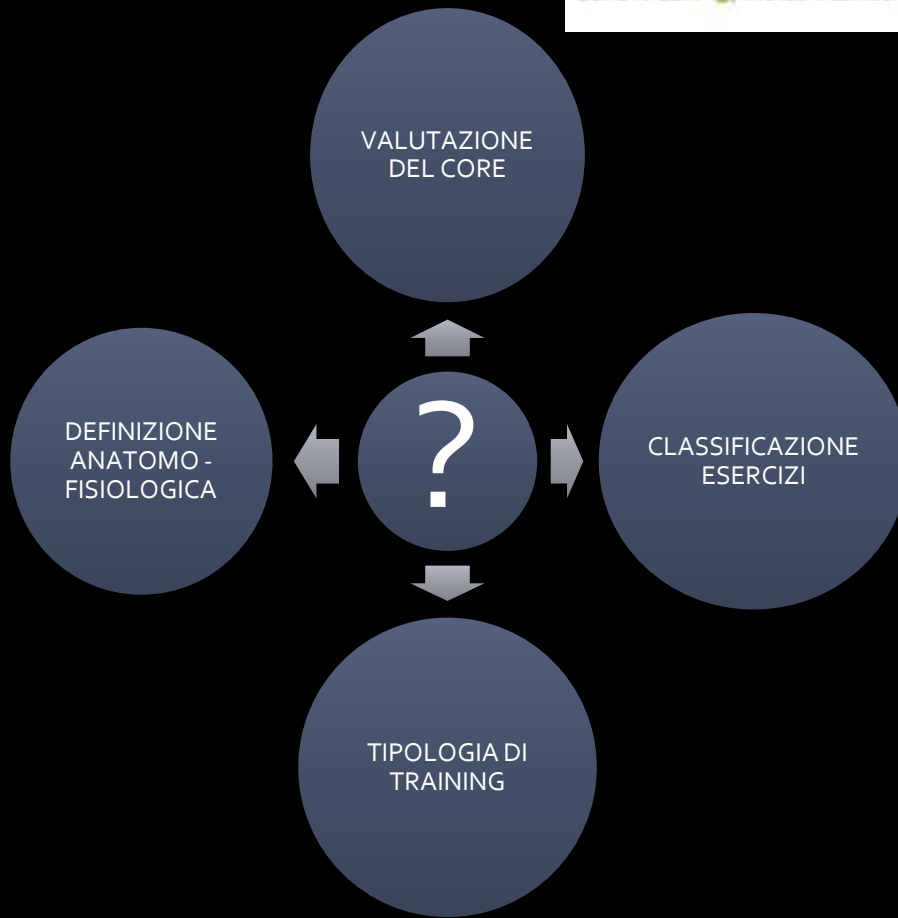
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Contemporary perspectives of core stability training for dynamic athletic performance: a survey of athletes, coaches, sports science and sports medicine practitioners



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- Questionario su tematiche riguardanti il core
- 241 interviste tra allenatori, preparatori, medici, fisioterapisti ed atleti di varie discipline sportive
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## The myth of core stability

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# Core Stability: The Centerpiece of Any Training Program

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**Brief Review**

# CORE STABILITY TRAINING: APPLICATIONS TO SPORTS CONDITIONING PROGRAMS

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## Optimizing Performance by Improving Core Stability and Core Strength

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# The Importance of Sensory-Motor Control in Providing Core Stability

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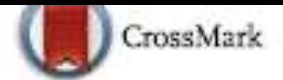
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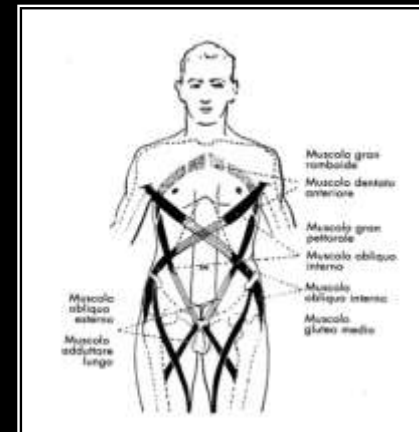
## Core Stability in Athletes: A Critical Analysis of Current Guidelines

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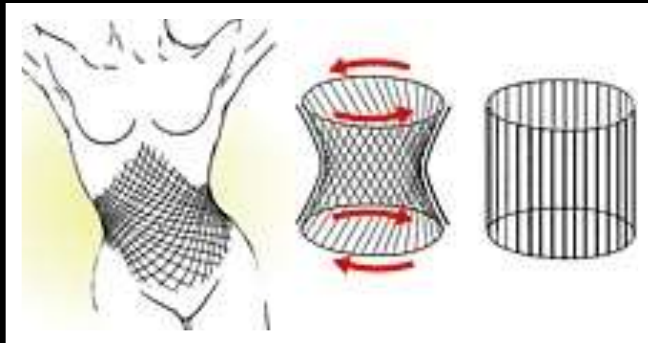
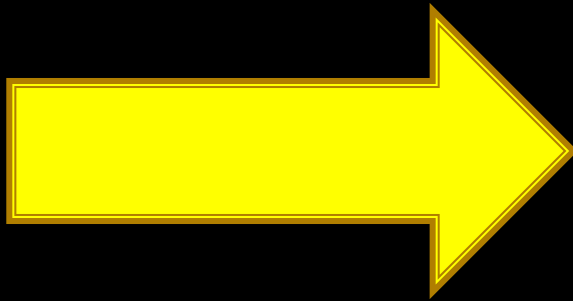
# CORE



- "...box cilindrico composto dai muscoli addominali anteriormente, glutei e paraspinali posteriormente, diaframma come parte superiore e pavimento pelvico/articolazione dell'anca come base inferiore..." (Richardson 1999)
- "...il complesso lombo-pelvico formato da colonna vertebrale lombare, bacino, articolazione dell'anca e da tutti i muscoli che producono o limitano i movimenti di questi segmenti..." (Willson 2005)
- "...l'insieme di tutte le componenti anatomiche tra sterno e ginocchia con focus su regione addominale, low back e anche..." (Fig 2005)

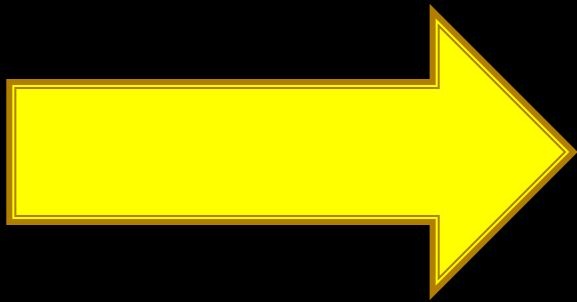


# Core: Definizioni



***"corsetto muscolare che lavora come un unità per stabilizzare il corpo e la colonna vertebrale in presenza o assenza di movimenti degli arti, fungendo da "centro" delle catene cinetiche funzionali (la traduzione letteraria di "core" è infatti "centro") e consentendo il collegamento reciproco tra tratto assiale e tratti appendicolari"***  
**(Akuthota 2004)**

# Core: Definizioni



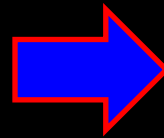
***"...agisce come una base anatomica per il movimento dei segmenti corporei garantendo la stabilità prossimale per assicurare la mobilità distale (Kibler 2006) e proteggendo il rachide e le strutture nervose durante carichi di lavoro"***

**(Willardson 2007)**

# RUOLO 'CORE CENTRICO'

L'attività muscolare del CORE va intesa come un'INTEGRAZIONE PRE-PROGRAMMATA tra MUSCOLI LOCALI (mono-articolari) e MUSCOLI GLOBALI (multi-articolari), con l'OBIETTIVO di PROVVEDERE alla STABILITA' e PRODURRE MOVIMENTO

**STABILITA'**  
Evento Centrale



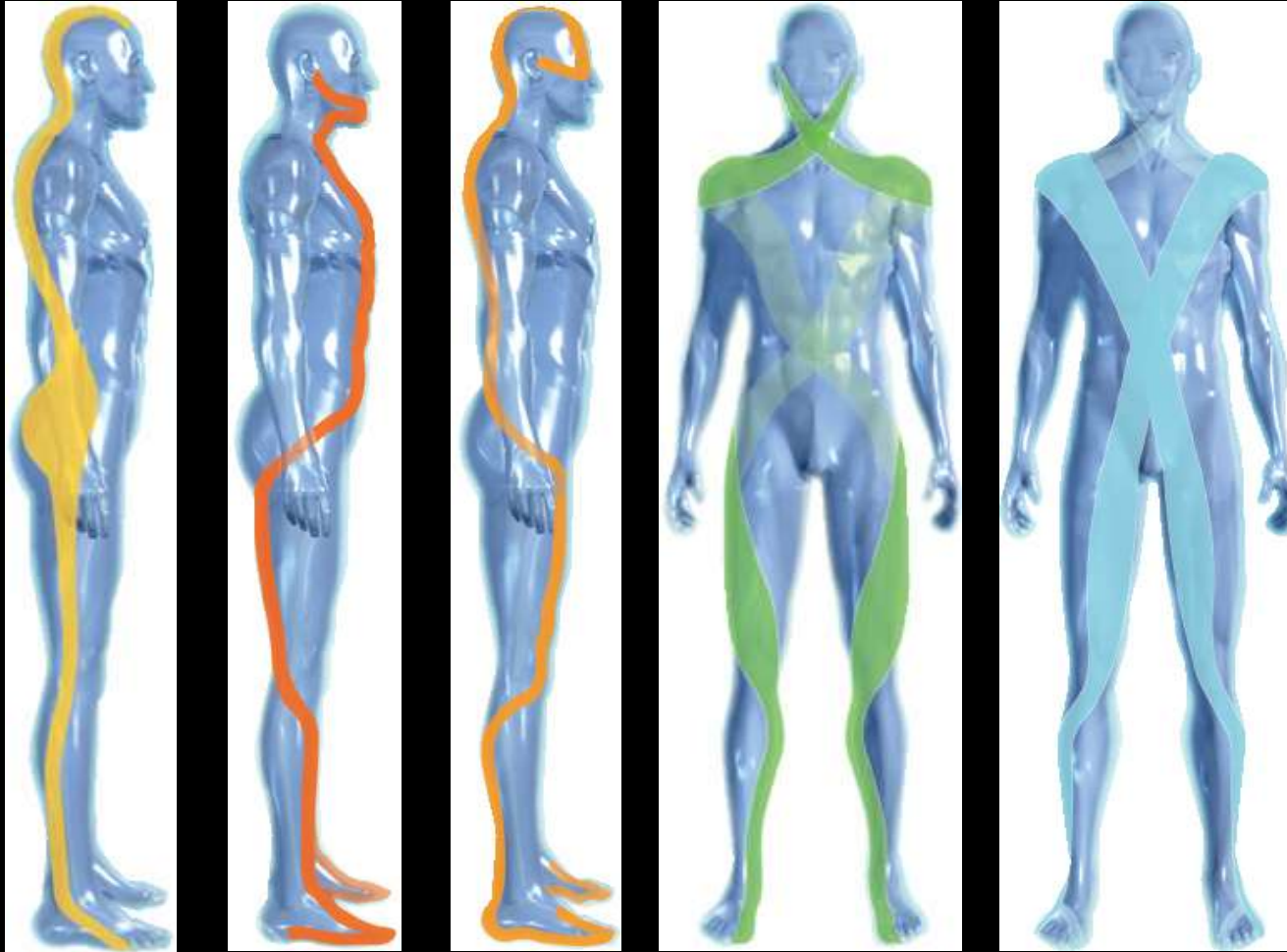
**MOBILITA'**  
Evento Periferico

IL RISULTATO FINALE è un'ATTIVAZIONE PROSSIMO-DISTALE che, grazie a momenti interattivi sincroni, MUOVE E PROTEGGE LE ARTICOLAZIONI DISTALI



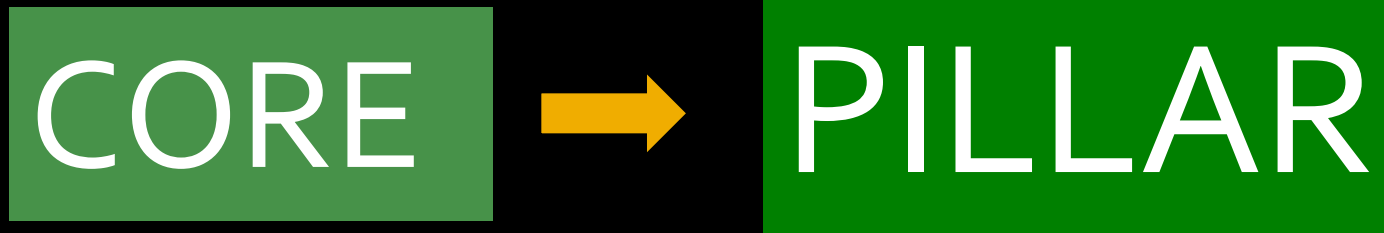


# Core: Aspetti Fisiologici



(L. Busquet 1992)

# Core: visione globale



Oltre al CORE, il PILLAR comprende altre due UNITA' FUNZIONALI:

CINTURA  
SCAPOLARE

COMPLESSO  
COXO-FEMORALE

HICS Complex  
HIP-CORE-SCAPULA

*(Andorlini, 2013)*

# Da CORE a PILLAR - HICS...

Ogni Movimento è CORE-DIPENDENTE ed ha quindi un'alta CORRELAZIONE con il CORRETTO FUNZIONAMENTO DEL NUCLEO STABILIZZATORE CENTRALE e delle PIATTAFORME di STABILITA' PERIFERICHE (Complesso Coxo-Femorale e Scapolo-Omerale)

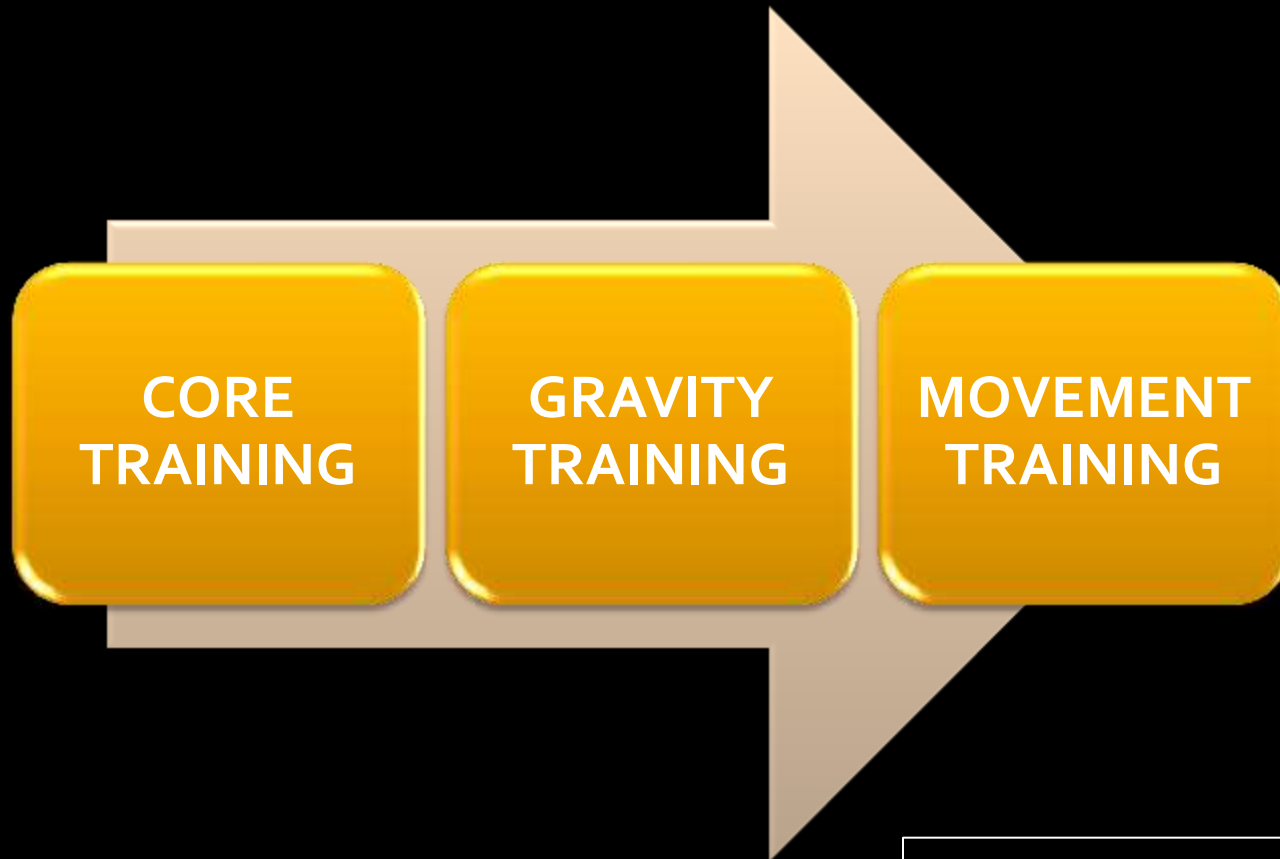
Ogni MOVIMENTO prodotto dalla CATENA CINETICA trova la propria ORIGINE MOTORIA nei MOVIMENTI FONDAMENTALI...



# Core: Aspetti Fisiologici

- Il CORE rappresenta una UNITA' FUNZIONALE INTEGRATA
- Le catene cinetiche del corpo operano sinergicamente per produrre forze, ridurre forze e stabilizzare dinamicamente in risposta a forze anormali
- In uno stato di efficienza ottimale il CORE consente di:
  - ❖ Distribuire armonicamente i carichi corporei prossimali e distali
  - ❖ Assorbire le forze agenti nel complesso lombo-pelvico
  - ❖ Trasferire le forze tra tratto assile e tratti appendicolari

# Core training e allenamento funzionale



Andorlini 2011

# Movement Training...



**FUNZIONAMENTO**



**FUNZIONALITA'**

**STRESS  
FISIOLOGICO**

Tende verso



**INPUT  
NEUROLOGICO**

**ADATTAMENTO**

Tende verso



**ADATTABILITA'**

**SELEZIONE**

Tende verso



**INTEGRAZIONE**

**ATTIVAZIONE  
ANALITICA**

Tende verso



**AZIONE  
COMPLESSA**



# Movement Training...

**ESERCIZIO**



**MOVIMENTO**

**MOVIMENTO**



**GESTO**

**CAPACITA'  
CONDIZIONALE**



**ABILITA'  
MOTORIA**

**INTEGRAZIONE**

**Allenamento 'TRADIZIONALE'**

**MOVEMENT TRAINING**

# Core training e allenamento funzionale

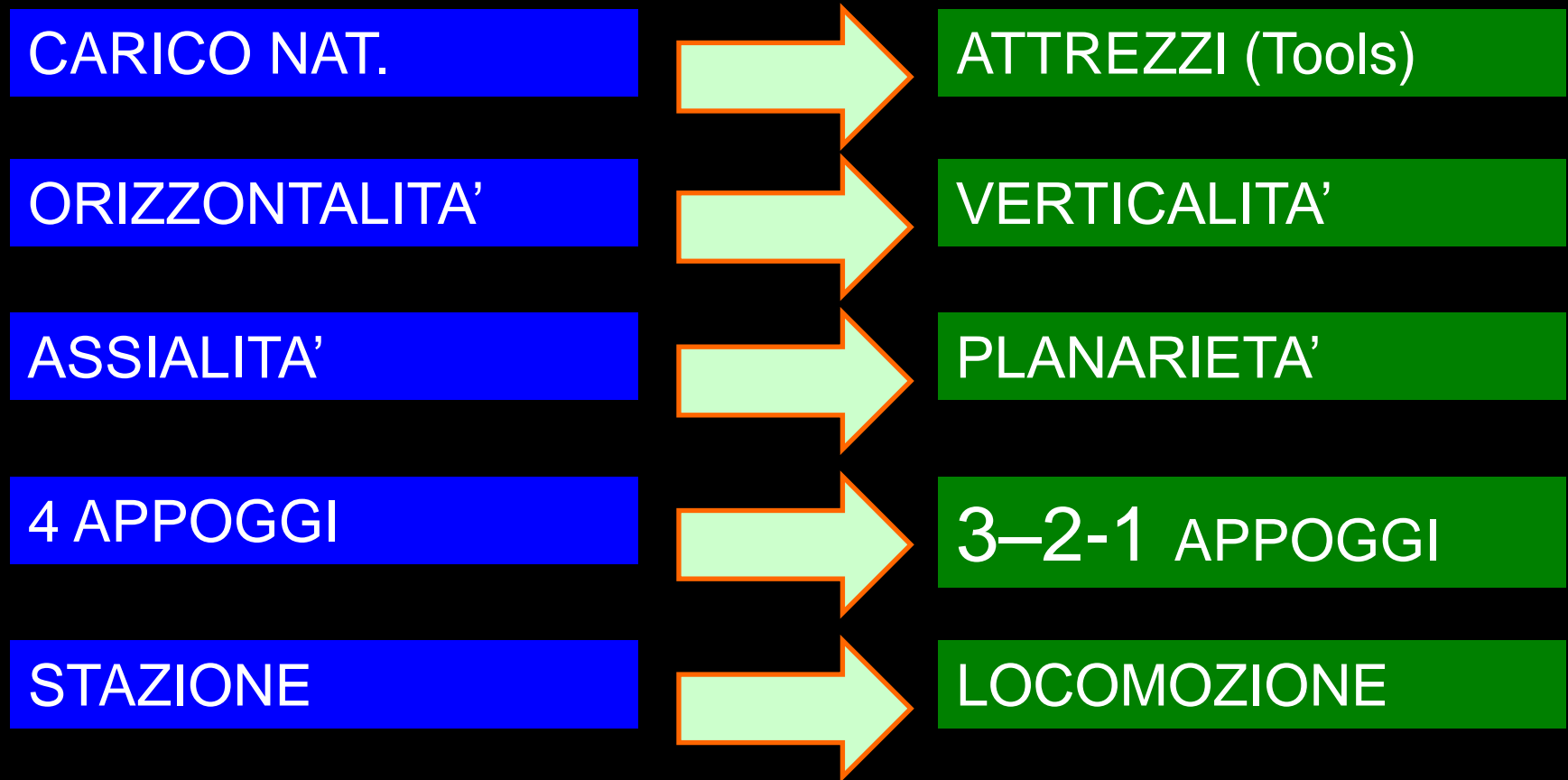


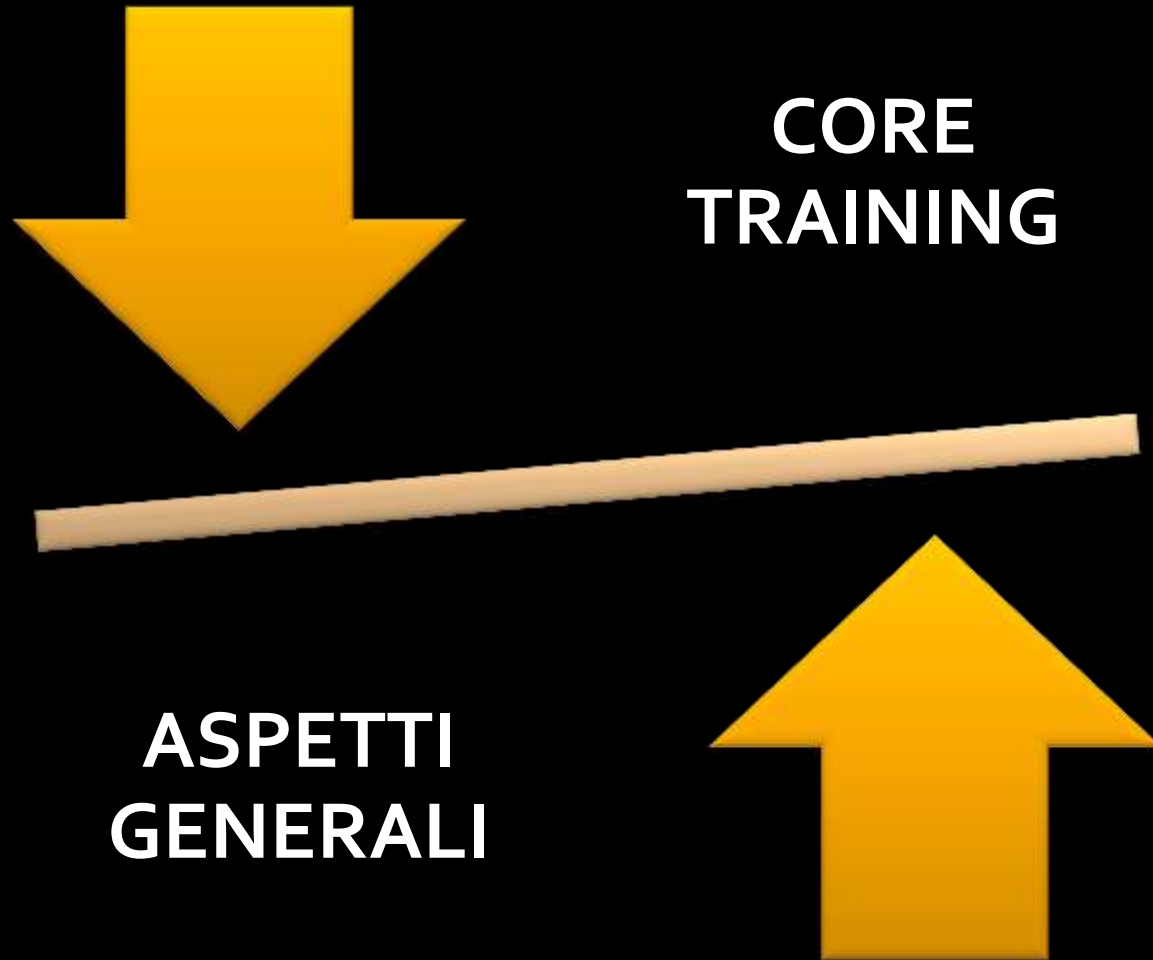
Lo **SPORT** può essere inteso come la **FINALIZZAZIONE** di una **FUNZIONE SPORT-SPECIFICA**

Le **CONNESSIONI** tra **MOVIMENTI FONDAMENTALI SINGOLI** generano schemi di movimento la cui peculiarità risiede nello **SVILUPPO TRIDIMENSIONALE** (*skills*) e la cui **FINALIZZAZIONE** porta all'espletamento della **FUNZIONE** propria del **MOVIMENTO**



# Movement training progression







# Core: Aspetti Generali



**CORE STABILITY:** settore rieducativo - preventivo

**CORE STRENGTH:** settore sportivo – performance

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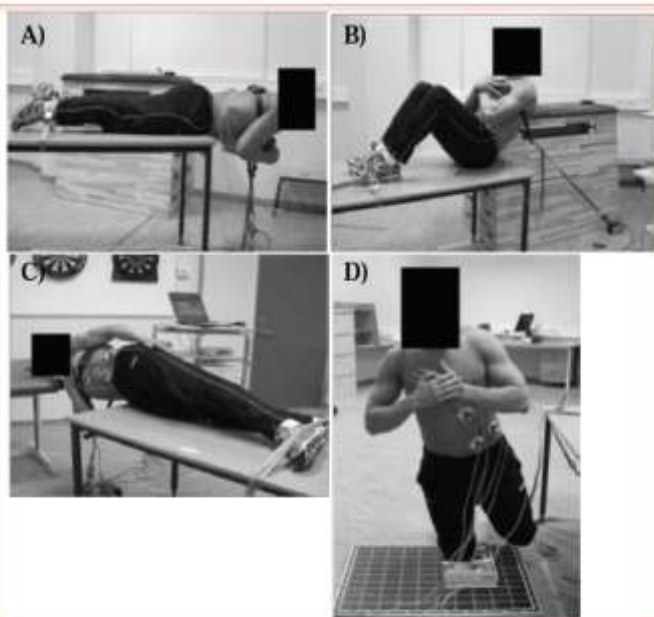
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## Research Article

# Muscle Activity, and the Association between Core Strength, Core Endurance and Core Stability

06 May, 2015;



**Figure 1:** The test set-up for the core strength, endurance and stability. Identical positions were used in the core strength and core endurance tests examining flexion (a), extension (b) and lateral flexion (c). Core stability was performed on one knee examining the postural sway (d).

## Conclusion

There were no systematic correlations between core endurance, core strength and core stability indicating that these capacities are largely independent from each other. Furthermore, muscle activity executing the flexion and lateral flexion endurance tests surpassed the threshold suggested to increase strength. Coaches, training instructors or physical therapists needs to address the core endurance, core strength and core stability as separate capacities and train them accordingly based on the aim of the training. If high intensity exercises are contra-indicated, core endurance exercises should also increase strength if they are performed (close) to muscular fatigue, but this is not the case with stability exercises.



# Core: Aspetti Generali

**CORE STABILITY:** capacità della muscolatura del “core” di mantenere una adeguata stabilità funzionale intorno al rachide lombare (*Akuthota 2004*)

**CORE STRENGHT:** capacità della muscolatura di produrre potenza attraverso la forza contrattile e la pressione intra-addominale” (*Faries e Greenwood 2007*)

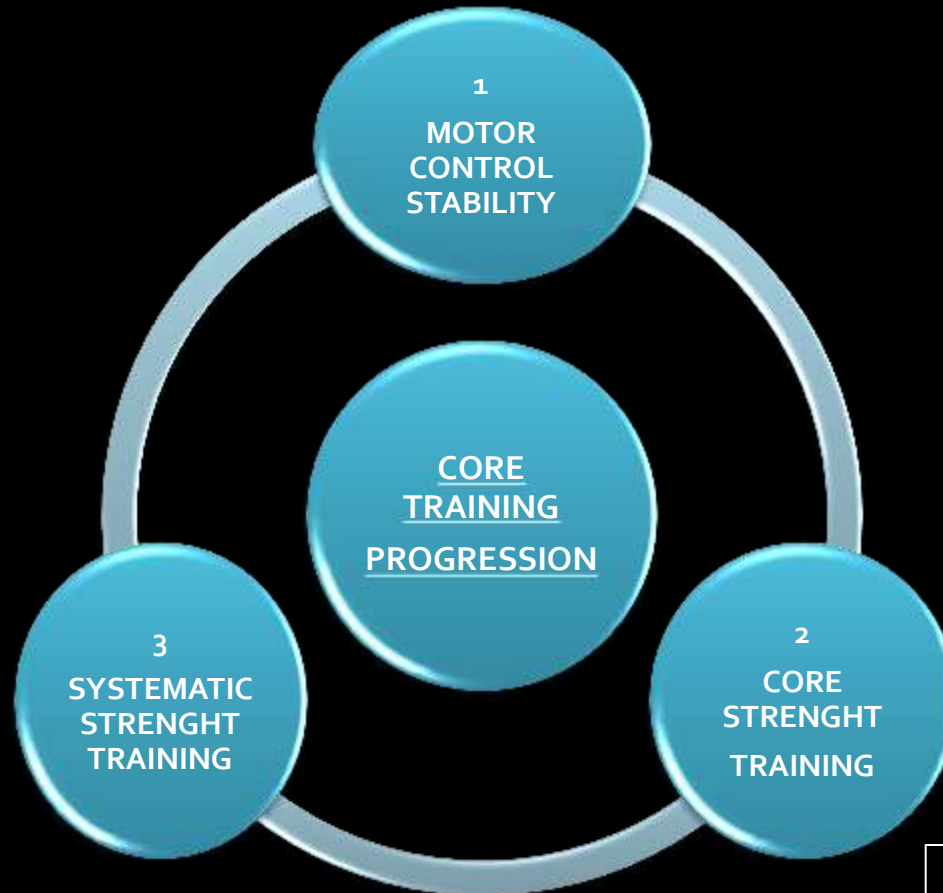


Hibbs 2008

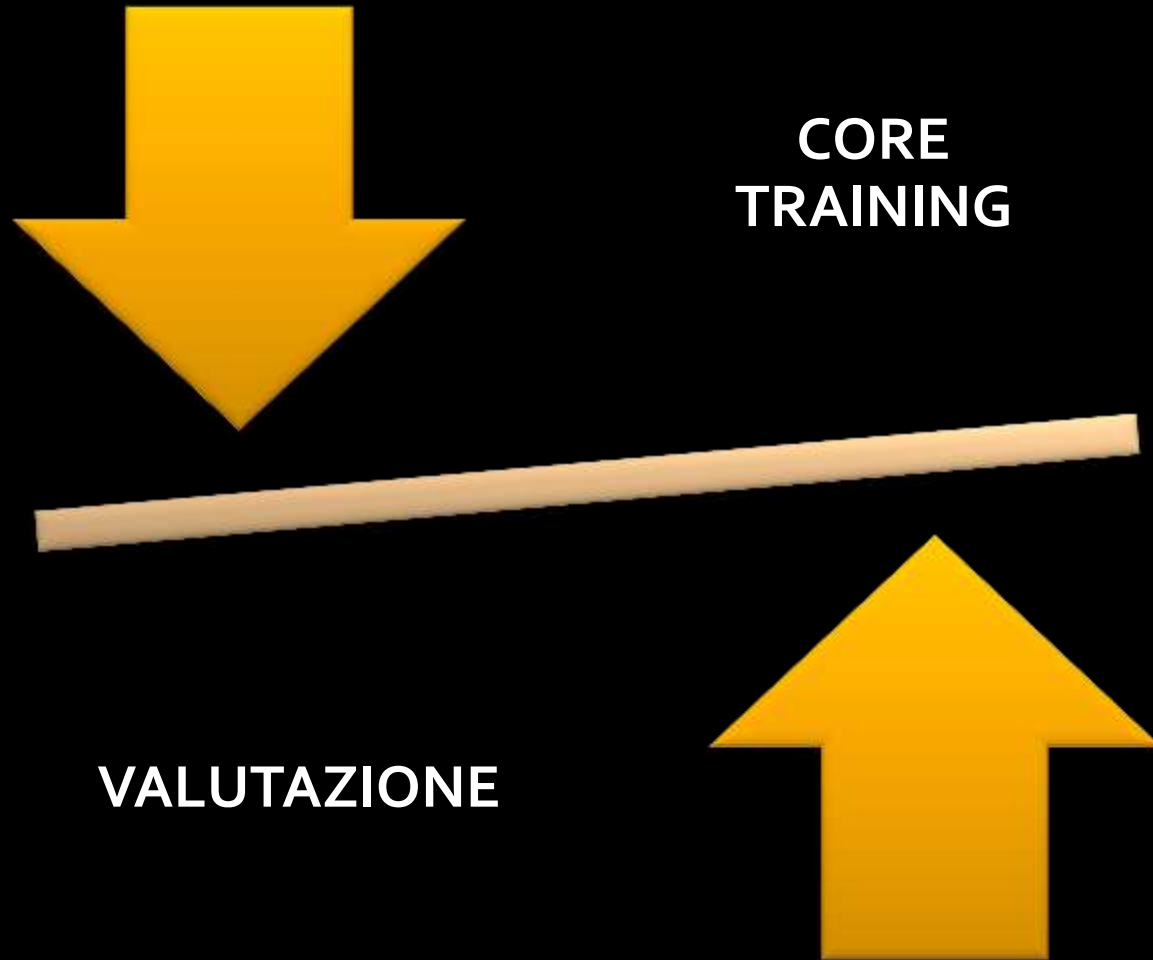
***“l’abilità di controllare la posizione e il movimento del tronco sopra il bacino per permettere un ottimale produzione, trasferimento e controllo di forze e movimento ai segmenti distali in attività atletiche integrate”*** (Kibler 2006)



# Core: Aspetti Generali



Comerford 2007



Total core score static and dynamic (Bisciotti 2014): valutazione della asimmetria tra emilato destro e sinistro del corpo durante esercizi di core training statici e dinamici attraverso una misurazione di parametri spazio (metri) –temporali (secondi)

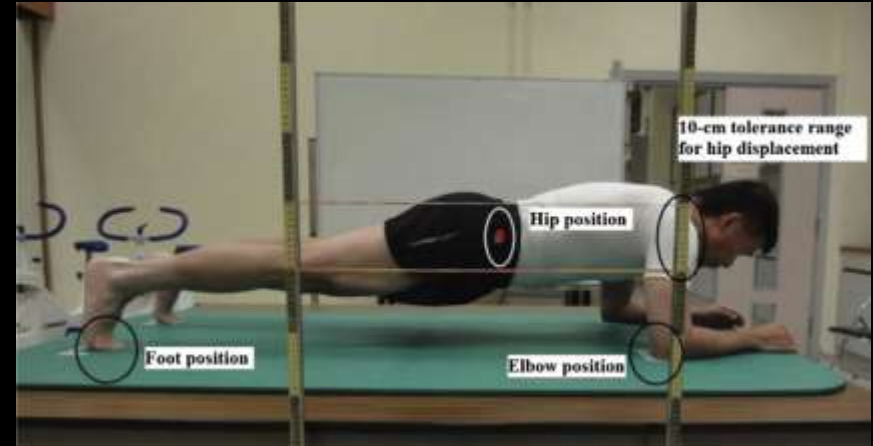


	Dx in app	Sx in app	diff %	(maggiore - minore / maggiore)x 100
<u>STATICO</u>				
BRIDGE PRONO				
BRIDGE SUPINO				
BRIDGE LAT (ABD)				
BRIDGE LAT (ADD)				
CORE TOTAL SCORE STATICO	0	0		
<u>DINAMICO</u>	Dx in app	Sx in app	diff %	(maggiore - minore / maggiore)x 100
LANCIO CON TWIST				
LANCIO IN EXT				
LANCIO IN FLEX				
CORE TOTAL SCORE DINAMICO	0	0		



## Elbow Plank: (Tong 2014): valutazione dell'endurance del core attraverso il mantenimento isometrico del Plank con movimenti alterni degli arti

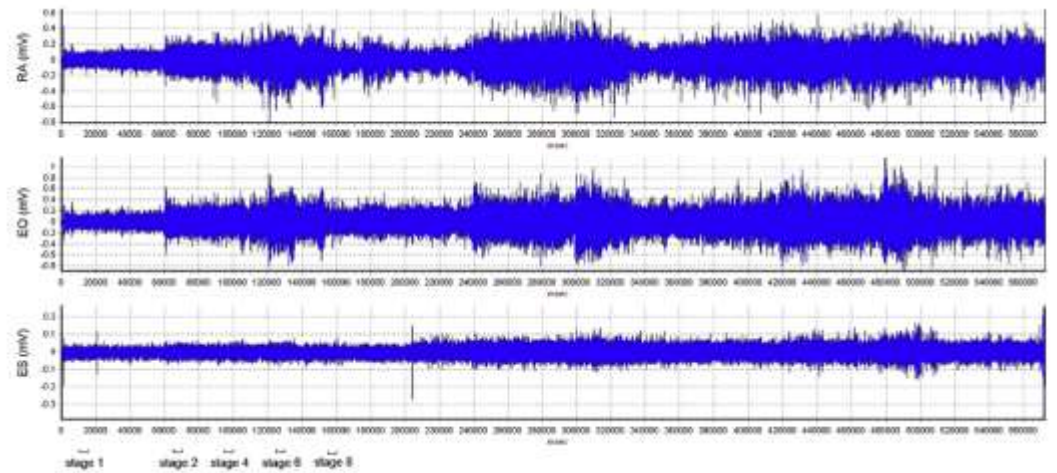
throughout the following stages with no rest in between: (1) hold the basic plank position for 60 s; (2) lift the right arm off the ground and hold for 15 s; (3) return the right arm to the ground and lift the left arm for 15 s; (4) return the left arm to the ground and lift the right leg for 15 s; (5) return the right leg to the ground and lift the left leg for 15 s; (6) lift both the left leg and right arm from the ground and hold for 15 s; (7) return the left leg and right arm to the ground, and lift both the right leg and left arm off the ground for 15 s; (8) return to the basic plank position for 30 s; (9) repeat the steps from (1) to (9) until the maintenance of the prone bridge failed.



**Table 1**

Percentage of maximum voluntary isometric contraction (%MVIC) in the rectus abdominis (RA), external oblique (EO) and erector spinae (ES) at stages 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 of the sport-specific endurance plank test ( $n = 8$ ).

	%MVIC (%)				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 4	Stage 6	Stage 8
RA	32.7 ± 10.8	47.7 ± 13.5*	50.0 ± 17.9*	73.7 ± 22.3** <sup>ab</sup>	63.2 ± 8.2** <sup>a</sup>
EO	31.7 ± 8.5	42.8 ± 11.9	56.6 ± 17.7*	68.6 ± 14.1** <sup>a</sup>	55.2 ± 7.4** <sup>bc</sup>
ES	3.3 ± 1.2	4.7 ± 1.3*	4.6 ± 2.9	6.3 ± 2.1** <sup>ab</sup>	5.1 ± 2.2*

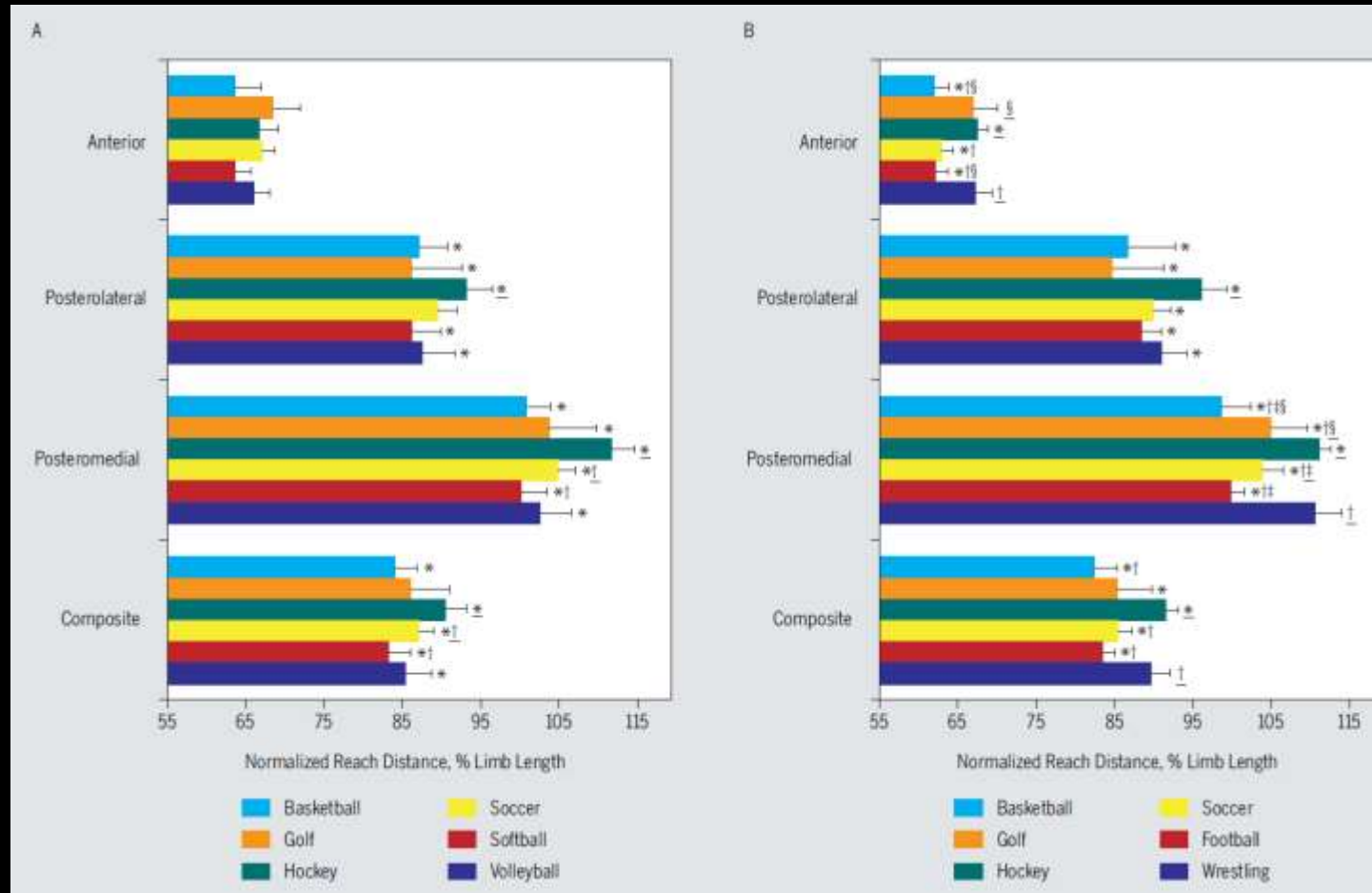


Star Excursion Balance Test (Gribble 2003) : valutazione equilibrio funzionale dinamico.



# Star Excursion Balance Test Performance Varies by Sport in Healthy Division I Collegiate Athletes

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Medicine Ball Throw (Shinkle 2012): valutazione transfer motorio tra tratto assile ed appendicolare attraverso la muscolatura del core durante il lancio della palla medica in modalità variabile



Correlazione statisticamente significativa tra “*push press power test*” e:

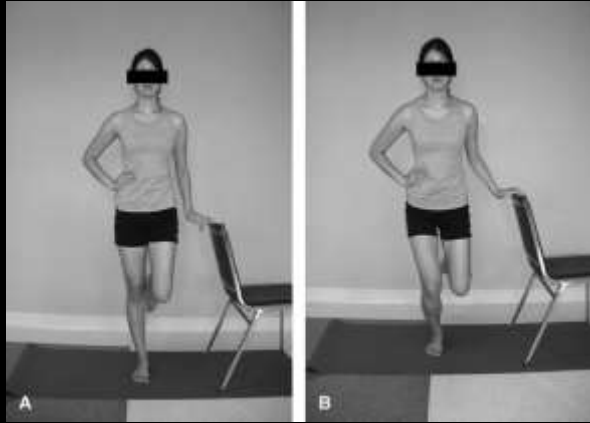
- Static reverse
- Static left
- Static right
- Dynamic left
- Dynamic right



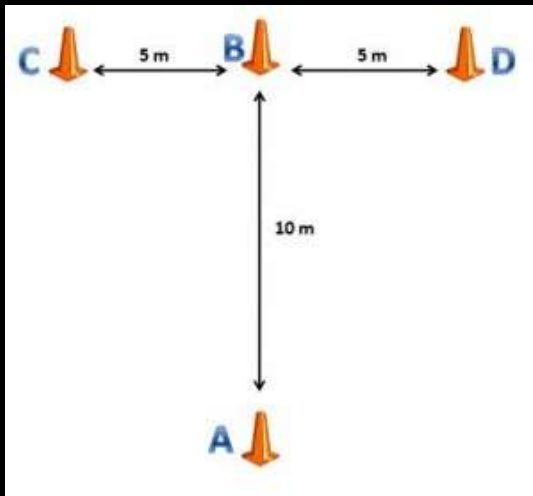
... un adeguato livello di forza degli arti inferiori consente crea un effetto motorio trasferito agli arti superiori attraverso la muscolatura del core...

# CORE TRAINING AND FUNCTIONAL TRAINING:

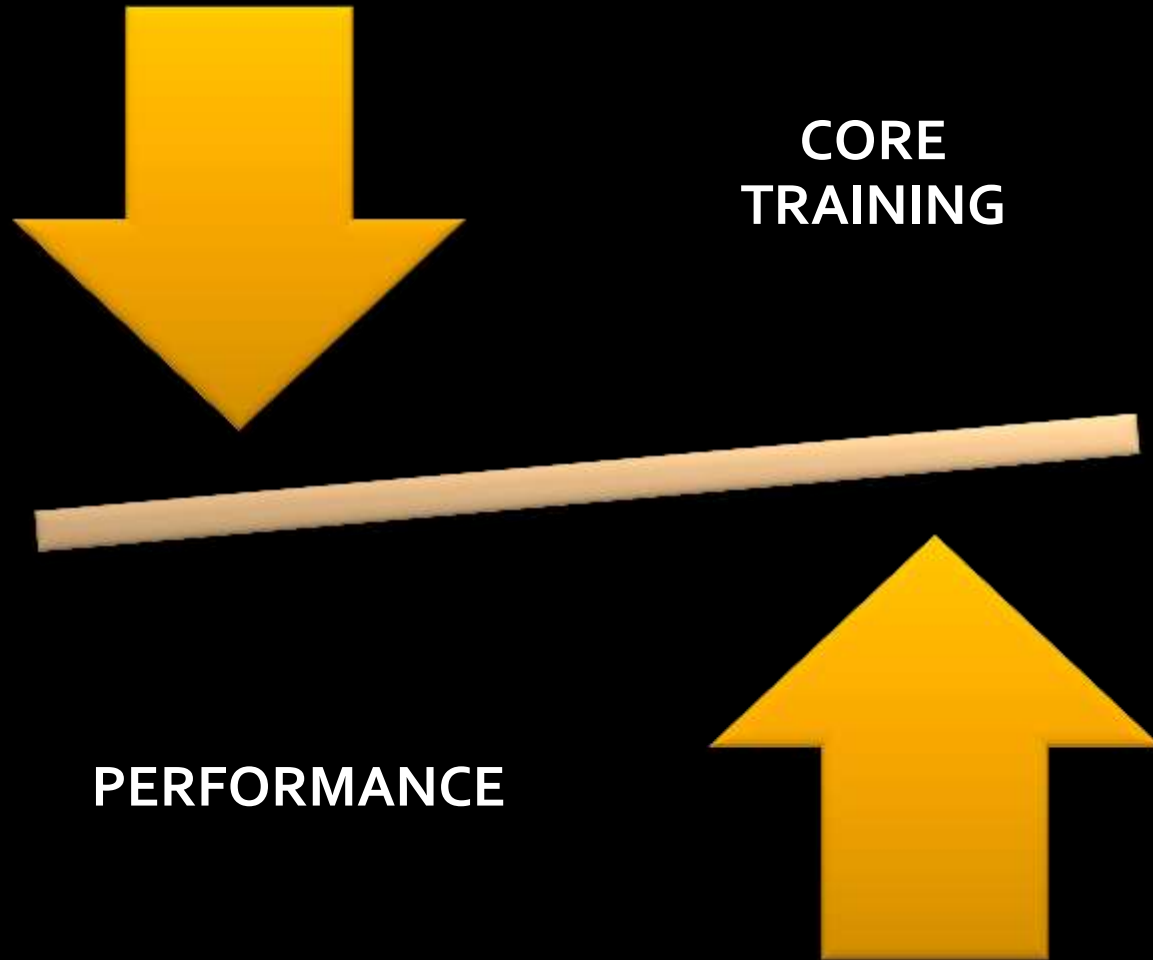
## TEST "On Field"



- 1 minute Sit up
- 1 minute curl up
- Single leg squat
- 1 minute Push Up
- Prone Quadra-ped core Test
  - Vertical Jump
  - Medicine Ball throw
  - Agility T Test
  - Sit and reach test
- 1 leg static balance test



Oliver 2009 – Di Stefano 2013



# Core Training and Performance



"...although the media portrays the idea that enhanced core ability could improve athletic performance, the scientific community remains uncertain about this relationship..."

Sharrock 2011

# CORE STABILITY TRAINING: APPLICATIONS TO SPORTS CONDITIONING PROGRAMS

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# Optimizing Performance by Improving Core Stability and Core Strength

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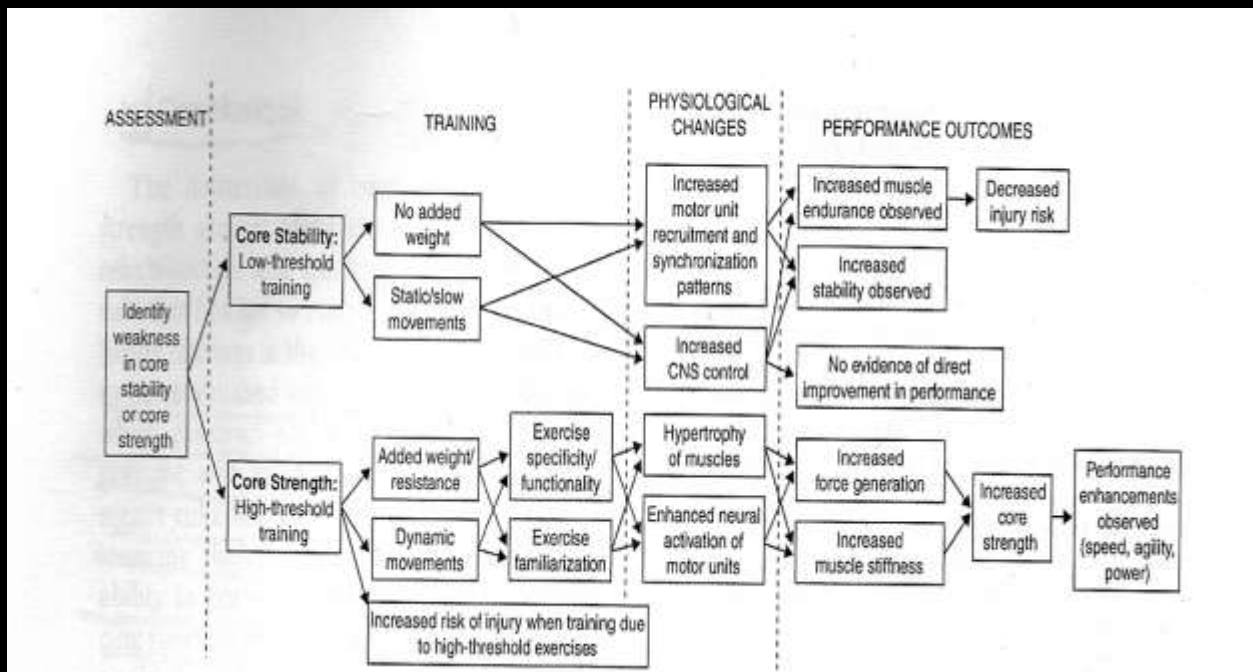
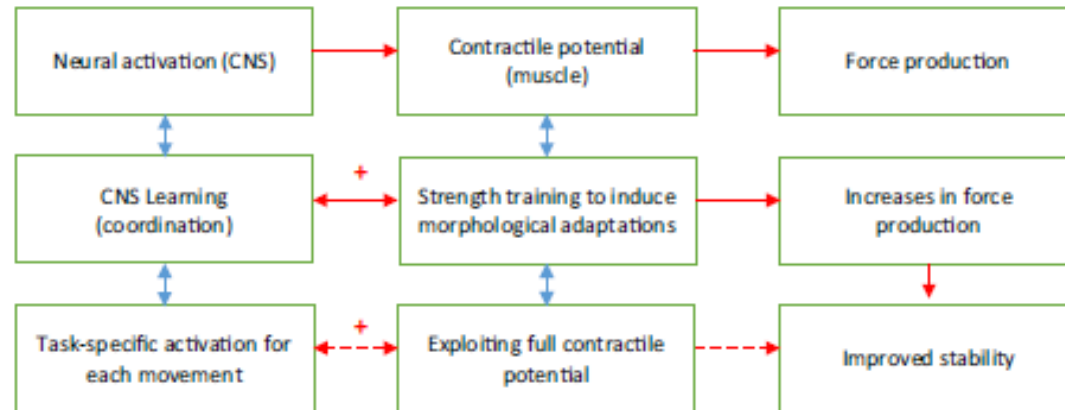
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**Fig. 1** Schematic representation of the association between force production and stability



Wirth  
2017

Hibbs  
2008

**“The lack of effect on performance observed in many studies may be due to the core trainings programmes not being functional enough to translate into improvements in sporting performance as a result of the poor understanding of the role that specific muscles have during these exercises...” Hibbs 2008**

**“Core stability is an integrated , functional motor task and training should reflect this according to movement patterns, forces, torque and velocity...”  
Clark 2018**



## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## A PILOT STUDY OF CORE STABILITY AND ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE: IS THERE A RELATIONSHIP?

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## SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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# The Effects of Isolated and Integrated 'Core Stability' Training on Athletic Performance Measures

## A Systematic Review

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- There is little evidence tying core stability to athletic performance.
- Core training is an integral part of many athletic development training programmes.
- Improvements in general performance are not directly attributable to core training alone.
- Movements and sports with strong core components such as golf, swinging a bat or running

show the greatest improvements from core training.

Further target studies are necessary to fully define the connection of core strength and stability to athletic performance.

## SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

## The Role of Trunk Muscle Strength for Physical Fitness and Athletic Performance in Trained Individuals: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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- Meta-analisi su 15 studi di correlazione e 16 studi di intervento
- 955 atleti sani di vario livello e disciplina sportiva
- Analisi dell'associazione tra TMS performance (Forza muscolare, Potenza muscolare, Balance, Parametri Atletici)
- Efficacia del CST nel miglioramento di TMS e performance



- Livello medio di qualità delle evidenze (Scala PEDro: 4)
- TMS – Performance: small-sized association
- TMS maggiormente correlata alla forza muscolare in atleti di livello inferiore rispetto a quelli di livello superiore
- CST efficace nel miglioramento di TMS rispetto ad altre forme di training
- CST – Performance: small effects

## Key Points

The present systematic review and meta-analysis characterized and quantified associations between measures of trunk muscle strength (TMS), physical fitness, and athletic performance and investigated the effects of core strength training (CST) versus no training, regular training only or alternative training on fitness and performance measures in healthy trained individuals.

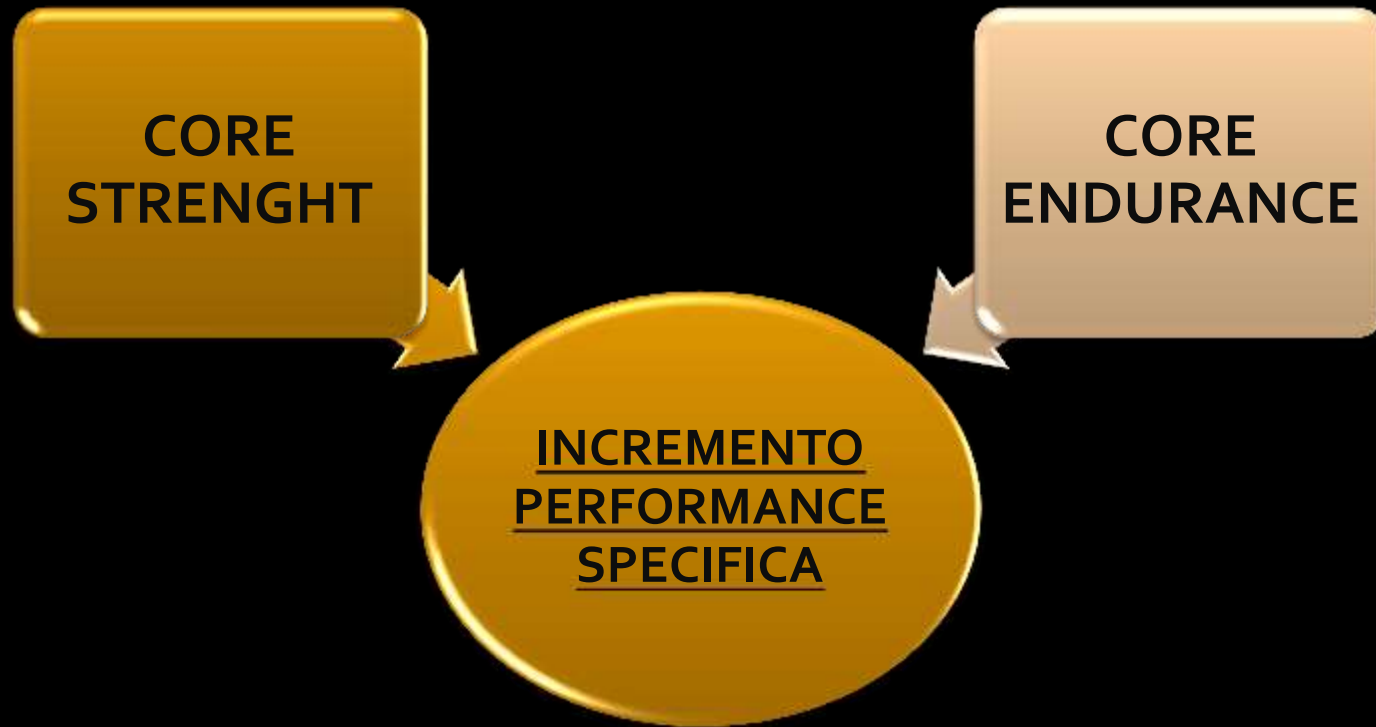
Irrespective of the athletes' expertise level, our analyses revealed small-sized correlations for TMS with lower limb muscle strength, muscle power, balance, and athletic performance.

When compared with no training or regular training only, CST induced large effects on TMS but small to medium effects on physical fitness and athletic performance measures in trained individuals. However, small effects were detected for CST as compared with alternative training.

Our findings indicate that TMS plays only a minor role in physical fitness and athletic performance in trained individuals. Further, it appears that CST is an effective means to increase TMS but is associated with only limited gains in physical fitness as well as athletic performance and that CST is not superior to alternative training regimens.



- Se si considerano solo le ricerche qualitativamente superiori (PEDro>6), l'effetto del CST sulla performance rispetto ad altre forme di training incrementa da small a medium / large
- Le modalità valutative di TMS non corrispondono spesso alle richieste performance-specifiche (statico vs dinamico)
- La coordinazione inter ed intramuscolare sono maggiormente collegate alla performance rispetto ai livello di forza massima (qualità vs quantità)
- Livello dell'atleta (elite vs recreational) e l'età (junior vs senior) presentano differenze importanti



- Miglioramento livelli di forza arti superiori ed inferiori
- Incrementi forza ed endurance nella regione del core
- Miglioramento capacità di ricevere, assorbire e trasferire energia dai segmenti corporei prossimali a quelli distali
- Incremento forza torsionale del tronco in movimenti multisegmentali come il lanciare, calciare, tuffarsi
- Aumento sinergismi coordinativi e controllo neuromuscolare globale
- Benefici a livello preventivo e rieducativo

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

# THE IMPACT OF LUMBOPELVIC CONTROL ON OVERHEAD PERFORMANCE AND SHOULDER INJURY IN OVERHEAD ATHLETES: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** The lumbopelvic region is utilized in almost all functional tasks and has been proposed to provide dynamic stability to distal extremities.

**Purpose:** To systematically evaluate the current literature that examined the effect of lumbopelvic control on overhead performance and shoulder injury in overhead athletes.

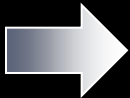
**Study Design:** Systematic Review

**Methods:** A comprehensive systematic electronic search was conducted using PubMed, CINAHL, ProQuest, Scopus, and SPORTDiscus. Articles were considered for inclusion if they included a measure of lumbopelvic control and assessed shoulder pain, disability, injury, or overhead performance outcome. Cohen's *d* effect size was calculated when necessary statistical data were available to determine the impact of lumbopelvic control.

**Results:** The search revealed 3,312 total articles and 2,883 articles were screened after duplicates were removed. After titles and abstracts were screened, 45 full text articles were reviewed. Fifteen full-text articles ultimately met inclusion criteria. Effect sizes ranged from trivial (0.10) to large (0.86), indicating a varying degree of positive effects on performance and shoulder injuries. The majority of included articles concluded individuals with greater lumbopelvic control demonstrated improved performance and decreased occurrence of injury.

**Conclusion:** Results suggest that improved lumbopelvic control relates to improved athletic performance and decreased shoulder injury. Additional higher quality research is needed to further support these findings, establish a standard measure for lumbopelvic control, and determine preventative factors for injury, pain, and disability.

**Level of Evidence:** 2a







# Core Stability Training for Injury Prevention

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Table 1. Common components of injury prevention programs

Core stabilization exercises <sup>33,55,59,60</sup>	Plank Side bridge Supine bridge
Balance exercises <sup>33,55,59</sup>	Single-leg stance Single-leg stance partner toss/catch Single-leg stance on wobble board
Jump training/plyometric exercises <sup>22,33,55,59,60</sup>	Forward/backward double-leg jumps Forward and backward single-leg jumps Lateral double-leg jumps Lateral single-leg jumps Single-leg zig-zag jumps Bounding
General strengthening exercises <sup>22,33,60</sup>	Lunges Body weight squats Nordic hamstring curls

## CONCLUSION

Core stability focuses on maintenance of neutral spinal alignment, optimal trunk position, and the transfer of loads along the kinetic chain. A variety of assessment tools can be utilized to evaluate core stability. A multifaceted approach is recommended utilizing tests for muscle recruitment, endurance, neuromuscular control, and fundamental functional movement patterns. Core stability should be trained in a progressive fashion, beginning with local muscle recruitment, moving to core stabilization in a variety of postures, and then transitioning into total body dynamic movements.

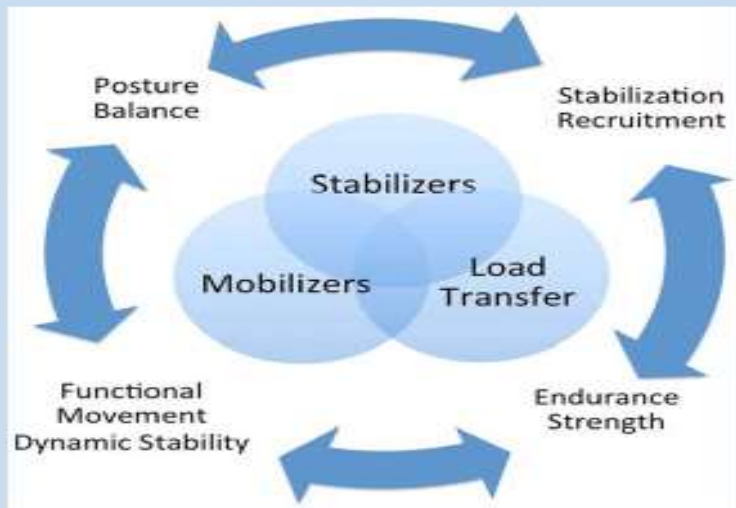


Figure 1. Functional core stability. This figure illustrates the various components and roles that interact to achieve functional core stabilization.

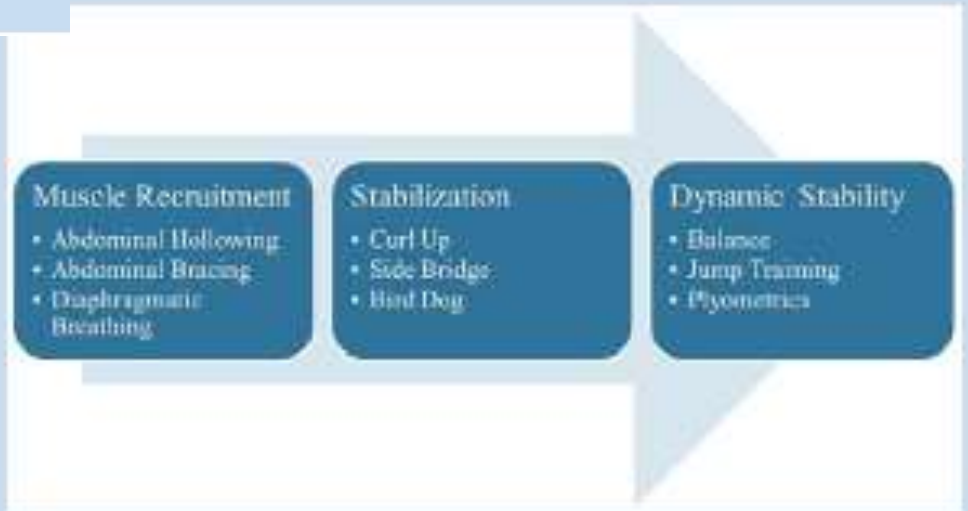


Figure 5. Sample core stability training program progression.

# Core Stability: Basic Exercises

Tramite esercizi di:

- *plank*



- *bird dog*



- *bridge*



- *side plank*



- *dead bug*



Esercizi di Balance e Core Strength con elastici





Static Twist



Dynamic Twist

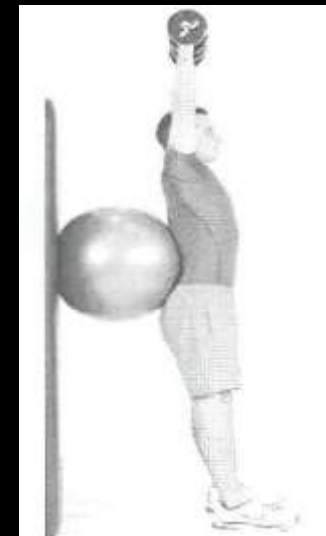
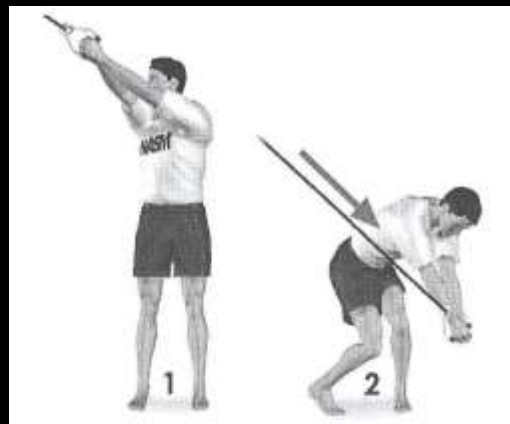
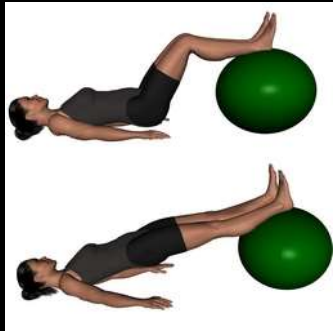


Push up

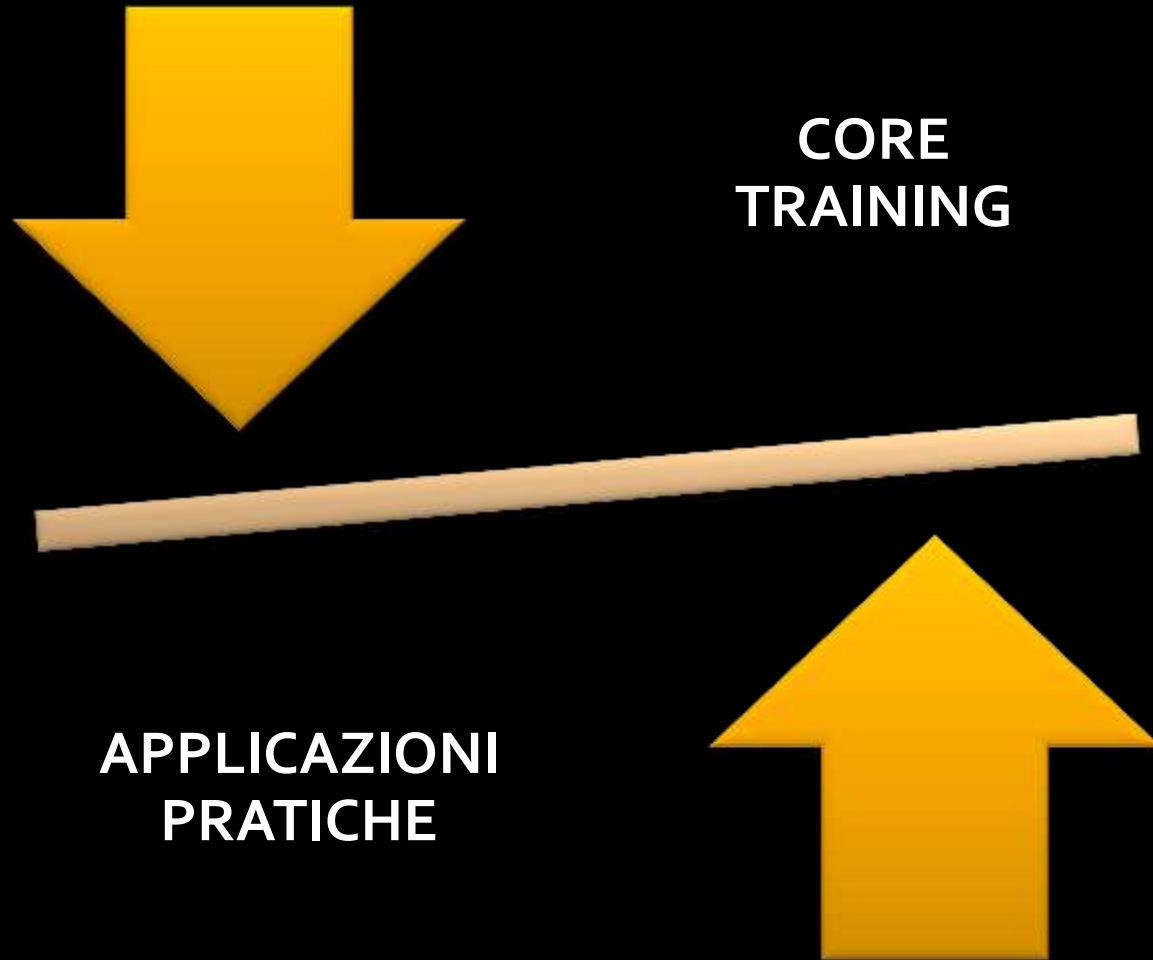


Side Bridge

# Esercizi di integrazione Core – Arti superiori ed inferiori







FUNCTIONAL  
TRAINING

LAVORO  
CONDIZIONALE  
SPORT SPECIFICO

CORE  
TRAINING

LAVORO DI  
CARATTERE  
PREVENTIVO

RIEDUCAZIONE -  
RIATLETIZZAZIONE

# Applicazioni pratiche



ESERCIZI IN PROGRESSIONE DAI DECUBITI  
ALL'ORTOSTATISMO

UTILIZZO DI PESI LIBERI PIUTTOSTO CHE MACCHINE DI  
MUSCOLAZIONE

UTILIZZO DELL'INSTABILITA' COME STIMOLO  
ALLENANTE

UTILIZZO DI CARICHI ASIMMETRICI E MONOLATERALI  
PIUTTOSTO CHE BILATERALI

MODULAZIONE DELLA COMPONENTE TORSIONALE DEL  
TRONCO

RIDUZIONE DEL NUMERO DEGLI APPOGGI

PROGRESSIONE DA ESERCIZI MONOPLANARI ALLA  
TRIPLANARIETA'



Review

# Core Muscle Activity during Physical Fitness Exercises: A Systematic Review

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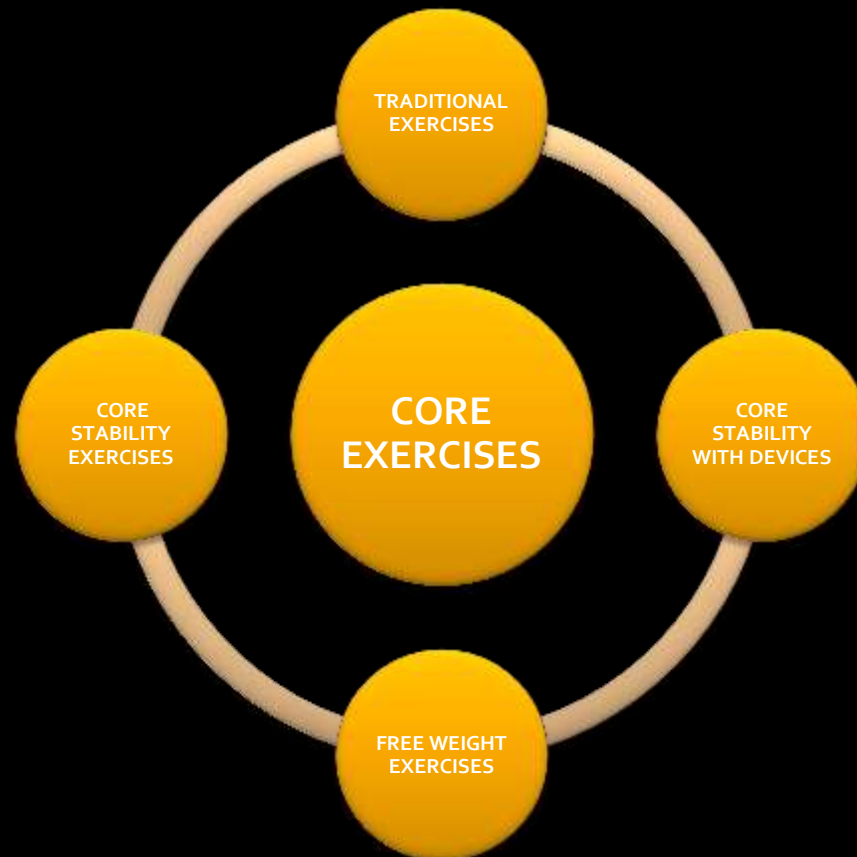
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Revisione sistematica della letteratura:

- 67 ricerche
- Varie tipologie di esercizi
- Analisi EMG a livello di RA, OE, OI, ES, MUL, TA.



## 5. Practical Applications

This systematic review provided a selection of exercises for greater activation of each core muscle group based on four different types of exercise (traditional core exercises, stability exercises, core exercises on a ball/device, and free-weight exercises) to assist strength and conditioning coaches, as well as fitness professionals. For example, free-weight exercises, such as the unstable Bulgarian squat, the regular back squat, roll-out plank, and the suspended front plank are suggested for RA activation. The front plank with scapular adduction and the posterior pelvic tilt, which belongs to the core stability exercise group, can be recommended for developing IO activation. Climax laughter exercises and kettlebell swings with "Kime" could be another alternative for IO activation (although swing exercises may be contraindicated for people with spine shear load intolerance). With regard to EO, unilateral free-weight exercises, such as the Bulgarian squat or the standing unilateral dumbbell press are recommended. Likewise, the front plank on a Swiss ball with the variant of moving the forearms in a continuous clockwise fashion (stir-the-pot) or doing a hip extension while maintaining stability are alternative exercises for this purpose. When it comes to the ES, free-weight exercises (e.g., the deadlift, hip-thrust, or back squat), the back extension on the floor, or the variant one-legged back extension, along with suspended bridge exercises, significantly increase EMG activity. To increase MUL activation, we suggest trunk extensions (with active lumbopelvic control), the front plank on a Swiss ball with the hip extension exercise, and free-weight exercises, such as the 45% bodyweight bent-over row, the 75% bodyweight deadlift, and 75% body weight back-squat exercises. Even though the greatest activation of the TA was reported with suspension training systems using the side-lying lumbar setting in the sling exercise, we instead suggest prone and supine sling exercises in order to stabilize the lumbar region, given its high local/global muscle ratio.

## 6. Conclusions

This study systematically reviewed the current literature on the EMG activity in six core muscles during core physical fitness exercises. The greatest activity in the RA, EO, and ES muscles was found in free-weight exercises. The greatest IO activity was found in core stability exercises, while traditional exercises showed the greatest MUL activation. However, there was a lack of research on TA activation during core physical fitness exercises and a lack of consistency between studies when applying methods to measure EMG activity. In addition, the level of evidence of the included studies was mainly moderate, which suggests that more high-quality research is necessary in order to reduce the risk of bias and draw solid conclusions about core muscle activity.

RA

IO

EO

ES

MUL

TA

# Applicazioni pratiche



# Core Training: periodizzazione



## CORE STABILITY

Esercizi di stabilizzazione lombo-pelvica in differenti posizioni

## CORE ENDURANCE

- Esercizi isometrici a bassa soglia di carico in condizioni di instabilità

## CORE STRENGTH

- Esercizi dinamici a alta soglia di carico in condizioni di stabilità

## CORE POWER

- Esercizi dinamici eseguiti con carichi variabili alla massima velocità in condizioni di stabilità

# Core Training: periodizzazione



## FASE PRE SEASON / IN SEASON

- Sviluppo della core strength
- Alta specificità dei contenuti
- Lavori dinamici con carichi ad alta soglia
- Movimenti globali in condizioni di stabilità



## FASE POST SEASON / OFF SEASON

- Sviluppo della core endurance e core stability
- Minor specificità dei contenuti
- Lavori statici a bassa soglia di carico
- Utilizzo di superfici instabili





- La ricerca sul tema del *core training* ha prodotto un enorme numero di studi negli ultimi 20 anni con pubblicazioni qualitativamente variabili
- Nonostante tale volume non è ancora possibile estrapolare dati scientifici validi per poter ottenere conclusioni universalmente condivise
- L'eterogeneità di approcci scientifici e modalità di ricerca rende infatti difficile un confronto metodologico corretto anche nelle principali revisioni sistematiche
- Tale difficoltà si allinea perfettamente con la complessa natura del core, le sue numerose possibilità applicative e l'infinità di programmi di allenamento sviluppabili
- Una conoscenza adeguata su tale argomento, unita ad una giusta dose di buon senso ed al rispetto dei principi basilari di biomeccanica e metodologia allenante, permette di realizzare un percorso di core training ottimale per qualunque soggetto...

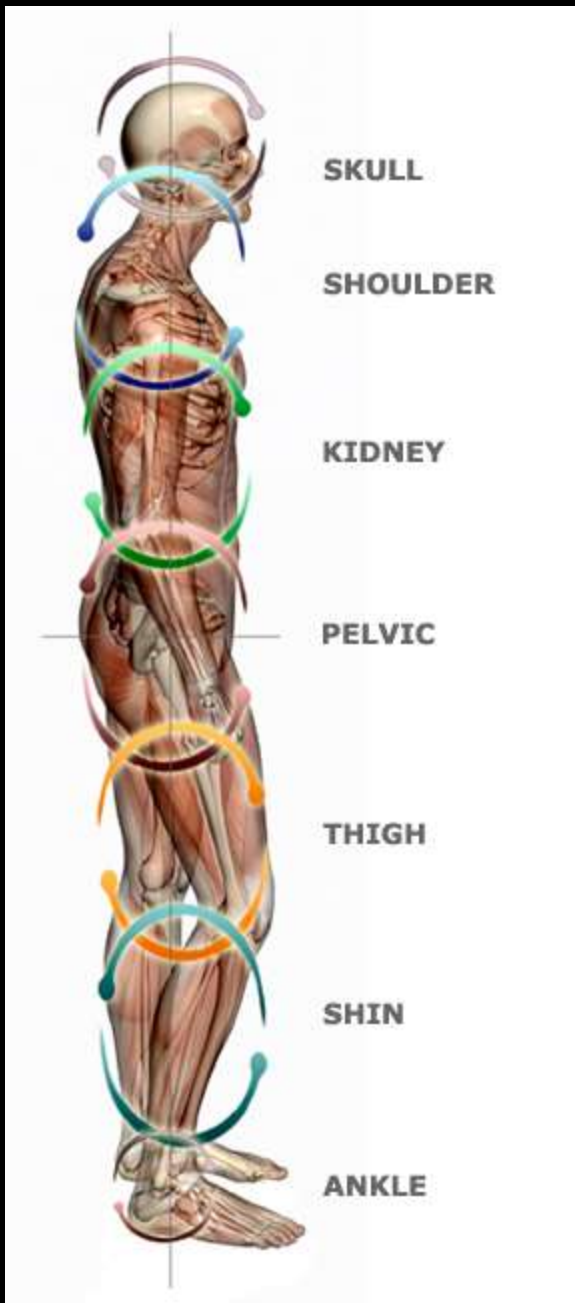


Ricerca scientifica e lavoro sul campo rappresentano un “link” fondamentale per ottimizzare le metodologie di lavoro...

Tuttavia, pur non essendo sempre un matrimonio “possibile” e di facile comprensione, occorre cogliere spunti e idee da poter applicare nei vari contesti professionali e sportivi, adattandoli nelle giuste forme e misure...

Atleti professionisti, dilettanti ed amatori rappresentano infatti un patrimonio importante verso cui approcciarsi con la massima professionalità, consapevoli che metodi di allenamento ed esercizi per gli uni possono risultare totalmente inadeguati e potenzialmente dannosi per gli altri...

Il vissuto motorio ed i requisiti specifici in ciascun contesto devono dunque essere la linea guida per un EXERCISE SETTING il più efficace possibile....



...grazie  
dell'attenzione....

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