How to Reduce Muscle Soreness | Dr. Andy Galpin & Dr. Andrew Huberman

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Summary

Methods to alleviate acute soreness include compression, massage, and thermal strategies like cold water immersion. Factors to consider when choosing a method include budget, preferences, availability, and timing. Cold water immersion has been shown to effectively reduce muscle soreness, with recommended temperature and duration of moderately cold water (40-50 degrees) for 15 minutes or sub 40 degrees for at least 5 minutes. Contrast therapy, which involves alternating between hot and cold, is another option to consider.

Silo sample questions

- What are some methods to alleviate acute soreness?

- What are the factors to consider when choosing a method?

- Is cold water immersion effective for reducing muscle soreness?

- What temperature and duration are recommended for cold water immersion?

- Are there other options besides cold water immersion?

Topics

<u>Alleviating soreness</u> <u>Compression</u> <u>Massage</u> <u>Thermal (cold water immersion)</u> Contrast therapy

Key Takeaways

- Compression, massage, and thermal (cold water immersion) are effective strategies.

- Budget, preferences, availability, and timing should be considered.

- Yes, there is good evidence showing that cold water immersion is effective at reducing muscle soreness.

- Moderately cold water (40-50 degrees) for 15 minutes or sub 40 degrees for at least 5 minutes.

- Contrast therapy (alternating between hot and cold) can also be considered.

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